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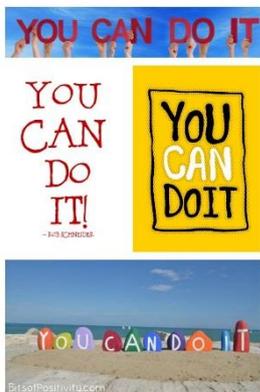
Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very positive week in school and following the introduction of some changes to routines and expectations, we are seeing some real improvements. The children are motivated and very engaged in their learning.

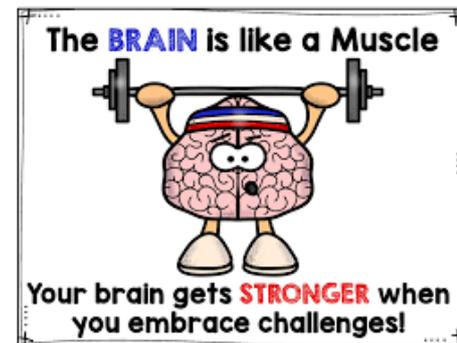
Good sportsmanship and team work is being celebrated at playtimes and children have been awarded certificates for their efforts. Well done to all those children who received a certificate this week. Keep up the great work!

Growth Mind-set and Building Learning Power

We are working hard across the school on developing Growth Mind set strategies and thinking about what makes a good learner. We are thinking about how we can all be reflective, resourceful, and resilient. Here is what some of the children have said:



'Managing distractions is important'
'We talk to each other and give each other feedback.'
'We never give up'
'If you make a mistake, don't be sad – it's a good thing!'
'If you just do easy work, it doesn't grow your brain'



Here is a round- up of news from each class:

Da Vinci

The children have been learning about the Gunpowder Plot this week and have produced some beautiful firework paintings and rockets. They are displayed on the windows, so you can see them from outside. They have also been partitioning numbers in

maths.

Goldsworthy

This week the children have been working hard on their phonics and reading – well done everyone! They have been learning about the seasons and making observations in the school grounds. They have produced some fantastic sentences using and, but and so. They have been solving mathematical problems involving tens.

Picasso

Well done Picasso class for achieving your class reward target which was to always be ready to learn, in the right place and well organised. You will be rewarded for your efforts with a non- uniform day next Friday – this was voted for by the class. Keep it up the hard work! The class have worked very hard on addition and subtraction this week, have made clay pots and started to think about stories with morals.

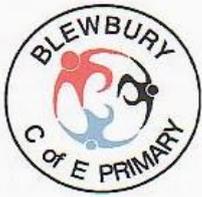
Klimt

Well done Klimt class for all your hard work on multiplying and dividing by ten and hundred, and for writing alternative versions of traditional stories. These stories are amazing. Once these are finished we will share them with you.



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Banksy

Well done everyone in Banksy class for all your hard work on fractions. In English, they have been exploring Romeo and Juliet and have looked at Old English and translated it into modern text. They have also learnt about mountains and how are they formed as part of the work on the earth's structure.

We are working hard across the school on presentation and handwriting, so over the coming weeks your child might be awarded a certificate for working hard on their letter formation and eventually receive a pen licence. We are having a real focus on reading as a whole class, so that children get exposure to a range of high quality texts, as well as hearing individual readers. We really appreciate the support you give your children at home with reading. Please make sure your child returns their reading book and diary each day so we can hear them read regularly. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

We are very pleased to welcome Becky Clark and Tracy Gregory back into school this week, and are glad they are feeling better. Mrs Clark will be working closely with the team across the school to support the work that ODST Inclusion Consultant Grace Challans has been doing. Mrs Clark will be working with individuals and groups. Mrs Vita Parvin will be teaching in Banksy Class on Thursdays and Fridays. We are working hard to ensure there is consistency for the children at this time and to provide capacity for small group and individual work. We are very pleased to have Miss Hallam on the staff team until Christmas. Miss Hallam will be teaching in Goldsworthy class on Tuesdays and Wednesday until Christmas. Welcome to Miss Hallam, it is great to have you on board!

Information will be sent early next week regarding our upcoming parent consultation meetings that will be held on Zoom. Please keep an eye out for a Parent Mail with details of how to sign up. These will be held during the week beginning the 16th November on Zoom.

As a staff team we committed to keeping you as informed as possible about what is happening in school and teachers are always happy to discuss any concerns or answer any of your questions.

Apologies for any confusion with contacting me directly using the head teacher email address. Thank you to the parents who alerted me to the glitch. Please email me directly on Lisa.howson@blewbury.oxon.sch.uk if there is something I can help with.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,
Lisa Horton



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