



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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It has been great to get back into school this week, after spending the last one working with colleagues from around the Defence Children Services world focussing on the DCS curriculum strategy. It was a super opportunity to consider how our unique locations and contexts could be maximised, as well as how a consistent offer could be achieved. The end result will complement what Akrotiri School already offers in relation to our revised curriculum statement.

We have had a number of visitors into school this week. Part of the new build team came out from the UK to have a first-hand look at the new build location in order to feedback into the design phase. I look forward to sharing more information on this as the design and timescales are firmed up. We also had the school nurse team in to carry out the FS2 and Y6 checks – thank you for your co-operation in supporting the smooth running of this government initiative.

As part of our autumn core visit schedule, HQ DCS (Cyprus) visited the school to verify our judgements and check on our development priorities. It is always a proud moment to walk around the school with visitors and share in the high quality that radiates from the environment, the tremendously well-behaved children and the investment in learning that is encountered across every year group. It is an amazing place to work and learn.

Testament to the strong and positive culture that we have throughout the school, is the good spirit in which the 'break the rules' day has been embraced. Children and staff have got onboard with this initiative supported by your creativity and generosity. It has been a very well humoured day with some very creative rule breaking – there were some sights!

On Monday we will go live with a new accident reporting system. Instead of accidents being reported through Seesaw or face-to-face, minor injuries requiring first aid will be reported via email. For any more serious injury, or where you are asked to come into school, this will be done via telephone.

Finally, we say goodbye to a valued colleague, Louise Dempsey, who has worked in FS1 supporting learning for our youngest children. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to the school, we wish you the very best for the future.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner
Headteacher

