



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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Friday 12 April

Although we have come back to a four-day week, it has kicked off an incredibly busy term ahead with some great events already completed. Y4 showed off some tremendous DT skills and shared with their parents as they put their scientific knowledge of circuits to great use in designing and building functioning burglar alarms. A tremendous turnout filled the hall with a buzz (no pun intended!) of activity and investment. It was super to see enthusiastic children and parents working together to overcome problems and make fine adjustments to realise completed models.

We also saw parents from Y2 come into school to find out about the forthcoming residential, whilst Y1 had their special sleepover on Thursday night. All of the reports were incredibly positive and the children had an amazing time, which I am sure they will remember for a long time. Staff who supported the sleepover said that the children were incredible – great manners, helpful, kind and they got off to sleep with no fuss at all. Awake as the sun arose, the children carefully packed away their belongings and had a relaxed breakfast before starting school with all of the other year groups. They were a credit to themselves and their families – thanks to all those supporting this unique experience for some of our youngest pupils.

On Wednesday, we welcomed new ACEO, Donna Simpson, into school. Donna took up post at the beginning of Easter and is the senior DCS representative on the island. Donna expressed how impressed she was with our environments, the politeness of the children and the positive welcome that she got from all staff. It was a great way to welcome her to the island and we look forward to working with Donna in the future.

I have completed the parental analysis, which will be shared next week. The responses were overwhelmingly positive, however one question around how effectively we deal with bullying was met with a 53% 'Don't know' response. This could be because the children of those parents have not experienced bullying, but I feel it is important to highlight that on the rare occasion that there are incidences of bullying that we take a robust approach to dealing with it. Bullying is something that I will not tolerate and resource and effort is committed to this to ensure that, ideally, this does not occur, or that it is dealt with by working with all parties. We aim to ensure that pupils learn in a supportive, caring and safe environment without fear of being bullied. Bullying is anti-social behaviour and can affect everyone; it is unacceptable and we all remain vigilant to this. I am happy to report that the very large majority of our pupils do not experience this kind of behaviour and, for those who do, we take swift action to address it.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner,
Headteacher

