



# **Akrotiri School**

## **Friday Feeling**

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Friday 1 December

Explorations of learning continued this week in Y6. Another wonderful opportunity to engage with learning with our oldest pupils. As a cohort, they are tremendous role models for the other children in the school due to their well-defined learning behaviours, sense of togetherness and 'learning is cool' attitude. Across maths and English pupils demonstrated a real investment in what they were learning and progress rates are already impressive. Well done!

I was struck too, by the learning in Y1. Their scientific exploration of materials will come in very useful soon, as we approach the winter months. They were able to confidently and knowledgeably tell me about which material would be the best for making an umbrella – important knowledge, especially for the torrential downpours we get in Cyprus. As Y1 have moved towards more formalised learning, their cognitive maturity has grown too – it has been brilliant to see how their solid foundations in phonics and maths are being further extended by well targeted learning opportunities across the curriculum. Great work Y1!

The hall resembled something more akin to the Louvre or the Museo del Prado this afternoon, with Y4 proudly displaying their magnificent poppy painting on canvas in an atmospheric gallery. Children confidently talked through the process of skills development and how they had experimented in their sketch books to perfect texture, blending and colour before producing their final pieces on canvas. Thank you to all of the parents who came in to visit the gallery; I am sure that you will have been very proud of the children and their super paintings.

As we hit December today, I have heard of many elves appearing, spreading Christmas havoc across the station; in school there has been a sprinkling of Christmas too. Classroom decorations and Christmas trees now adorn the walls and stand proudly, securing the illusion that all is cold and wintry outside! The singing and performance rehearsals are in full swing – it certainly sounds and looks like the festivities have arrived at Akrotiri School!

Have a wonderful weekend,

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