



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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Friday 4 February

A noticeable rise in the temperature has made for a great start to the Forest School training, which is underway in our Forest School area. Colleagues from across the WSBA have come together to work towards their L3 practitioner certificate, led by Dave Churchward of Little Acorns Forest School from the UK. Forest Schools is an integral part of our curriculum offer and it promotes our school values through a range of experiences and skills that children develop. This training will allow us to maximise the potential of the forest school area and promote skills and attitudes which then reflect in the classroom.

This idea of readiness to learn is central to our philosophy – the climate for learning needs to be right before great learning can take place. You may have heard our piece on the BFBS breakfast show earlier in the week, which described the importance that we place on the pastoral side of school. In addition to the Flamingo Hub, Mrs Bennington has established a team of peer mentors who are already having a positive impact in the playground. It has been brilliant to see children supporting their peers to play games, engage in skipping songs and ensuring that no-one is left out.

Today we celebrated national number day and raised money for the NSPCC. It was tremendous to see the home-made costumes, which cleverly represented 'number' – well done to the five children who were awarded special prizes for their efforts. The TT Rockstars competition is ongoing and we will find out the result after the weekend – plenty of time to get another score in! Thank you to the maths team for organising the day and continuing to promote maths and number.

Finally, although the weather is becoming milder, please could you ensure that the children have a waterproof coat or jacket to wear. We try to get out at break times, even in drizzle or light rain, as this much needed fresh air helps to refocus for the following lessons.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner
Headmaster

