

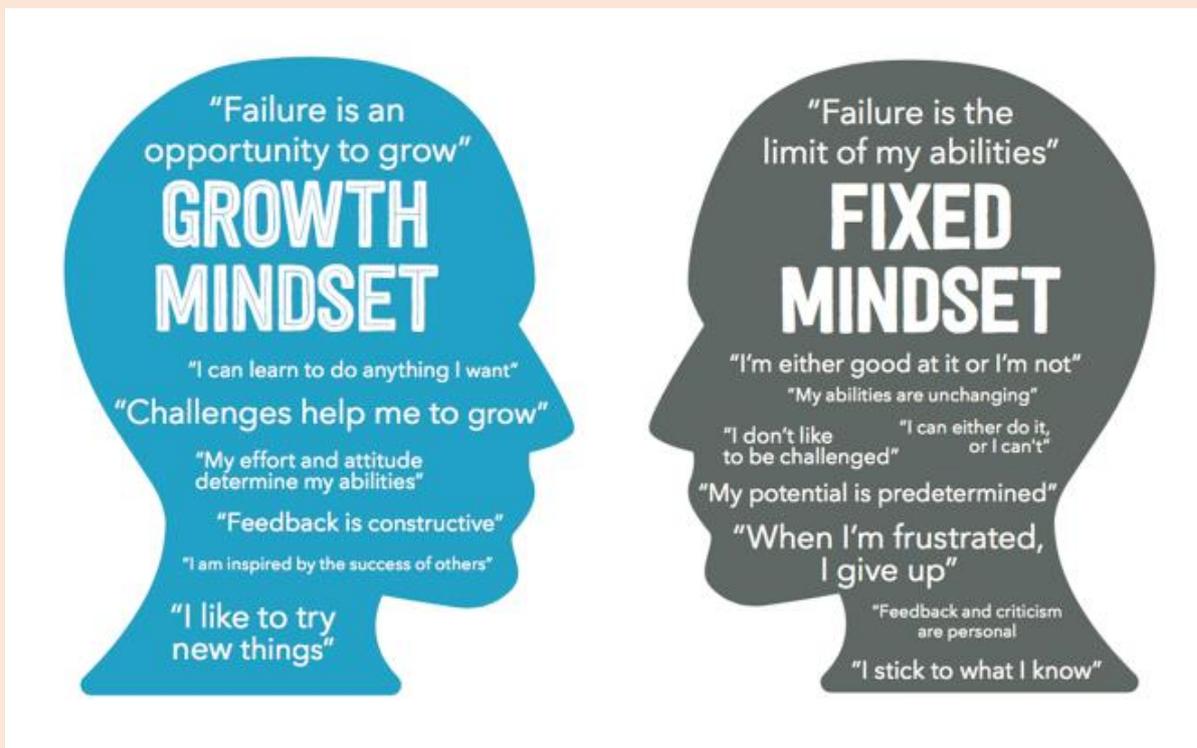
Weekly Newsletter

March 16th 2018

OUR VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS FORGIVENESS

I am very glad to be back in the office and celebrating with Barkway School a good Ofsted report following our inspection in late February. It is now published on the Ofsted website if you would like to take a look.

On Wednesday the children had a fantastic day with 3 times world champion half-pipe BMX rider, Mike Mullens. He gave an inspirational assembly to all our children about growth mindsets which was truly motivational. It goes without saying the Barkley's class very much enjoyed their session on BMX bikes and we all loved the tricks Mike showed us on his bike at the end of the afternoon. I am happy to run a workshop on growth mindsets for parents so that you too can understand the philosophy that underpins our schools' teaching and learning policies.



There is a survey which I would be very grateful if you could complete for the end of next week which asks you to consider how much you would like to use the classroom bus next year. There is also an opportunity for you to add your ideas as to how we can make this service meet your needs.

We have names of 9 children who would be interested in attending a French club from September. The minimum number needed for this club to run is 12 so if any other children would like to join in then that would be great. Anyone from years 2, 3 or 4 is



This week owl class has been reading Jack and the beanstalk. On Monday we planted our very own magic seeds! We are hoping with lots of sun and water that they will grow right up to the clouds! We also made our own beanstalk in our castle; if you pull the string it makes the beanstalk grow taller and taller.

Mrs Gleadow and Mrs West

**NEXT
WEEK**

21st March Parents Consultation – both schools

21st March – NO GYM CLUB or WRAP AROUND due to Parents consultation.

23rd March – Barkway Assembly 9.05am



Future Dates

21st March – Parents evening 3.30pm-7pm- Both schools

29th March – Break up for Easter
1.30pm finish

16th April- Term starts

7th July – Barkway Fete

11th July - Sports Day

16th July- Reserve Sports Day

This week Hedgehogs Class have enjoyed learning all about the sun and how important it is for life and growth. We planted seeds and are hoping to see some flowers and vegetables growing in the warmer days ahead! We have also been busy working towards the goals we set ourselves. A special mention to Oli who did not give up when confronted with quite a tricky puzzle!

Mrs Gould and Mrs Weston



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We had a wonderful experience last Friday travelling back in time to the Scutari. We were lucky enough to meet the 'Lady of the Lamp' and she showed us how to take care of the soldiers after they had been injured. She also taught us how they raised money to fund the hospital and to keep it clean. We had great fun making pill boxes, sashes and candle holders.



We enjoyed learning about the gruesome conditions of the hospitals before Florence came along and have written some fantastic pieces describing what she found on her arrival.

We have been revising our known doubles up to 10, 20 or even 30! Our new learning saw us using our cherry diagrams to help find doubles over 30. Some excellent regrouping and reasoning by Robins.

Newsells

We were worried about the rain but fortunately it dried up by the time we got up to Newsells. We enjoyed developing our dens even further by creating a second room, whilst still making sure that our toy people could get in and out. The Barkley's class tested their compass knowledge, identifying the different directions on the site and finding letters to spell out a word.

Mrs West



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REMINDERS

Please take ALL belongings home at the end of term.

Please make sure all belongings are named.

PE kits should be in school every day.

Please try to read every day.

Please remember a water bottle every day.

We always welcome parents/grandparents coming in to hear children read. Please contact Mrs Harris or Mrs Rush



We have now started planning our own versions of the Tin Forest. I am very excited to see the finished results as the children are coming up with some fantastic ideas.

In maths we have been investigating multiplication by making arrays using counters.

Mrs Pearce and Mrs West

CLUB NEWS

Are there any more children that would like to do French after school club, please let Karen or Fiona know asap?

Club applications will come out next week.

Gym Club will be open to Year 1- Year 4 next term.

Please let us know if you have any clubs you would like to do.



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SPORT NEWS

This week pupils and staff enjoyed a special visit from Mike Mullen, the BMX Half Pipe Champion and motivational speaker. Mike led a fun BMX cycling session with the Barkley's class. He said he was very impressed with their willingness to have a go and push themselves out of their comfort zones. Both schools then got together for an assembly delivered by Mike which gave us an insight into his personal history, his transformation from a very shy, often poorly child into a confident BMX champion. He talked about the importance of not giving up and moving from an 'I can't' attitude to an 'I can'! He then wowed us all with some exciting tricks, including jumping over members of staff on his bike!

Naomi Gould



Over the past few weeks, the Barkley class have been studying persuasive writing and creating various different types of work, including a leaflet, a poster, and even a radio advert! Their latest task was to write a letter, but not just any letter, a letter trying to convince their uncle Joe (a pirate) not to embark on a treasure hunt as he might be eaten by a large sea monster!

Mr Davies

