

Akrotiri School Friday Feeling #014

Friday 15 December

In spite of the glorious weather, we have managed to create a wonderfully Christmassy atmosphere within the school. From FS1 to Y6, children have joined together in phases to present Christmas in their own unique ways. A spectacular Wriggly Nativity kicked us off in FS2; the children demonstrated how much progress they have made over the past term in terms of their confidence, speaking and performance. There was a lovely ambience created by well-chosen stage design, in keeping with the Mediterranean context. Low lighting, lanterns and scenery gave a sense of gravitas to the FS1 sing-along. Under the large canopy, children, staff and parents joined together in harmony as they sang a selection of the children's favourites.

Baarmy Bethlehem gave a sense of comedy to the traditional Nativity story. KS1 proudly presented this fun packed production and had not just one, but two audiences dancing along in awe. Super acting, narration and dancing flooded the stage in a symphony of colour and star quality. KS2 took a more continental approach to celebrate the birth of Jesus. A medley of Christmas songs got an expectant audience in the festive mood before a vibrant pop-up market tempted parents with handmade crafts and foods – all with a Christmas theme. Parents spent well and the children raised money for school funds, all of which will go back into supporting and rewarding our pupils.

It has been quite a crescendo to the first term of the year with the promise of more to come next week at what has now become an annual tradition for us; Christmas lunch at the mess. Of course, none of this would happen without the hard work and dedication of an exceptional staff and also the support of the station and you the parents. Thank you for making this week so special.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner Headteacher