



# **Akrotiri School**

## **Friday Feeling**

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In a week that seems to have flown by, I have been involved in a number of exciting engagements. Starting with the community forum, it was great to convene with new station personalities and look forward to community support over the coming months. Having a number of agencies working together allows us to co-operate, cross reference and deliver the best support as one team. A similar gathering included headteachers and SGC chairs from across the island looking at common risk factors. Solution focussed, it gave us the opportunity to develop consistency and mutual support throughout the educational establishments in BFC.

In school we hosted a visit from CBF, Air Vice-Marshall Peter Squires. He very much enjoyed the tour of the school and talking to pupils – particularly hearing about how one of new arrivals had settled so well and her positive thoughts on our successful induction processes. I completed this busy week introducing the principles and benefits of coaching to a group of teachers from across the WSBA and ESBA in Dhekalia. It was a tremendous opportunity to discuss, debate and learn more about how coaching can enable and promote high quality teacher development in our schools.

Today it was great to get around the school to present the Golden Mention certificates; the first for me this year! Some amazing accolades were cited by teachers in what is only the second full week back of the year. Seeing how our pupils from last year have grown into their new surroundings and meeting new expectations has been wonderful. Equally, as mentioned earlier, our new children look as though they have always been at the school. The sense of belonging is strong.

Finally, as part of our curriculum development, teachers have been developing knowledge organisers to support learning across subjects. As new curriculum themes are introduced, children will have a simple A4 sheet with the key aspects of learning recorded – these are our knowledge organisers. Over the next week you should receive, via Seesaw, the latest knowledge organiser from your child's class teacher for your reference.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner  
Headteacher

