



# Akrotiri School

## Friday Feeling

### #04

Friday 27 September

A unique experience unfolded for two lucky classes in Y1 and Y2 this week. The decision to name themselves Faslane and Devonport, with obvious Royal Naval links, resulted in a fantastic opportunity to visit HMS Duncan, as she is docked in Limassol Port. The children were given a guided tour of the ship and were able to fully immerse themselves into life in the Royal Navy, from taking pride of place in the Captain's chair to extinguishing fires from the deck out to sea. The children represented our school tremendously, and this will certainly be an experience for them to remember. A huge thanks to all staff and the ship's crew for ensuring the success of the day.

This week we have welcomed into school two Educational Psychologists (EPs), new to post, and based in Upavon; they have been able to work with our SEND team, parents and children. Both EPs have acknowledged the hard work and dedication that our school has given to those children who require additional support. They have committed to ongoing support for the school, which we look forward to over the coming months.

Earlier in the week, we celebrated European language day in assembly. We looked at some interesting facts and learnt that there are, incredibly, over 200 European languages! We also found it interesting that in some languages, the same word means hello and goodbye – some pupils commented that they wouldn't know if they were coming or going! Additionally, we are delighted to have introduced a new language, Spanish, for our pupils to learn in Y3 and Y5 which compliments French being taught in Y4 and Y6.

On this National Teaching Assistants' day, I would like to sincerely thank all of our amazing support staff, who do an incredible job on a daily basis. They all play a hugely important role in our team, and consistently add value to our output and ethos in and around school. Thank you!

Please be reminded that KS1 (Y1 and Y2) children should assemble in the main playground prior to the start of school at 0740. Teachers will then lead children to their classes. Please avoid taking children directly to the classroom as this causes much congestion in a small area. If you need to speak to the teacher, they will be available on the playground, before the start of school. Also, a reminder that children should go straight to classes in KS2 at 0740, ready for a 0745 start. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner  
Headteacher

