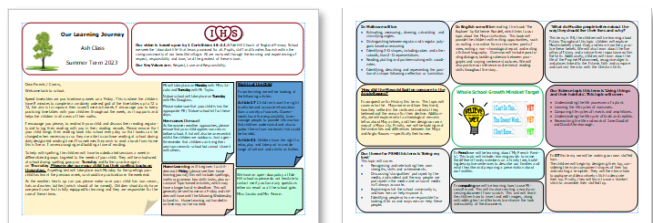


**Curriculum newsletter**

This term you will notice that we have spruced up our curriculum newsletters! Our new "Learning Journeys" detail the children's learning across all areas of the curriculum on one page and provide important information for parents on the front. We hope that you find these helpful.

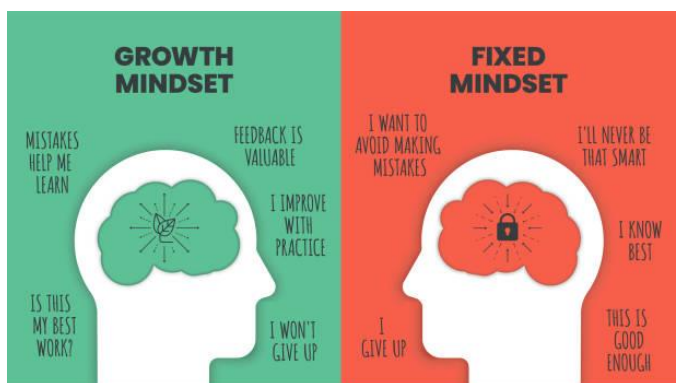


**Growth Mindset**

This term we are learning about the importance of having a growth mindset. The children have already learnt that there are two kinds of mindset: a growth mindset and a fixed mindset.

A growth mindset is a belief that your brain can grow and can learn many new things. You are not born smart. As babies we have become smarter by trying, trying and trying again. People with a growth mindset learn from their mistakes and failures, which often make us more determined to succeed!

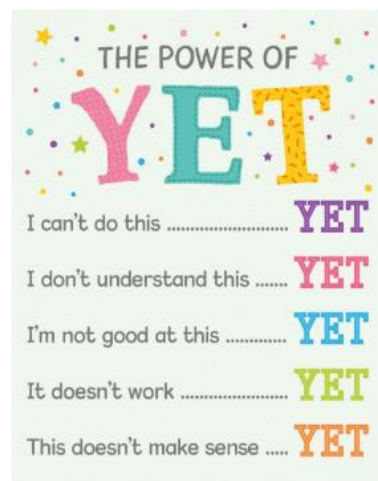
A fixed mindset is quite the opposite. It is the belief that you cannot learn new things. Many people with a fixed mindset believe that they were born to be "good" at some things and "not good" at other things.



We have explained to the children that the brain is like a muscle. When you exercise your brain it will become stronger and stronger so it is important to be willing to have a "can do" attitude and see mistakes and challenges as an opportunity to learn and grow.



We have therefore introduced "the power of yet" and have challenged children to change the way in which they think. It would be wonderful if you could please reinforce this way of thinking at home. You will notice that this is a whole school target in the children's Learning Journeys.



**Collective Worship**

In collective worship this week we have been learning about "Love through self-belief" and "Love through courage". We considered the challenges that we faced during Lent and thought about how successful we had been. We then thought about Easter bringing new life, reflected in the beauty of our world. Daffodils and bluebells burst into life reminding us of all the colours of God's creation. Lambs leap in the fields, reminding us that joy can be found in the smallest of actions. The sun sometimes shines and gives us hope for summer weather and outdoor fun. These are all symbols of joy and a sign of hope for the future – even nature has a growth mindset!

We learnt about courage through the story of David and Goliath. David found courage in an extraordinary situation, facing Goliath with faith that God was on his side. We thought about how sometimes challenges in life can sometimes feel like giants and reflected that with a little bit of courage and a positive mindset, we can face these challenges.

Our school vision is "Do everything in love" but have you ever looked at the verse that comes before this? It says:

*"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in Love"*

**After School Clubs**

You will now have received our after school club offer for the term. Please sign your children up for a club using the School Gateway system. If there are any parents who would like to volunteer to run an after school club, please let us know via the school office.

**Coronation Plates**

Thank you for working with your children on their coronation plate designs. These are now coming in thick and fast. The children will now start bringing their ideas to life with ceramic paint! If you are a regular volunteer to the school and would like to come and help, please do let us know.

**Coronation Lunch**

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May CH&Co will be offering a celebration lunch menu – please see below. If your child would like a hot meal on this day please sign up using the usual Blue runner system.

If you had previously booked the usual menu for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May you will receive notification that your meal has been cancelled and you will need to log on and rebook your meal with the new menu. Thursday will be the fish option and Friday will be the Coronation Lunch

Week ahead	
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday – school closed
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Kent School Health Checks - Reception and Year 6
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	

**Dates for your diaries!**

Please be aware that we have needed to move our proposed sports day as it clashed with the year 6 residential. Sports day will now be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and our reserve sports day (in case of bad weather on the 5<sup>th</sup> July) will be the 12<sup>th</sup> July.

17 <sup>th</sup> May	Mrs Fletcher will be holding a Rojo Rojo sale after school.
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Ide Hill May Fair
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Class and Individual photos
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Residential
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET Day – school closed
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to parents
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Service

**News from Forest School**

This week alongside the usual play and exploration, we learned about the night Dandelion. Considered by many as a pest to their perfect lawn, this humble plant is full of goodness and nutrients and plays a vital part in providing early spring insects with an abundance of pollen and nectar. We also discovered that you can eat all parts of the plant and we made some tasty Dandelion Fritters on camp fire.




**Party with the King**  
**Celebration Lunch Menu**  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Mains**

Pizza baguette (v) (gluten, milk, sulphites may contain soya)  
Sausage roll (egg, gluten, sulphites) or Veggie roll (v) (egg, gluten, milk)  
Chicken goujon (gluten) or Veggie finger (v) (gluten)  
*(gluten free options will be available)*

**Sides**

Tortilla chips (gluten) & dips (egg) (v)  
Crudités (vg)

**Dessert**

Eunfetti cookie (vg) (gluten) or Fresh fruit (vg)






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*"Change, Grow, Serve"*

### Forest Church News - April 2023

#### Forest Church meets Pedro and makes Easter gardens

Forest Church met twice in April, joining the 10.30 services at Ide Hill, first to celebrate Palm Sunday and, a week later, Easter Day. Palm Sunday began by joining Pedro the donkey as he led the procession from the school to the church. Rev Adie met Pedro at the church entrance and the children listened to the careful instructions on how to hold out their hands to feed him. I do wonder how many carrots he consumed! Once inside, our palm crosses were blessed and Forest Church continued with its service in the churchyard.

We listened to a short drama about the donkey's day out, with PJ reading the part of the donkey and the children taking on the roles of disciples and the donkey's owner. PJ, with a little coaching and in his own inimitable style, read his part with gusto. He does make a very good donkey!

They then made donkey masks and finger-puppet palm trees which they took into church to show off proudly. Forest Church also introduced its crazy 'I am a Christian' song to the congregation and received a round of applause.

On Easter Day, we began inside the church as the Easter Candle was lit to remind us of the light of Christ rising in glory and banishing all darkness from our hearts and minds. Once outside, we began to make our Easter gardens from foraged items collected from the churchyard. We just had time to enjoy an egg hunt, sharing our spoils if we couldn't fit any more eggs into our hands, before returning to the church to show off our Easter gardens. It was a delight to see the children's happy faces as they showed their creations to the congregation who enjoyed seeing them.

**Forest Church will join the Parish Coronation Service at St Mary's Sundridge on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30.**

We will begin our time together inside the church before going outside into the churchyard to make Coronation Crowns from materials foraged. At the end of the service we will parade down the aisle wearing them. The Friends of St Mary's will be providing and serving refreshments.

Do join us, no booking necessary! All are welcome whatever your age, however noisy or wriggly! Wear suitable outdoor clothing.

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