



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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Friday 30 June

Y2 continued their enterprise initiative this week, by opening the doors to KS2 for a cinema experience. Much fun was had and the children, right across the school, are now beginning to enjoy the fruits of their labours. This successful scheme, that we launched in March, has raised tremendous amounts for the classes, and with totals coming in thick and fast I look forward to sharing those with you next week. In the meantime, children have started to consider (and some have already spent!) the money earned and are learning that putting in hard work and determination can have financially positive outcomes.

With only 3 weeks to go before the end of term, we are looking ahead to the new year and have commenced transition sessions. Our new FS1 children have been visiting and exploring the setting, as have the new FS2s, who were very excited when I saw them this morning. The remainder of the school will be visiting their new teachers and rooms as we progress through the next couple of weeks. Classes and teachers will be confirmed next week. I am also pleased that we have now secured teachers in all classes and can confirm that in addition to Mrs Stavrou, who has already started to work with us, we will be welcoming Miss Coole onto the teaching staff too – we hope this will be in time for a September start.

Another change to the academic year 23/24 is that our opening hours will increase. There is a drive to ensure that all primary schools in BFC offer the same opportunities and this change is part of that. QBS already open for 30hrs per week and Episkopi and Akrotiri will follow suit from September. In order that we maintain a flow for parents dropping children at various settings in the morning, our hours will be 0745 – 1345, daily, for all classes. FS1 will open 0750 – 1350, which allows the Early Years Setting to continue to operate from 0800. We will also be reviewing our internal timetable to ensure that we make the most effective and efficient use of time. I will share this once confirmed.

As I write, Y6 are still enjoying their much anticipated residential to Droushia Heights. They have enjoyed a variety of adventurous activities and learning opportunities from rock climbing to studying eco-systems. We're all very excited to hear about their adventures when they return. Their next big milestone will be the Y6 leavers celebration on 13 July.

Elsewhere in school this week, we were delighted to welcome the REME STEM / Rugby squad. Children in KS1 and KS2 actively engaged in STEM activities and had the opportunity to try out new skills during rugby sessions too. The squad were extremely motivated and enthusiastic, which certainly rubbed off on the children and staff!

Have a lovely weekend,

Ben Turner
Headteacher

