

Akrotiri School Friday Feeling #035

Friday 24 June

As the temperature ramped up this week, so did our excitement to participate in the royal visit by TRH the Earl and Countess of Wessex. The Y2 and Y3 children represented the school tremendously and both members of the royal family took time to speak to many of our children. The children enquired after the wellbeing of Prince Edward's mum(!), as well as asking if they had enjoyed their visit and telling them how much they love living in Akrotiri. It was a special opportunity and another which will live long in the memory for our children.

Y6 had a super visit to a local pottery, where they watched and participated in artisan crafts. One of the children's comments summed up beautifully the traditional Cypriot vase thrown by the potter – "It's not only a functioning piece, but it's a piece of art also." I couldn't have said it better myself, Amelia! It was a great opportunity to appreciate the traditions of the country we live in and enjoy the spectacle and experience of Kikis Pandehis Pottery.

Unfortunately, I have had reports of vehicles speeding near to school and also blocking the access to FS1. Please help to keep all of our children safe by driving with due care and attention and by complying with the traffic calming/no parking signage; CJPU and SBA Police are assisting us with this. Thank you.

Additionally, please could Y3 parents be mindful of the volume of traffic outside the Y3 classrooms. It is preferable if you drop your children off at the gate or in the playground so that they make their way to the classroom independently, allowing safer movement for KS1.

As has become a weekly theme at the moment, we say yet another sad farewell to a much-respected member of staff, Mrs Prytherch. Reliable, flexible and always an integral part of the team, Mrs Prytherch has been held in high esteem with all the teachers she has worked with. Children have enjoyed her fun approach and we will all miss her. Best wishes for the future.



Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner Headteacher