



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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Friday 13 September

The end of the first full week has been an incredible experience, for Y6 in particular. Enthused by the theme for the names of our classes this year, one of our newest pupils was talking to Op Shader Padre Imam Ali about RAF Coningsby, their class name, and his desire to become a fast jet pilot in the future; by fortunate coincidence, Imam Ali knew that Gp Capt Billy Cooper was on station and arranged for him to come into school and talk to the children. We are incredibly grateful for his visit, which gave a tremendous insight into Coningsby, fast jets and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. This experience was topped off by a very engaging visit from honorary Gp Capt Paul Beaver today, who spoke passionately about the Battle of Britain and other interesting topics which were led by the children’s fantastic questioning. The children in Y6 sat spellbound, fully engaged, and asked the most well thought out and sometimes challenging questions which Paul thoroughly enjoyed. What a start to the new year!

Elsewhere in school, children introduced their class names in a naming assembly:

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| Mrs Donaldson FS2 | RAF Waddington | Mr Collins Y3 | RAF Odiham |
| Mrs Taylor FS2 | RAF Northolt | Miss Kirby Y3 | RAF Gibraltar |
| Mr McCool | RAF Lossiemouth | Miss Coole Y4 | JFC Naples |
| Mrs Brett Y1 | Brunei | Miss Stavrou Y4 | RAF High Wycombe |
| Mrs Kemble Y1 | BATUS | Miss Lowe Y4 | Camp Viking |
| Mrs Sinclair Y1 | Faslane (RN) | Mr Ball Y4 | Nanyuki (BATUK) |
| Mr Robinson Y2 | Devonport (RN) | Miss MacKenzie Y5 | RAF Ascension Island |
| Miss Cooper Y2 | RAF Donna Nook | Mrs Humphries Y5 | RAF Mount Pleasant |
| Mrs Kearns Y2 | RAF Valley | Mrs Roberts Y6 | RAF Marham |
| Ms Keogh Y3 | Aldergrove | Mrs Cotter Y6 | RAF Coningsby |

There has been super excitement about the class names, and the children (and staff!) have been enjoying creating their class displays and connecting with each of their chosen locations. Each year we look to change the theme so that children become involved in the naming of the class to establish a sense of belonging – as new children come into the class, they are told about the class name, how it came about and how they are now an important member of that special team.

Yesterday it was lovely to see so many parents into Y2 – we look forward to inviting more parents in as the term progresses. Finally, please bear with us as we try to resolve the Bromcom issues – this continues to be a huge frustration. If you are still not receiving any messages, please contact school and we will try to reboot your account. Thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner
Headteacher

