



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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Friday 24 February

After our short break, which I hope you all enjoyed, everyone has come back with renewed vigour and confidence. As I mentioned to the children in assembly on Tuesday, it is at this point in the year where it is clear to see pupils empowered and confident within their year groups – and looking ahead to the future. We discussed a short animation that highlighted the importance of kindness and this continues to be a main thrust for the pastoral support and progress that we strive for. The many new children who have arrived at school this week have done so brilliantly and I am delighted to observe their sense of belonging already. It is a credit to the children who are already in the school, who continue to promote the strong ethos and vision.

We started the week with training for our teachers; the FS team joined island wide training and the remaining KS1 and KS2 teachers continued to focus on curriculum development. The next stage of strengthening the taught curriculum, is the introduction of knowledge organisers, which the children will be using to reference the expected knowledge-based learning for their units of work. Teachers have considered the best use, design and content for this initiative which will promote recall and learning.

Although a regular feature of our safety awareness, the tragic events in Turkey and Syria has heightened our response to earthquake drills. Today we carried out a full rehearsal including the complete evacuation of the school to the main sports field. Children from FS1 – Y6 and staff responded to the 'Earthquake, earthquake, earthquake' signal with swift action and were able to account for all children after the 'shock' had diminished. We have minor tweaks to make to ensure different scenarios are responded to appropriately and will work with the station to ensure the plan is robust.

If you are heading off to the Carnival this weekend – have a tremendous time and enjoy Green Monday, if you are celebrating.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner
Headteacher

