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Week 4

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Steps to Increase Your Child's Maths Achievements and to Make Maths Fun!

(Written by Jo Boaler – youcubed.com) Parents and guardians have incredible opportunities to shape their children's mathematical futures. At times, it may not seem that this is the case, especially when children are going through bad experiences at school. But I know, both as a professor of mathematics education and a mother of two children, that you have the opportunity to make a huge difference in children's mathematical lives. One of the most important contributions you can make is to dispel the idea that only some children can be successful at math, or that math is some sort of a “gift” that some children have and some do not. This idea permeates American (and other) societies but it has been completely disproved by the science of the brain and learning. The idea that some children can do well in math and some can't is a damaging myth that is harmful to children's mathematical development. Everyone can achieve at the highest levels of math in school, if given the right opportunities and support. This week we are sharing the first idea for you as you work with your child:

1. Never praise children by telling them they are “smart.” This may seem encouraging but it is a fixed

ability message that is damaging. When children are told they are “smart,” they often feel good, but later when they fail in some situation, as everyone does, they think “Hmm, I am not so smart.” Always praise what children have done, instead of the person e.g. “It is wonderful that you have learned how to add numbers”, not “Wow, you can add numbers, you are so smart.” When children know that learning and hard work make them achieve at the highest levels, their achievement takes off. This idea can be hard to get across to children because many TV programs for children constantly communicate the opposite message that some children are “smart” and some are not. They communicate lots of other damaging ideas too – that math is hard, and it is only for “nerds.” It is critical to reject these ideas as often and as loudly as you can. Instead keep telling your children that math is very exciting, and it is important to work hard, as it is hard work that leads to high achievement. (From: www.youcubed.org)

with your children and a cup of coffee! We hope you are able to join us.

Easter Reading Morning

We would like to invite you to our next reading morning on Thursday March 22nd at 8:00 in the morning. Come enjoy a story

How have you demonstrated resilience in your learning this week? What mistakes have you made? How have you learnt from them?

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Monday: Run Club 8:00

Tuesday: Multi-skills to 4:15

Wednesday: Football to 4:15
Dance Club

Thursday:

Basketball to 4:15
Choir to 4:00

“ I don't measure
A MAN'S SUCCESS
by how high he climbs
BUT
HOW HIGH HE
BOUNCES
WHEN HE HITS BOTTOM ”

- GEORGE S. PATTON JR.

Maths Poster

See attached for the fifth instalment of our maths posters.

Easter Crafting Morning

We would like to invite you to our annual Easter Crafting Morning on Thursday March 29th at 8:00. Lots of different crafts to choose from – come and create something to take away to decorate your house ready for Easter.

Spring Music and Poetry Evening

We will be holding our second evening of poetry and music on Friday March 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Our community have been invited and we look forward to all that the children have in store. Also, we are excited to announce a line-up of TED-Ed talks being presented by some of our pupils that evening as well! Look forward to seeing you there!

Easter Church Service

We will be having our annual Easter church service at St Mary Magdalene on Thursday the 29th of March at 1:30 p.m. Please note that as the whole school will be attending this service, we are not formally inviting parents as it will be standing room only.

Sport/PE

What a busy and exciting couple of weeks we have had with tournaments. Last week we took two teams to the Year 3/4 mixed netball tournament at Wallingford School. Both teams remembered what they had previously worked on and were fabulous with their footwork and strong passing. Ellen in year 3 scored a great goal supported by the whole team. The teams did the school proud with their teamwork and enthusiasm. Year 3 will be able to join the KS2 Netball Coaching run by Mrs

We have Collective Worship every day at school at 10:00. Did you know that you are welcome to attend whenever you would like? It just helps if you could let us know if you plan on attending beforehand. During Collective Worship the children might hear a story, or watch a video, sing and often our children will take a lead with it. Many of our key messages stem from our Collective Worship sessions. Soon we will put up some samples of Collective Worship on our website for all parents to view.

Hermesen on a Wednesday lunchtime 12-12.30pm after Easter.

On Tuesday we took our winning team from the recent mixed Year 3/4 Football (3 players from Year 3 and 3 players from Year 4) to the South Oxfordshire Football Finals and won the tournament having won all 7 matches! This now qualifies the team for the County Final after Easter. The team was confident displaying skill beyond their years. Mr Morton did a fabulous job coaching this team and utilising the talent of the children. We got to this tournament in the face of adversity – unbelievably the minibus wouldn't start. Thankfully due to some quick thinking staff and two parents' support, Mrs Andrews and Mrs Vine, we got the team to/from Didcot. A big thank you to both parents who made this success possible.

All children who showed an interest in RAF Benson's Cross Country on Saturday 24th March should by now have brought a letter home. We have so far had 20 responses. Fingers crossed we can beat our total of over 40 children last year. This is such a great opportunity for the children

to run for free with their friends (with coffee and bacon sandwiches for parents while you wait!)

Finally, we have a lovely mix of running and other activities for next week's Sports Relief. The children should have brought a letter home now about sponsorship for Sports Relief. We are hoping your child/ren will find this challenging and fun while we see how close we can get on our virtual path to Masekane in South Africa.

Mrs Scott
PE Coordinator

Family Learning

FREE on line sessions at Cholsey Pavillion on 18th and 25th April, 10.30-12.30pm. Please see attached poster for more information.

Survey for Parents

Thank you to those parents who have already filled in our most recent survey. If you have been to your parent, child and teacher meetings, please can you fill in this 3 minute survey at: <https://goo.gl/forms/92DePj9hz6JnRXdB2>

Thank you.

Reminder!

Please can we remind parents and children that after school when we have dismissed, the play apparatus and field are not to be used. Please remind your children that they should remain with you until they are off site. Thank you for your understanding.

PTA News

Rotas for helpers will be popping up in the next few weeks for the Summer Fair. Each class has a stall which they are in charge of manning on the day but if there aren't enough volunteers from that year then that stall will be left out. There will also be volunteers required to help with the food. For those of you that can't help on the day there is a need for volunteers on the Friday and Saturday for anything from folding tombola tickets to putting up gazebos and also helping to pack away at the end of the event. Almost all of the jobs can be done with your children if they would like to join in and help. We have great activities and demonstrations, a raffle, kids' race and the 10k itself so it's going to be a great event.

I am standing down from the PTA at the end of this academic year as my family and I are moving. There will be a form added to a newsletter in the near future explaining the roles of the different PTA positions with space for you to write your name if you wish to apply for a role next school year. All positions will be voted on at an AGM in June.

Many thanks
Lyndsey Webb

Easter Bake Sale

There will be a cake sale on Thursday 29th March at 3.15pm. Donations of cakes would be very welcome and please come and buy!

MAYPOLE DANCING

(Name of Child)Class

Would like to participate in maypole dancing at the fete on Sunday 20th May.

Signature of Parent

Maypole Dancing at the Fete on 20th May

We are hoping to have some maypole dancing at the fete on 20th May. If your child would be interested in learning a dance, we will be organising some practice sessions after school in the next few weeks. Please complete the attached slip as soon as possible.

Crowmarsh Playground and Gym proposal

Please see the attached letter from Crowmarsh Parish Council regarding the Playground Upgrade and new Gym.

Letters of support are still needed. If possible can we please have letters of support sent to the school for the attention of Michelle Reynolds or e-mails sent to *michelle.a.reynolds@hotmail.com* by the 23rd March, at the latest by the 6th April.

Expressing your support could make a real difference with securing grant funding for this great project to be realised.

Governors' Email

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

Community News

We are happy to include community items when space permits but readers should be aware that events and activities advertised have not been researched by the school.

Treasures Tales with personal treasurers from local people – an unusual exhibition at Wallingford Museum, Flint House, 52 High Street, Wallingford OX10 0DB. 1st March – 30th November 2018. www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk