



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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Friday 3 May

As we approach the bank holiday weekend, it is a chance to take stock of the term so far. With so much accomplished already, including 3 residentials, sports day, visits and continuing professional development, it has been a very intensive few weeks. A mini pause will help to re-charge for an equally busy period with more residentials, KS2 SATs and further explorations of learning. We also enter the period of transition, with Y6 looking ahead to high school and other year groups preparing themselves for the move into new classes and, for some, new schools. The Oliver rehearsals are coming along tremendously and we look forward to presenting the final production to you at the end of June – provisional date Wednesday 26 June. The first rehearsal in the cinema was very successful and certainly gave the children a sense of excitement to perform on a real stage!

We have noticed an increase in issues with MCAS recently. To avoid unnecessary phone calls home, please could you ensure that you either ring school, 00357 2527 6167, or email akrotiri.primary@modschoools.org to report absences. Reporting through the MCAS app has proved to be unreliable and sometimes arrives the day after. However, there is good news on this front; a working group is forming to look into an improved communication platform as a result of our feedback demonstrating the pitfalls of the MCAS app. I hope to be able to share further information soon. In the meantime, FS will shortly be moving to the Famly app which, although only aimed at FS, should improve communication in that department.

I have been delighted again, to see the super turn out of parents for one of our workshops. We have had a number of workshops over the course of the year and each time your attendance makes the effort worthwhile, both for the staff and also the children. Today's look at phonics and the Y1 phonics check was very useful, I am sure, in supporting your awareness and understanding about the teaching and checking process. The progress children have made over the course of the year has been amazing.

Although a shortened week next week, Y4 will be embarking on their residential and we will be hosting part of an inter-services netball competition. Our ballcourt is being used as one of the venues for the tournament and will give our children an opportunity to see games being played (during their breaks) and cheer on Akrotiri. Good luck!

Have a wonderful extended weekend,

Ben Turner,
Headteacher

