



# Akrotiri School

## Friday Feeling

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Friday 24 November

For the majority of the school we leapt into this week, for a few it was more of a limp. This is due to the fantastic effort from three of our colleagues, Mrs Byrne, Mrs Blundell and Mrs Doherty, who completed the Larnaca half marathon last weekend – now with weary legs. A tremendous effort and we give you huge congratulations. Similarly, Mr McKenna has been fast approaching his target 1,000, 000, 000 steps for November – a mammoth achievement as he is due to complete ahead of schedule on Saturday at 1700h in the Rugby Club. Celebrations will then commence, I am sure. Well done – all tremendous ambassadors for Akrotiri.

We welcomed the health team into school this week to administer the annual flu vaccinations – children responded very well and we hope that this gives another layer of protection. Remember, all of the precautions that we perfected during COVID are relevant to keep seasonal viruses at bay. I almost needed medical attention myself on Thursday, as the school came together to celebrate Thanksgiving with our US community. In addition to the corn shucking competition, there was a staff pumpkin pie eating competition – eager to impress the assembled school, I essentially inhaled the slice not appreciating quite how rich and weighty the offering was. Although enjoyable, it did lay heavy for a while! Thank you for the 500 additional mini-pies that our children enjoyed and for the assembly, which allowed us to collectively celebrate.

Road safety week gave the opportunity for the poster winners to support the campaign against speeding with the SBAA police. Out on Pavilion Road, our budding law enforcement officers pointed out speeding vehicles and went on to give them speed awareness leaflets. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience, especially for one of the group who managed to pull over his dad! Road Safety Week combined with our latest scooter awareness training for our Y5 pupils, led by Cpl Spencer Curtis. The children responded admirably to the training! See attached overview for more information.

Our explorations of learning continued this week with a visit to Y5. It was great to become involved with the learning and see the progress being made by the pupils; there was a great sense of pride across the classes. Well done everyone.

Finally, our cross-country teams returned to school today having been crowned champions of Y3/4 and Y5/6 across the island. I had very proud staff and children assembled in the chillax zone to share the news with me. A brilliant effort, great sportsmanship and fantastic coaching has combined to secure success. Well done to the pupils and staff – you did us proud!!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner  
Headteacher

