



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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Friday 19 April

A very tired, but extremely happy group of Y3 children returned from their residential to Happy Valley. There was a lot of excitement spoken about the range of activities and the experience of sleeping under canvas. The children, as always, conducted themselves superbly and got stuck into all that was on offer. Thank you to the Y3 staff and those supporting the trip to ensure its success – without which these events wouldn't happen.

I had the pleasure of exploring learning in Y2 with Mrs Winslade this week. It was another super opportunity to see the focus of professional development come to fruition and pupil progress accelerate as a result. During these sessions, leaders in school spend part of the day visiting classes across a year group and speaking to children and staff to gain a full insight into the lived experience of our pupils. This culminates in a group discussion and further 1:1 sessions looking at development and successes. The focus on teaching and learning is always my favourite part of the job.

As we progress towards our Olympic sports day next week, children and staff are becoming very excited. The event will commence with a special parade, which you are invited to line the road from the FS building around to the pavilion, from 0915. During the day, we will be breaking for a picnic back in the school playground and you are all invited to join us for this at 1140. Sports will resume at 1230 for the sprints and finals. The morning session will involve a range of 10 events that all children will participate in whilst earning points for their house. We look forward to seeing you there.

April is month of the military child (<https://www.raf-ff.org.uk/education/month-of-the-military-child/>) and on Friday 26 April we will be joining MoD schools across the island in inviting children and staff to wear a splash of purple, the designated colour of the military child. We will hold a special assembly and explore the important role that service children play in the Armed Forces community. As a former military child, I am extremely proud to represent and celebrate with our children.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner,
Headteacher

