

Akrotiri School Friday Feeling #005

Friday 14 October

The response from our Y5 and Y6 pupils to the RAF STEM team visit this week was brilliant. It was tremendous to see the development from the sessions last year and to see children come up with very creative responses to technical challenges. Thank you to the UK team and station ambassadors who delivered such an engaging and motivational few sessions. There are certainly a few budding engineers amongst our cohort!

As part of the current well-being and mental health campaign, many of our children visited the station fair at the bowling centre. As well as collecting the freebies, children engaged in a variety of well-being activities from health and personal awareness to leisure. The personnel running the stalls were very receptive to the children and answered the many questions with enthusiasm and expertise. Thank you for the opportunity.

I have been overwhelmed with the amount of high-quality applications that I have received for the captain and vice-captain positions. Mr Ball and I will be reading through the letters in detail to select the new representatives – the standard is high and it will be a tough decision. Thank you for the interest, it is fantastic to see so much motivation and enthusiasm for the posts; we really do have high calibre pupils.

Y2 took their environmentally conscious learning outside camp during the week, to not only learn about turtle conservation, but to help clean up the beach at Lady's Mile. The staff at the Environmental Centre gave children a super overview of the turtle conservation programme and then, using special litter pickers, cleaned a section of the beach. Children were very excited to tell me about the rubbish they had found!

There was quite a sight after school on Thursday – the cross-country club was in full force around the running track with many children across KS2 exerting and pushing themselves to new heights; it was great to see. Thanks to Mr Collins and Mr McKenna for working with the children.

In more sporting thrills, I look forward to the inter-school tag rugby competition next week. Come on Akrotiri!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner Headteacher