



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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Friday 10 May

I would assume it is a coincidence that teacher appreciation week falls within a four-day week(!), but after the extended weekend we have picked up where we left and thrust forwards with our curriculum. It has been great to get around the school and engage with children and staff as we start to consider the theme of 'changes' moving towards the new academic year. It is always a time that evokes many feelings, both positive and negative, and taking the time to explore these through assembly and in smaller groups helps to prepare for the future.

FS2 had the pleasure of Mrs Robinson and Mrs Ball joining them to explore learning throughout the year group. They were both very impressed with the progress children had made with phonics, writing and their independent learning behaviours. Our pupils in FS2 certainly look ready for the transition to KS1 in September – an impressive bunch they are!

Y4 returned looking fatigued but happy from their recent excursion! They had a wonderful couple of days exploring the Avakas Gorge, rock pooling and pond dipping, as well as spending time in a team and working together for some to overcome fears such as snakes! Children participated in a snake talk and demonstration which gave them a super insight into behaviours, habitat and life-cycle. I'm not sure if it cured all fears!

On Wednesday, the School Governance Committee (SGC) came together for the final full meeting of the academic year. We welcomed new governors onto the committee and planned forwards in terms of specific roles and SGC activities for the year ahead. The SGC meet as a full formal collective once per term and then convene for less formal training sessions linked to the school priorities in the corresponding half term. The meetings allow the school to be held to account against its priorities and planned actions, as well as offering 'critical friend' support to enhance opportunities throughout the curriculum.

Next week, our talented Y6 pupils will be engaging with the statutory end of KS2 SATs. They have worked brilliantly over the year and we are already so proud of them; they have been tremendous role-models for the younger children. These tests are a significant mile stone in their primary education, following which there will be concerted focus on their transition to high school. Good luck Y6 – you are all superstars.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner,
Headteacher

