



# Akrotiri School

## Friday Feeling

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Friday 8 July

The school was treated to a special assembly on Monday 4 July as Cortney Patterson, our SGC international lead, invited us to partake in an all-American celebration. Thomas Campbell suggested 'The patriot's blood is the seed of freedom' – and so, modest in her explanation of the importance of 'Independence Day', we were also treated to a parade and a hotdog eating competition – congratulations to Englishman, Logan, for taking the victory! The celebrations carried on throughout the day and everyone looked magnificent in their red, white and blue and reflective of what independence and freedom means for our children. As Hillary Clinton said 'Freedom is never granted. It is earned by each generation'.

On Tuesday, our Y6 pupils had their first real experience of high school. As they cast their thoughts forwards to September, it was an excellent opportunity the future Y7 'students' to explore SJS and experience subjects taught in specialist rooms. The rest of our children were engaged in their own class swap on Thursday – there was certainly a lot of excitement about meeting their new teachers and classmates. It bodes well for September!

Later in the week we had a special visit from Station Commander, Nikki Thomas, who awarded two talented artists a runner-up and winner's prize as the result of an island competition. The artwork will be displayed in the RAF Akrotiri Terminal building. We also took the opportunity to thank Nikki for her role as the SGC Chair and for the outstanding support she has given us over the past two years. Nikki leaves a very active and engaged SGC as the result of her inspiring leadership and we wish her the very best with her new posting. Thank you, from all of us.

We also said farewell to Mrs Harvey this week. Mrs Harvey has been a tremendous support to children and teachers in her role as an LSA. Latterly working in Y1 with Mrs Kemble, she has been an invaluable support to our younger children in FS1 too. Best wishes for your next posting!

Dr Penny visited Y6 this week to explore the functions of the heart. A PowerPoint was not on the agenda for this interaction, as a real pig's heart was revealed and dissected by his skilful hand. Not only that, but the children were also able to see how the lungs were also connected. Dr Penny was incredibly impressed with the level of questioning from the Y6 children and their super engagement during the session. Perhaps there are some budding surgeons amongst the Y6 cohort!?

Have a wonderful weekend,

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