



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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Friday 26 April

Monday started with a special assembly led by our Eco Monitors, who told us all about Earth Day. They organised a mass playground clear up which involved the whole school seeking out litter (particularly plastics) at brunch time. The collection at the end was not a huge pile, not because we weren't good at picking up litter, but because we are really good at clearing up after ourselves as a matter of course. Eco Monitors are also collecting plastic bottle tops to create a display highlighting the dangers of plastic waste.

Our sports day this week was supported superbly – thank you. From the opening ceremony and parade through streets, to the decathlon in the morning to the sprints in the afternoon, it was a huge success. The picnic in the middle gave a super sense of community and certainly gave our young athletes the chance to be calm and rest before the afternoon's exertion. Our special guest, double Olympic gold medal winning athlete, Heather Stanning, gave an inspirational speech and talked about the Olympic values, excellence, respect and friendship. When citing the motto 'Citius, Altius, fortius – Communiter' it was the last, 'communiter' or 'together' that became the particular focus. Thank you especially to Mr Robinson for organising the event with his working party and to Mrs Ball, for organising the opening ceremony.

On Wednesday, I was very humbled by the amazing effort that the school had put together in wishing me a super 50th birthday. Also, by the many people who have wished me a happy birthday having seen the Facebook post. I am very grateful for the gifts and surprises which kept coming throughout the day. Thank you so much.

Residential continued this week with some very excitable Y2 staff and children. Not enough to complete a delightful sports day, Y2 returned to school to experience sleeping under canvas and cooking their own snacks. Reports back were extremely positive and I thank the whole of the Y2 team for providing this unique experience for our children.

Today we came together to celebrate the month of the military child. With pupils and staff from across the school wearing purple, I spoke to the children about the meaning behind the choice of colour and the special flower, the Dandelion, which is also representative of military children. As the seeds from the Dandelion spread, grow and thrive wherever they land, so do our amazing children. Our commitment, as a school, is to create the best environment and culture for this to happen.

Our specially designed curriculum is a great example of providing authentic experiences and a real purpose to the learning. Y1, today, displayed their sculptures in an exhibition for parents after school. Opportunities like this give a tremendous sense of pride to the children and exposes them to real life situations. Thanks, Y1, for your amazing sculptures.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner,
Headteacher

