

## Akrotiri School Friday Feeling #019

Friday 09 February

We finish the half term on a delightfully sunny day, with a warmth you can feel on your back. A warmth equalled by the pride felt as our victorious football teams returned to school this week. The girls' and boys' teams were tremendous ambassadors for the school and conducted themselves admirably at the Happy Valley venue. A determination, sporting attitude and joy for the game was underlined by being crowned champions across all age groups for the boys and Y3/4 for the girls. This is an excellent achievement. Also, huge thanks in assembly went to all children who committed to the football training and trials, and the way they cheered on their peers when they came back to school. Thanks to all involved.

During Children's Mental Health week, we focussed on what contributes to good mental health and how speaking up helps. We confirmed who is there to support us and how we can access in-school help too. Two students from SJS also came into school to share their advice. Thank you, both, you did a great job in front of 400 children!

On Tuesday, Y2 had all sights on exploration. It was a very creative response to the themed day – thank you parents! The budding explorers in Y2 experienced a life-like experience in the forest school, putting into practice the skills and knowledge learned over the course of their latest unit. It was a brilliant response from the children in Y2 – well done.

Our youngest children in FS1 have also been out exploring this week. All those little legs making their way up to the yellow helicopter – and back again! A super effort by all involved, quite an achievement. They were all full of excitement and the experience stimulated lots of great conversations.

I look forward to picking up the momentum after half term – there will also be parent / teacher meetings to look forward to the week beginning 11 March. Further information on booking will come out after the break.

Finally, we say farewell, good luck and thank you to Mrs Menzies, who leaves us today. Mrs Menzies has made a super contribution with her dedication and energy as room lead in FS1. Best wishes for the future.

Have a wonderful spring term break,

Ben Turner, Headteacher

