



# Akrotiri School

## Friday Feeling

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Friday 1 July

As we rolled into July, it was another productive week at school. We had our termly school governance committee (SGC) meeting and reviewed the year. From a teaching and learning (T&L), and curriculum point of view, there has been tremendous progress as we have really developed the legacy of our story. The SGC input has helped to strengthen this through well placed members engaging as critical friends in terms of standards, leadership, T&L, communication, curriculum and safeguarding. The current committee has been inspirationally led by Gp Capt Nikki Thomas for the past 2 years; we said a sad farewell to in what was her last meeting. Her impact on the committee has been outstanding, in terms of her personal and professional investment. As a school and SGC, we wish her the very best in the future and give sincere thanks and appreciation for the influence she has had.

Armed Forces Day gave us the opportunity to wear 'camo' and learn more about the awe-inspiring roles of members of the armed forces. We are extremely grateful to the team for expertly engaging with us. The children were absolutely fascinated by the facts and asked challenging questions themselves – all of which were answered perfectly!

In school the intrepid FS2 classes has a trip to the Environment Centre. They engaged in a number of activities focussed on the ecology of the local area and learned more about how we can look after the environment from a local and global perspective. The children were a credit to the school and displayed our core values: honesty, empathy, aspiration, respect and teamwork throughout the day. Well done and thank you to all involved in the visit.

Yesterday we had the privilege of hosting the inter-school swimming gala at the Akrotiri swimming pool. Mr Robinson and Mr Collins ensured a super morning for all four schools – back in the pool together for the first time in 3 years. The children gave an excellent account of themselves in the pool and cheering on their team mates. Our children were certainly competitive and we returned to school with a healthy splattering of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places. Well done swimmers!!

Finally, this week saw a time warp open up at Akrotiri School, as Y6 appeared as though they were in Ancient Greece. They engaged enthusiastically in ancient Greek sports, cooking and art. Teachers, LSAs and pupils alike looked great in their pure white robes, beautifully accompanied by well-chosen jewellery pieces. It was a super way to put into practice the learning that they had covered in the recent unit on Ancient Greece.



Have a wonderful weekend,

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