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Week 3

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Parents Beliefs About Maths Change Their Child's Achievements Part 1

We now know that the messages we give students can change their performance dramatically, and that students need to know that the adults in their lives believe in them.

Researchers are learning that students' ideas about their ability and potential are extremely important, much more than previously understood. As well as the messages we give students about their potential, brain research is now showing that messages students pick up from their parents about math and their parents' relationships with math can also change students' math learning and achievement.

In an important study researchers found that when mothers told their daughters they were not good at math in school, their daughter's achievement declined almost immediately (Eccles & Jacobs, 1986). In a new study neuroscientists Erin Maloney and colleagues found that parents' math anxiety reduced their children's learning of math across grades 1 and 2, but only if parents helped their children on math homework (Maloney, Ramirez, Gunderson, Levine, & Beilock, 2015) If they did not help them on

homework, the parents' math anxiety did not detract from their children's learning.

Both studies, again, communicate the importance of the messages students receive, as it was not math knowledge that harmed the students' performance but the parents' anxiety. We do not know what parents with math anxiety say to their children but it is likely they communicate the negative messages we know to be harmful, such as “math is hard” or “I was never good at math in school.” It is critical that when parents interact with children about math they communicate positive messages, saying that math is exciting and it is an open subject that anyone can learn with hard work, that it is not about being “smart” or not and that math is all around us in the world. (From: www.youcubed.org)

<http://www.teachingawards.com/thankateachercard/>

Thank a Teacher!

Tomorrow, Friday the 9th of March is the deadline for you to thank the teachers and teaching assistants who come into school every day putting your children at the heart of everything they do. We have a truly dynamic team here at Crowmarsh. I encourage you to thank them through the Pearson Teaching Awards or get your children to thank them in their own words! Go to

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

How have you had to:
**Anticipate, Organise
and Adapt? Think
about the video clip
we watched this
week – how can you
apply it to your
learning?**

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**Monday: Run Club 8:00
Class Photos**

Tuesday: Multi-skills to 4:15

**Wednesday: Football to 4:15
Dance Club**

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

Friday: No Clubs

THE PESSIMIST
COMPLAINS ABOUT
THE WIND

THE OPTIMIST
EXPECTS IT TO
CHANGE

THE REALIST
ADJUSTS THE
SAIL

– William A Ward

Maths Poster

See attached for the fourth 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.

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.

Governors' Email

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

Did you know that there are a range of extracurricular clubs that your children can join during or after school?

We try to organise a variety of activities to engage the interests of the majority of our children. Activities range from sports clubs, to book clubs, to Bridge Club to music lessons. If you would like to know what clubs are on offer throughout the school day, please see our website or enquire in the office.

Crowmarsh Playground and Gym proposal

Please note tomorrow (Friday 9th) will be the last chance to see the proposal plans and pictures in the school hall.

The final exhibition will be held at the Crowmarsh Village Hall Community Café this coming Saturday (10th March) 10- 12.00.

Please could we have letters of support sent to the school for the attention on Michelle Reynolds or e-mails sent to michelle.a.reynolds@hotmail.com by the end of March, so they can be collated over Easter.

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

PTA News

The PTA has received a donation of a shed for the school garden but need a base to put it on. If anyone has any spare slabs they would be very grateful. The base needs to measure 6ft x 5ft in total.

Church News

Services of particular interest to families during March are as follows:

Sunday 11th March at 11am. Mothering Sunday Family Communion at St Mary Magdalene, Crowmarsh.

Sunday 25th March at Brightwell 10.15 am Palm Sunday Procession (with donkey) from St. Agatha's to St. James'.

PE/Sports News

The first dance lesson was a roaring success this week. Over twenty children came to our Dance After School Club to work on a variety of dance moves. We will have another dance lesson next week with the auditions the following week. Sadly we can only take ten children to the Dance Festival after Easter. There was certainly a lot of talent in the room!

The 14th annual RAF Benson Primary School Cross Country event will be held on Saturday 24th March. If your child would like to run he or she will be bringing a letter home next week.

Sport Relief information coming soon!
Mrs Scott
PE Co-ordinator

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.

1st Crowmarsh Scout Group

(Young people aged 6 – 14 years)

If you would like to find out more about joining Beavers, Cubs or Scouts in Crowmarsh (or volunteering) please come along to Crowmarsh Café on Saturday 10th March 10 – 12 noon. We would be very pleased to see you.

Easter Holiday Activity Camp

Wallingford School Leisure Centre OX10 8HH

Tuesday – Thursday 5th April and Tuesday 10 – 12 April.

£32 per day or 3 days in same week for £90.

07751 231 090

www.fullcirclesports.co.uk

The Elms Holiday Camps

Woodcote Primary School

9th April – 11th April

020 8954 8787 or book online:

elmsholidaycamps.co.uk

Fun Family Workshop

Healthy Living

At Didcot Leisure Centre

OX11 8AY

Wednesday 4th April and Monday

9th April 1.30 – 4.30pm.

Cost: £4 per family.

To book contact Emma Freeman on 07801 203550

Emma.freeman@southandvale.gov.uk

Fun Family Challenge

At Bullcroft Park, Wallingford on

Saturday 14th April 10 – 12

Contact Emma Freeman, details as above.