



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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Friday 20 September

Already into the rhythm of the term, it was tremendous to engage in explorations of learning with Y4 this week. Both Mrs Robinson and I thoroughly enjoyed getting into maths and English sessions across Y4 and discussing, with teachers, the processes, opportunities and purpose behind the learning. As ever, this was an amazing chance to see work in books, talk to children and experience the environment. Testament to the way children have started the year positively, is the fact that those children who arrived at the beginning of term are already demonstrating that they are well and truly part of the fabric of the school.

Earlier in the week we had a visit from ACEO, Mrs Donna Simpson, who came in to tour the school and agree our priorities for the year ahead. Mrs Simpson spent time engaging with parents before school and talking to children on the tour - she left with a very positive sense of community and belonging amongst parents and pupils alike. Our priorities, as shared, are around:

- Continuing to develop pedagogy based on educational research
- A focus on purposeful writing throughout the curriculum
- Further development of disciplinary knowledge across curriculum subjects
- Further development of house engagement in pupil voice

These priorities set an exciting year ahead, and I look forward to commenting on progress throughout the year.

As you will have seen from the communication earlier in the week we have, along with the other schools in BFC, secured the services of a Cyprus based photographer for our school photos this year. Apologies for any confusion caused by the initial letter, hopefully subsequent Facebook posts have resolved queries. Once the timetable is agreed we will let you know the day your child will have their photo taken in the week beginning 14 October. However, we do know that all class photographs will be taken on Monday 14 October.

Finally, thank you for bearing with us as we try to resolve the Bromcom (MCAS) issues. Hopefully many more of you will have been able to set up accounts and are starting to receive communication from class teachers. If this is not the case, again, please let us know.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner
Headteacher

