

Akrotiri School Friday Feeling #010

Friday 17 November

Having spent the majority of the week at the annual headteacher conference, it is always taken as an opportunity to reflect and engage in high quality CPD. Neil Jurd and Tom Sherrington topped the bill, both giving their insights on leadership and pedagogy respectively. As always, it is a pleasure to come back into school and have positive feedback about the week in Akrotiri.

So, in school, what better way to start the week than a trip to the cinema? Tickets, courtesy of BFBS, were gratefully received as part of national film week. Thank you on behalf of all the children. The arts extended beyond the cinema, as our budding Y5 artists visited Kolossi Castle to showcase their super sketching skills on Monday too. The results are stunning!

Thank you to all parents who made time to attend the teacher meetings. It was a fantastic opportunity for teachers to share the children's learning with you and I am sure you would agree, is a noteworthy point in the year to celebrate success and progress.

As we gather pace towards the Christmas period, children have started to practise their singing for the upcoming celebrations – more news and dates to follow!! You are in for a treat.

Further to the information regarding SeeSaw last week, please be reminded that we have been unable to renew the contract and can therefore no longer use this platform. We are working with UK HQ to find a suitable alternative, which we hope to be able to bring online in the near future. Although extremely frustrating, please use email/telephone/letter to communicate with teachers in the meantime.

This week we say a sad farewell to Mrs Cassidy, who has been an incredible supply teacher over the past three years. Working right across the school, she has delivered high-quality education in every class and often at very short notice. We wish her all the very best on her imminent move back to the UK. Thank you for everything.

Finally, there was a tremendous effort in aid of the Children in Need charity in school today – many Pudsey faces were 'spotted' and the children engaged in some cross-school learning with other year groups, sharing stories, playing games and building positive relationships. Thank you to Miss Lowe, who led the initiative superbly.



Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner Headteacher