



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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Y6 have impressed us this week with their diligent, motivated and mature approach to the KS2 SATs. For our oldest pupils, it serves as a milestone in their primary education and focusses attention towards the next big step in their education. The move from primary to high school is a big step in many ways, but our current Y6 have demonstrated that they are not only academically ready for the rigour ahead, but are also showing strong personal characteristics, which will support the requirement to be more independent in their learning, organisation and deportment. Well done to the whole Y6 team.

We continue to celebrate with the news that Mr Collins recently received from Wiltshire Council. Mr Collins leads on the healthy schools initiative, and as part of his role has completed an evidence based audit which demonstrates that, as a school, we have met the Bronze Standard as described against the criteria. He received very positive feedback from the panel and is looking forward to developing our practices further towards the silver and gold standards. Thank you and well done!

Clare Squires, our school nurse, continues to come into school to support children and families each Wednesday. On 5 June, Clare will be giving a 'parent talk' on 'How to help the worrying child and build emotional resilience'. It will start at 1250, and last about 45 min, so ready for the end of school. Clare has a wealth of experience in this field and it will certainly be a worthwhile opportunity to take. Similarly, DCS Upavon have made available an opportunity for parents to take advantage of an initiative called, Anxiety Unravelled. Further information can be found at the link [Army HIVE Info: 'Anxiety Unravelled' - a free course for military parents from Bounce Forward](#) as well as an opportunity to sign up to sessions.

Y5 have been away from school this week building their personal skills and resilience on their residential to Droushia. They have engaged in a number of outdoor activities, learning new skills, building relationships and preparing themselves for the transition to Y6 in September. As they look ahead to taking on the legacy left by the current Y6, we are excited to see where they can take us. Thanks to the Y5 team for their support and engagement in the trip

Next week is national walk to school week. In addition to encouraging children and families to walk to school, not only for the positive impact on the environment but also on physical and mental health, member of the SLT will be walking to school from different points around the station next Friday. Look out for more details on Facebook for routes and timings; we look forward to walking with as many families as possible.

Finally, it was great to see so many Y2 parents in school earlier in the week for the presentation about the end of KS1 assessments. Thank you for your ongoing support and participation.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner,
Headteacher

