



Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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Week 11

Term 2

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Brain Truths and Myths

(Part 1 - Taken from Muncaster and Clarke, 2016 – Growth Mindset)
Let's look at what we know about the brain, as this is central to the notion of mindsets. People with a fixed mindset believe they are born with a certain amount of intelligence and that is that for the rest of their lives. People with a growth mindset, however, know that intelligence is not fixed and that you can, in effect, 'grow' your intelligence. Brain research has confirmed this. We now know that the brain can be developed like a muscle, changing and growing stronger the more it is used. The brain grows new cells when we are learning new information and skills. Older people can also develop their brains in an enriched environment. Carol Dweck, in her online article entitled, 'You can grow your intelligence' (2011), explains in

simple terms how the brain works. Many teachers use this article to introduce the working of the brain to their pupils. "Inside the cortex of the brain are billions of tiny nerve cells, called neurons. The nerve cells have branches connecting them to other cells in a complicated network. Communication between these brain cells is what allows us to think and solve problems. When you learn new things, these tiny connections in the brain actually multiply and get stronger. The more that you challenge your mind to learn, the more your brain cells grow. Then, things that you once found very hard or even impossible to do – like speaking a foreign language or doing algebra – seem to become easy. The result is a stronger, smarter brain."

Advent Calendars!

The 1st of December is only around the corner! Please come and get your Advent Calendar....only a few left! They are made by the Meaningful Chocolate Company and come with an illustrated copy of The Christmas Story to be told as you open each window. Come and purchase one for yourself or even as a present.

Open Afternoon

Our next long afternoon will be on Wednesday December 6th from 3:15 until 5:00. Please come and see your children's progress in their books and what they have been learning. This is also a chance to ask any further questions to the class teacher.

Christmas Biscuits

Thank you to those who have already started bringing in boxes of Christmas biscuits for the senior citizens in our village. If you could wrap them before you deliver them to the office, it really helps us. These then get delivered with a hand-written Christmas card to many families in Crowmarsh. They really appreciate knowing that we are thinking of them at this time of year.

Christmas at Creation

A reminder about our whole theatre visit to see 'A Christmas Carol' on Monday 18th December. Spare copies of the letter are available from the school office.

What are you
thankful for?
Remember to always
count your blessings.

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Monday: Run Club 8:00

Tuesday: Multi-skills to 4:15
Family Learning 9:30

Wednesday: Football to 4:15

Thursday:
Basketball to 4:15
Choir to 4:00

Friday: Christmas Jumper Day
Film Night 3.15 – 5.00

I have a **GROWTH**
MINDSET.
I am in charge of how smart I am because
I can **GROW** my **BRAIN**
like a muscle by learning hard things.
I can achieve
ANYTHING
with **EFFORT** and
RIGHT STRATEGIES.
And even if I fail or make a mistake,
it is a **GREAT** thing, because
I can **LEARN** from them and
I GET BETTER!

James Carter

This is your last chance to order any books from James. If you would like a book, please let us know. He will then be in next week at some point to sign the books that have been ordered. Also, if for some reason you have ordered a book and it wasn't signed, please bring it back to the office so we can get James to sign it next week. Thank you!

Pupil Progress Updates

Last reminder! If you haven't already, please can you fill in the survey regarding our recent changes to pupil progress. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7BK8NF2>

Family Learning at Crowmarsh

Keeping up with your Children Maths started on Tuesday 7th November at 9.30-11.30am for 5 weeks assisting Parents and Carers in helping your children to have that little bit of extra support, whilst having a greater understanding of your child's homework. Find out about our school approach to making Maths fun and interesting. All Welcome!

To register an interest and for further information please contact our Home School Link Worker,

Jackie Napier-Jones: T. 07375 457 512

Email. jnap5834@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk

Grandparents' Week

A huge thank you to all of the grandparents who came in this week to spend time in the classrooms. The children really enjoyed sharing their learning with you. The whole format of the

Here at Crowmarsh we use the 'Power of Yet'. This is a very simple thing. When a child says something like, "I can't do it," all adults will respond by saying, "You can't do it.....YET!" So simple, but so powerful. A really interesting TEDx talk by Carol Dweck explaining the 'Power of Yet' can be found by searching You Tube for Carol Dweck: The Power of Yet or on this link here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-swZaKN2lc>

event was different this year to accommodate more time in the classrooms as fed back on last year's survey. We hope they all enjoyed their visit!

Christmas Reading Morning

Don't forget to join us for our Christmas Reading Morning at 8:00a.m on Wednesday the 13th for a cosy Christmas start to the school day!

Safeguarding

We have had a few recent incidents where children in KS1 are being left in the playground in the mornings without an adult and dropped at the gate when their classes have already begun walking in. We therefore have children who have to come knock on the outside doors to be let in after their class have entered the building. This causes us serious concern as this means that children are left unattended on the playground without our knowledge. Please can you ensure that KS1 children are supervised and brought into the playground. If your child's class has already gone in, or is going in, it is your responsibility that they get into the classroom safely. If your child is late, the protocol is that you bring them

through the front entrance to Mrs Rance. Thank you for your understanding.

School Christmas Productions

On Monday we will be sending out a letter for parents to request tickets for our school Christmas productions. As usual we are asking families to restrict themselves to two tickets per production please but there will be an opportunity to request additional tickets if available. We are fundraising for a new sound system for the school hall, so are requesting a voluntary donation of £1 per ticket to help towards this venture please.

School Christmas Lunch

A reminder that our school Christmas Lunch will be held on Wednesday 6th December. Please see the attached menu for details and return your order form by next Wednesday so that our catering staff can order in good time.

PTA Film Club

The next meeting of Film Club will take place on Friday 1st December from 3.15 – 5pm, price £3 to include popcorn or crisps and a drink. The film show will be either 'Elf' or 'Arthur Christmas'. Please indicate your preference on the slip.

Sports News

Advance warning – next Saturday 2nd December is the last race in the Chiltern Edge Cross Country Series. We have so many talented runners attending running club and this race would be a great opportunity for them to put all their training into practice. So far we have only had a handful to represent the school but it would be lovely to see more pupils participate. It is at Chiltern Edge School, Sonning Common. The first race for Year 1 is at 10am and the last race is at 11.30am for Year 6.

Full details are as follows:

Year 1 10.00am, Year 2 10.15am, Year 3 10.30am, Year 4 10.45am, Year 5 11.00am, Year 6 11.15am. There are separate boys / girls races.

Distances are as follows: Years 1 and 2 = 650m; Year 3 = 1100 m; Years 4 and 5 = 1500m; Year 6 = 1780 m. For these races please car share wherever possible due to limited parking. Please let us know via the Office if your child intends to run. The Chiltern Edge School Association will provide a café at the races.

Bag2School

Crowmarsh School is organizing a clothes and shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the PTA on Thursday 30th November. Please bring your bags to the grassy area in front of the school gates on Thursday 30th November between 8 and 9am. Bags have been given out and more bags can be collected from reception. Please start sorting now and see details on the bag for accepted items. Any questions please contact Sarah Lowe (Child in Year 2 and 5). Email: s.lowe@cabi.org.

Thames Run Committee

The Thames Run Committee raises much needed funds for the school and one other local charity. If you'd like to support the event on Sunday May 20th, we'd really appreciate your support.

Secondhand Uniform

Many thanks to Mrs Lofthouse and her team of helpers for sorting out the second-hand uniform and running the sale on Monday. We are now able to accept further donations of good quality uniform items.

Governors' Email

Parents wishing to contact the school governors may email them at 1gov5937@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk

Pre-School News

Crowmarsh Pre School is looking for a Part Time Administrator to join our small and friendly team. The role is 6 hours per week (spread across at least 3 days), term time only. For a full job description and to apply please visit www.crowmarshpre-school.org.uk

Closing date is 24th November.

Church News

A service at St Mary Magdalene which may be of particular interest to families is:

Sunday 26th November at 11.00
Family Communion.

Your headteacher Mrs Barton and the team at Crowmarsh Gifford CE Primary School.

PTA FILM NIGHT ON FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

3.15 – 5.00PM

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I am happy for my child/ren to attend Film Club on Friday 1st December and enclose £3 per child (cash or cheque payable to Crowmarsh School PTA).

Signature of Parent