

Akrotiri School Friday Feeling #022

Friday 4 March

There was a sense of *hiraeth* when children returned to school on Tuesday and we had the opportunity to celebrate St David's Day via some excellent presentations produced by Mrs Roberts. *Diolch* and *Ddydd Dewi Sant hapus!*

The rest of the week quickly progressed into a whirlwind of activity. World Book Day, on Thursday, which was superbly organised by Miss Cooper, proved very successful and, on my walkaround, I saw many amazing and imaginative costumes from the children and staff – I can't unsee Mr Ball's *Gangsta Granny* outfit! As for my character, children guessed at Goblin, Imp, Highway Rat, Robin Hood and pirate, to name a few - of course, they were all right!

Throughout the day, children were engaged in a variety of book and reading themed activities, whilst also taking the opportunity to complete the giant book spines for the display outside the library. Children even enjoyed a multi-sensory approach to reading in the library, as Mr Bonar provided them with freshly made hot chocolate and biscuits whilst their teacher read to them. Idyllic! World Book Day also saw the launch of CBF's writing competition, where all children can create a short piece of writing, inspired by Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, and be in with the chance of attending a special award's ceremony at Flagstaff House. Communication directly from CBF and from the school has been sent out via SeeSaw and Bromcom – please join us in encouraging your children to participate in the exciting venture.

I must also thank you for the tremendous response that we had to the Ukraine collection of tinned and dried food goods. We had enough to fill nearly four trolley loads and they were gratefully received by the Forces Store, who will ensure that they are donated alongside their existing collection. Lots of children have been asked about or are showing concern for what is currently occurring in Ukraine and I have attached a PowerPoint (and links within) which may be useful to support any discussions you have with your children. I plan to use this in assemblies next week.

The week culminated with the Spring Dash. It was wonderful to engage in an event which included parents too – a sense of normality settling once again upon our unique community. The

sportsmanship demonstrated by the children was phenomenal and the effort expelled by the athletes was inspirational. Well done to all the runners who did themselves and their houses proud. Thank you to Mr Collins and Mr Robinson for the administration and running of the event - it was a great way to end the week and start the weekend.

Have a wonderful weekend, Ben Turner Headmaster

