



# Akrotiri School

## Friday Feeling

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Friday 22 March

The week started with a celebration of Green Monday in line with our host nation. Mrs Stavrou led an assembly giving us all information about why Green Monday is celebrated in Cyprus and how it links to the Greek Orthodox Church and start of lent. There was an opportunity to have a blind taste test of Cypriot dips and we watched Y4 perform a traditional Cypriot dance. All over Cyprus, similar celebrations were held with many fish-based barbeques and kite flying in the open spaces.

Sticking with the kite theme, Y1 took the opportunity to invite their parents into school to construct and decorate kites of different shapes and sizes, which they went on to fly in the playground. The wind really helped and all the children that I saw achieved success with their kites aloft. Thank you, parents, for sharing in this experience and getting enthusiastically engaged in the design and flying process.

We had a further special assembly on Tuesday; guest, Ste Johnson, shared with children the latest news on the tremendous transformation of the station sports pitches. He gave a great overview of the growing process and how we can all help by keeping off the areas of grass marked as out of bounds. The children were very keen to help. Padre Santa also joined us for the assembly and went on to link new growth and new life to the Easter story. Children joined in with enthusiasm and interest and helped to plant some seeds of their own.

Today, we had the annual Spring Dash. Each year group competed well and put a huge effort into the races. Children were awarded gold, silver and bronze medals in each year group for girls and boys, in addition to all children collecting points for their house. The school Facebook will show the winning photos. Congratulations to Griffin House who won the overall house competition and of course, well done to all of the runners who demonstrated great commitment, resilience and enthusiasm. I witnessed great examples of children helping each other through encouragement – they were truly reflecting the core values.

Thank you for the responses to the recent parent survey. I met with members of the SGC at the beginning of the week to look through the results. An overwhelmingly positive response, that we are delighted with, but as we seek continuous improvement I will share a 'You said – we will' document after the Easter break. Your feedback has been extremely helpful.

Finally, after the Easter break we have our special Olympic sports day planned for 25 April. This will be combined with the station wellbeing / clubs fayre and promises to be a great day. More information will follow.

I wish you all a super Easter break – safe posting if you are moving on.

Ben Turner,  
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