



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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As we come to the end of the half term, it is hard to believe that we only have 7 weeks left of the school year. At this point in the year there is a real readiness for the next stage in children's education and I am extremely proud of the progress each and every one of our children has made throughout the year. I am equally proud of the children who have joined us during the year (some as recently as today) who have demonstrated a real sense of belonging and contributed brilliantly to our school family. You are change experts and should be proud of the way you adapt and thrive.

However, we all sometimes need a little extra support, and I remind you that Clare Squires, our school nurse, continues to come into school to support children and families each Wednesday. As previously mentioned, Clare will be giving a 'parent talk' on Wed 5 June around '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.

The tempo of learning has been relentless throughout the year, and this week is no exception. It started on Monday with a very busy assembly where we heard from local eco-champion, Tanya Breach, who spoke about world ocean day and launched a competition with great prizes; we watched an engaging Taekwondo demonstration and some of our pupils gaining Taekwondo awards; and Padre Santa wrapped up by teaching us about Pentecost. Tuesday saw HQ DCS to review aspects of our school priorities during the summer term core visit. A group of subject leaders successfully demonstrated strong curriculum leadership and Y4 shared strong teaching and learning during their exploration of learning – a great team effort. Wednesday, we joined forces with the village school in Akrotiri and had a super day 'exercising – making friends'. Children from Y1 – Y6 integrated with their Cypriot peers to ensure a successful day with staff, learning more about the similarities and differences between the schools. Y5 and Y6 have also worked together this week celebrating and sharing their learning about Henry Moore and WWII art and there was even an opportunity for Y6 to become teachers as they taught Y5 about using perspective in art.

Today we saw a number of 'people who help us' coming to meet FS1 – thanks to the fire and working dog sections for sharing their work and allowing the children to have a closer look at the trucks and dogs! Also today, thank you to the staff from the Med Centre, led by Dr Montanez, who gave our children in Y6 a very useful course on first aid. These vital skills will serve our children well if they ever encounter someone with an injury or requiring first aid. They were given both theory and practical opportunities that the children relished. Well done and thank you to all involved.

The reward for this intense period of learning is a well-deserved half term break for everyone. I wish our departing families the very best of luck for the future and welcome those who have recently joined us. Finally, thank you to everyone who joined our walk to school this morning – we thoroughly enjoyed the stroll in with you and plan to make it a monthly feature going forwards.

Have a tremendous week and see you in June,

Ben Turner,
Headteacher

