



# Akrotiri School

## Friday Feeling

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Friday 15 March

Doctor, Doctor, I feel like Tom Jones; it's not unusual! 😊 Just one of many jokes that we have enjoyed throughout the day. The children gave a tremendous response to wearing a touch of red and they put their all into joke telling throughout the day. During the golden mention rounds, it was more a case of laugh your way around school, during which I thoroughly enjoyed the eclectic mix of jokes causing both bemusement and amusement! Children also had the opportunity to learn more about the funds raised for Comic Relief and how they are used to help those in need. Thank you for your donations.

Having recently qualified as a fully-fledged forest school practitioner, Mr Baxter has been putting training into practice. It has been great to see the forest school area in action again this week. The whole environment has been transformed and the recently felled dead trees have been used to create natural obstacle courses and become a teaching tool – the termite damage has led to many interesting conversations and discussions, giving greater understanding of the wonders of nature. Mrs Winslade and Mr Robinson also qualified following the recent assessments and will add further value to our forest school offer.

In the run up to our Olympic style sports day planned for 25 April, children have been learning new sports and events, perfecting their skills and competing in class-based competitions ready for the big day. The excitement is building as we approach the culmination after Easter. Before then, we have the annual spring dash to look forward to – next Friday 22 March, will see each year group run the course competing for the house trophy. We look forward to seeing you there.

After this Carnival weekend, we will be celebrating 'Green Monday', a Cypriot tradition. The beginning of the Lenten period, known as Green Monday in Cyprus, falls on the first Monday of Lent each year. This year, it takes place on March 18. The day marks the beginning of the religious season. Christians in Cyprus and Greece celebrate the day by eating special fasting food, visiting the countryside, and flying kites. It is a day that beckons Christians to start the season with a clean heart that harbours no malice against anyone. The day is celebrated with picnics, prayers, and fasting as a beginning of the auspicious period of Lent. We have a special Green Monday assembly planned; additionally, Y1 have made their own kites as part of their design and technology unit and will be flying theirs with their parents on Monday too.



Have a wonderful weekend and a great St Patrick's Day,

Ben Turner,  
Headteacher