



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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Friday 11 November

On this most poignant of days, the whole school came together with FS2 joining the assembly, for the first time this year. As a school community, we gathered together to pay our respects to the fallen; always made with more reverence given the community that we serve. All of the children stood proudly in silence, and the emotive sound of the lone bugler signified the start and end of the silence with the Last Post and Reveille. Poppy and Logan from Y6, read beautifully an extract from Binyon's, For the Fallen, and McCrae's, In Flanders Fields. Following the assembly, the whole school lined the street to clap the participants in the 457 March – the children were very excited to see the finale and there were many positive comments from the participants too. A spontaneous march by the children then ensued, as they followed members of a breakaway group heading back to the school gates. It could be a new way of rounding up all the children and bringing them to school each morning!

FS1 shone for their parents this week with two super stay and play sessions. The children had a wonderful time exploring the provision and sharing with their parents how they play and learn. Many parents were amazed to see what good tidy uppers they were at school! Perhaps they have transferred these recently revealed skills to home? Thank you to the FS1 team and Mrs Ball, who organised the event brilliantly – it's great to see so many parents in school again.

This week we also had our MoD Schools HQ visit; the focus was on teaching and learning across the school. Our view that this is a strong picture across every phase was agreed and the whole experience made us very proud as a school. Our HQ visitor was impressed with the children's positive learning behaviours, progress in books, engagements and interactions between all adults and children and the laughter and enjoyment that was heard and experienced around the site. This is the culmination of lots of hard work and gives us a very firm platform to achieve our next goals. What a great team!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner
Headteacher

