



# Akrotiri School

## Friday Feeling

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Whilst I have been away most of the week at the annual Headteachers' Conference with colleagues from across the MoD Schools world, our school has continued to flourish. I was able to introduce the odd socks theme to children on Monday to reinforce our stance on bullying and made the link with the station wide 'Be a Buddy not a Bully' initiative that rolled out today. Our children were very receptive to the high expectations that we place on kindness and anti-bullying. The children all identified who could help them, particularly the excellent peer mentors that we have in place.

Children across the school were treated to a special cinema visit this week, sponsored by SSVC. Despite the initial technical difficulties, the films were all seen and enjoyed by audiences. Y5 and Y6 were also visited by writers from the Never Such Innocence charity, which focuses on creative responses to war and conflict. The writing and poetry produced by the children was absolutely stunning. Nik and Katie, who came into school, also presented at the Heads' conference and spoke about the great school, Akrotiri, they had visited and worked with in the morning. They shared some very impressive work that some of our pupils had written – a super proud moment for us!

FS2, KS1 and KS2 had road safety awareness training on Wednesday. This focussed on children being safe on and around the roads. From scooter and bike riding to crossing the road, the children benefitted from this important input. Thank you, Mrs Bicknell, for organising this training and helping to keep our children safe.

Creativity flowed with Y5 as they visited Kolossi Castle for their art project. Children behaved impeccably and were clearly inspired by this impressive building and its amazing history. A great subject to look at how light and shade can be used to bring pictures alive. Well done. Today continued to be creative with a spotty turnout from all children in support of the Children In Need charity – we will let you know how much we raised next week.

Finally, from my training this week, the school was held up on a number of occasions as a strength and centre of great practice, which we should all be very proud of. It is a great team effort that is really paying off. We had incredible inputs from external speakers Paul McGee <https://www.thesumoguy.com/> and Adrian Hayes <http://adrianhayes.com/>; I very much look forward to exploring their ideas as we move through the year.

Have a wonderful weekend,

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