



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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In the absence of Mr Turner, who is currently at DCS HQ in Upavon, it is my pleasure to share with you the fantastic learning opportunities that the children have had this week. Our week started off with a visit from the Padre, and his special visitor Caleb, who led our whole-school assembly. He spoke to the children about how welcome he felt in our school, even though he experienced some nerves prior to meeting them all for the first time – a feeling that the children could certainly relate to. He even shared a magic trick with us, which mesmerised us all!

Also on Monday, Y3 had a fascinating visit to Chirokoitia and Tenta to apply their knowledge about the Stone Age. They explored a Palaeolithic cave and a Neolithic settlement. The children saw circular Stone Age houses, underfloor burials and narrow passageways, discussing why these were necessary. We also considered why the Stone Age people chose that area to live and discussed some of the factors. As always, the children were fantastic ambassadors for our school and I know that their teachers were very proud of their engagement and behaviour.

It has been lovely to welcome parents into our Foundation Stage over the past 2 weeks. FS1 parents have had the opportunity to play alongside their children, to see how well they have settled into school life. FS2 invited parents into their classrooms to share how we approach the teaching of early reading and phonics, in order to support their children at home. A fantastic opportunity for collaborative working between home and school – something we will continue to offer throughout the year.

Our Y4 children were fortunate to participate in a scooter safety awareness session this week, organised by Cpl S Curtis and a team from JMETS and CJPU. The children were briefed on how to use scooters safely around camp and were given the opportunity to demonstrate their riding skills by navigating around a course set up on the playground. The children are now equipped with the correct knowledge to ride safely around camp following their 3 golden rules! Thank you, Cpl S Curtis, Cpl T Dambraushas, Cpl A Sharples and AS1 K Macey for a great learning experience.

Sadly, we bid farewell to a member of staff today. Mrs Woodcock has worked in FS1 and her experience and dedication to her role has ensured that our children have had the opportunity to thrive. Thank you for all you have done for Akrotiri School, and good luck on your new venture.

After a jam-packed week, we are ready to move into our 6th week of this half term where we have a very exciting 'Break the Rules Day' planned! This is the first fundraising event planned for by Y6 as they begin their efforts to raise money for a super end of year celebration – they are all budding entrepreneurs!

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday – have a restful weekend,

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