



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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Friday 28 June

Today has been one of those days that will live long in the memory; Akrotiri School Armed Forces Day 2024 has, without question, been a phenomenal success. With huge thanks and much appreciation to the personnel who came and supported the day from across the station, including Ken Winslade who was ever present to oversee the smooth running. The day would not have been what it was without the commitment, planning, good humour and passion demonstrated by each section. I received incredibly positive feedback from children and staff who were in awe of the displays and interaction with all ages of children. We are certainly proud of our Armed Forces. Thank you!

This week also saw the production of the much anticipated 'Oliver' by KS2. The children were amazing in both shows - singing beautifully, dancing rhythmically and acting convincingly. It was exceptional to be able to perform on a stage with live musicians accompanying. Special thanks to Mrs Robinson, Mrs Humphries and Miss MacKenzie who conceived the idea. Also, thanks to all the staff who supported the performance, without their dedication and commitment this would have not been achieved. Much appreciation too, to the station for the loan of the cinema and PA equipment, it certainly made a huge difference.

At this time of year, it is sad to see the departures start to increase. Earlier in the week we said farewell to Mrs McGowan, who has contributed tremendously to the team in supporting with children in KS1 directly. Today, we said goodbye to Mrs Blundell who has worked within the school for 3 years, latterly in FS2 where she has been an integral part of the team. Mrs Blundell has supported staff and pupils significantly during her time with us. Thank you, both, and best wishes for the future. However, as we said goodbye on one hand, we also welcomed back Mrs Sinclair this week who has returned from her maternity leave – we look forward to working with you again.

In a week dominated by 'Oliver' and Armed Forces Day, I also managed to welcome into school DCS CEEdO Andy Yeoman and ACEO Donna Simpson. We were able to discuss current successes and challenges in our continuing quest to provide the very best opportunities for our pupils – with some super examples of successes above!

Looking ahead to next week, we have Clare Squires giving the next of her popular talks in the school hall on Monday 1 July – 'Children and screen use'. We are looking forward to celebrating 4 July on Thursday too.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner
Headteacher

