



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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Friday 13 May

Firstly, congratulations to the Y6 children and team who have represented themselves tremendously this week. They have really embodied the core values and demonstrated real teamwork and care for one another. We are all extremely proud of their resilience and effort – well done!! Y6 have rounded the week off with a well-deserved picnic and visit from the ice-cream van! Tick. SATs completed, ✓. It is the turn of Y2 next week – best wishes, I am sure you'll smash it.

In the meantime, the rest of the school have been very flexible with the varied break times and respectful of the Y6 children by ensuring they moved about the school quietly. Thank you to everyone for helping this week to run smoothly and according to plan. What a team!

Governors came together this week to explore the curriculum, led by Mr Bennington. It was an excellent opportunity to look into the background of the curriculum, the expectations, and how we adapt the curriculum to make the most of our unique context. Our curriculum is designed to support children to learn to the best of their capabilities as well as being responsive to the mobility factor within the school. The contextual factor is the really exciting part which brings it all alive.

Part of that context is that we are a school within a host nation, Cyprus. Although COVID has prevented us from developing the links that we had intended with the village school in Akrotiri, there has been considerable effort made recently which will culminate in a special joint schools' activity day on June 14. Because the village school is quite small, we will not be able to involve all children in the first instance, but we see this as the start of a renewed friendship and collaboration which should allow all pupils opportunities at some point. Watch this space.

Finally (and sadly), our farewells seem to be gathering pace at this time in the year. Today we said farewell to Mrs Tonkin, who has worked within our early years setting fantastically. She has been a central part of the team, particularly through the development of the curiosity approach which has been implemented superbly this year. Thank you and best wishes for the future. Similarly, Mrs O'Donnell has also been working in the early years setting and has been a huge support to the team. She has really championed the curiosity approach and supported the development of an incredible environment. Mrs O'Donnell leaves us having qualified as a HLTA – best of luck for the future and thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner
Headmaster

