



# WEEKLY FOCUS

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If you are **not** willing to learn **no one** can help you.  
If you are **determined** to learn no one can **stop** you!

Dear Parents

## Weekly Theme

Our weekly theme this week is **Growth Mindsets**. The term 'growth mindset' refers to a way of thinking, learning and taking on challenges. A person with a growth mindset is open to constructive criticism, takes feedback and uses it, takes on new challenges, pushes themselves outside of their comfort zone and shows resilience and perseverance.

A person with a growth mindset might say:

- 'I can grow my brain.'
- 'I love a challenge.'
- 'Mistakes help me learn.'
- 'I can't do it **yet...** but with hard work and perseverance I will be able to.'
- 'I love trying hard and new things.'
- 'I try new strategies and never give up.'
- 'Feedback helps me get better.'
- 'My hard work brings me success.'



Yesterday all the staff from both Calmore Infant School and Calmore Junior School undertook a whole day's training on Growth Mindset. We hope that introducing this across both schools will help to develop resilient, lifelong, successful learners.



## Winter Warmers

We hope to see lots of the year 3 parents in school on Thursday for our Winter Warmer event at 2.00pm. It is a chance to read the latest books with your child provided by the School Library Service and have a delicious cup of warming hot chocolate. Don't forget that your child needs to bring in their PJ's. See you there!

## The Echo School Report

The Echo reporters were in school today taking photos and interviewing different groups of children. This will form part of a two page spread on our school including lots of quotes from our recent Ofsted Report. Did I tell you about that? No? Oh well Ofsted have graded us a 'strong' good school and funnily enough we are absolutely delighted! Look out for this report in forthcoming issues of The Echo.

## Book of the week

Our book of the week this week is 'Small Change for Stuart' by Lissa Evans and it is recommended by Miss Ingram...

*Stuart Horten - ten years old and small for his age - moves to the dreary town of Beeton, far away from all his friends. And then he meets his new next-door neighbours, the unbearable Kingley triplets, and things get even worse.*

*But in Beeton begins the strangest adventure of Stuart's life as he is swept up in quest to find his great-uncle's lost workshop - a workshop stuffed with trickery and magic. There are clues to follow and puzzles to solve, but what starts as fun ends up as danger, and Stuart begins to realize that he can't finish the task by himself.*

If you enjoy this book then you can also read 'Big Change for Stuart.'

## Sponsored Fun Run



Please encourage your child to collect sponsors on their sponsor form for our Infant and Junior School Fun Run on 25 January. There will be a prize for the child in each class that collects the most money so get collecting.

Additional Sponsor Forms are available from the office.

## Brainteaser

**Last week's solution:** If you give me water, I will die. What am I? A Fire!

**This week's question:** I have rivers, but don't have water. I have dense forests, but no trees and animals. I have cities, but no people live in those cities. What am I?

## **Lisa Marshall – Headteacher**

### IT'S COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL!

**LAST WEEK OF TERM CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS WERE:**

**Walliams @ 99% ☺**

*Keep up the good attendance!*

## **Assembly news**

The following children were awarded

### Head Teacher's Awards

Year 3: **Carla & Chloe**

Year 4: **Millie & Jeho**

Year 5: **Jessica & Morgan**

Year 6: **Carys, Sam, Evie & Scarlett**

### **B.E.S.T Awards**

Year 3: **Lily-Grace & Megan**

Year 4: **Brooke & Alfie**

Year 5: **Imogen & Izabelle**

Year 6: **Joe & Jamie**

*Well done to you all keep up the good work!*

### **Maths Star's**

Year 3: **Annabelle & Lilia**

Year 4: **Wally & Ellie**

Year 5: **Caitlin & James**

*Well Done!*

Children receive these awards for outstanding and on-going effort, good work and attitude. Congratulations!

### **Congratulations to the following children on their reading awards:**

#### **Bronze:**

Jack, Mason, Harvey, Erin, Macey, Noah, Sebastian, Grace, Issy, Martyna, Jeho, Darcey, Eleonor, Faye Carter, Katherine, Ryan & William.

#### **Silver:**

Emilia, Zac, Daniel, Tegan, Abigail, Katie, Alex, Millie, Harry, Chloe, Grace, Jack, Thomas, William, Ashleigh, Hannah, Evie, Sofia & Libby.

### **Our Learning**

**Year 3** We are settled back into our school routine after our Christmas break. We have been working very hard on telling the time, our progress has been very impressive! In English last week we looked at poems and discussed exciting ways we could perform the poem aloud. We practised in small groups and performed in assembly on Friday. We sounded fantastic!

This week we are looking at our new topic "Staying Alive". We will be thinking about why we have and need bones and looking at skeletons of animals and how they are different to ours.

In English we are looking at Charlie and The Chocolate Factory and making our own chocolate place.

Next week in maths we will be comparing and ordering fractions. In English we will be writing a narrative about Charlie and The Chocolate Factory.

**Please remember our Winter Warmer on Thursday; children can bring their pyjamas to change into & a teddy.**

**Year 4** This week, Year 4 have started lots of new learning: we have begun learning to write and use decimal numbers; we have started learning our story for this term (a retelling of the famous Wishing Tale, Aladdin) and have started our science topic (Light it Up!).

Next week, we will be moving on to addition (and measurement) in Maths, learning some key strategies to help us write our own wishing tales in English, thinking about the first few chapters of our class book, Aquila and beginning some exciting Science experiments. Maybe, by the end of next week, we will be able to tell you all about how to make a complete circuit!

**Year 5** In literacy this week, we have started to learn about suspense stories by watching a short film called 'The Dream Giver.' Next week we will be starting to learn how to write our own suspense stories.

In maths this week, we have been developing our written methods of multiplication, using the grid method and short multiplication. We have also been solving multiplication problems. Next week, we will be developing our written methods of division.

This week, we have also been learning about what it means to have a growth mind-set and understanding more about what we can each do to make us even better learners.

**On Friday afternoon, as part of our entry point, we will be tasting some foods from different countries.**

**A letter has already been sent home asking you to notify us of any food allergies.**

**Year 6** Happy new year! 2017 will be an exciting year with so much to look forward to: a trip to London, Tile Barn, end of year show plus the small matter of secondary school! Before all that there will be a lot of hard work but we're up for the challenge.

Last week we built our moving vehicles having designed them first on the computer using a program called 2D Primary. The finished 'machines' are excellent and were topped off with a body once again designed on computer then cut and folded to fit the frame. Apparently we will get the opportunity soon to design a program on the computer that will 'drive' and direct our cars. Exciting!

In English we have started a new book - Holes by Louis Sachar - and we're already gripped.

In maths we've been looking at area and perimeter and how we can calculate each for rectangles, triangles and even parallelograms.

## **Reminders & Prompts:**

### **Athletics Club – New Members Welcome!**

Mrs Clayton runs a 'Before School Athletics Club' on a Tuesday starting at 7.45am. She has opened the club to all year groups and competitions will be approaching soon. If your child wishes to attend, collect a letter from the office (there is no charge).

**Yr 3 Winter Warmer**

Come and join us at 2.00pm for our winter warmer.

**READING CAFÉ**

Come along this Thursday 12 January to the Junior School Session of Reading Café.

**Year 5 – Leeson House Info**

Final payments and Medical Forms urgently needed! Thank you.

**Year 6 Parents:**

- Does your child wish to go on the residential to Tile Barn?
- Have you sent in their deposit to reserve a place?

**Please contact the office asap to confirm if they WISH or DO NOT WISH to attend, thank you.**

**NO GYM**

Due to the hall being used for Rock Challenge, there will be no gym until further notice. Sorry for any inconvenience. Mrs Northover.

**Breakfast Club**

Please ensure that you **book and pay** for breakfast club a week in advance, even online, thank you.



**ROCK CHALLENGE REHEARSALS – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Families (group of 4) & Anne Frank Visitors

**Rock Challenge Sponsor -**

Please send sponsor money in by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January, thank you for your support.

**And finally....**

Data collection sheets are coming home with your child soon, when you receive yours, please complete and return to school as ASAP, thank you very much.

**READING CAFÉ**  
3:15-4pm

Thursday 12th Jan at Juniors (in meeting room/library area)  
Thursday 19th Jan at Infants (in Early Years room)  
Thursday 26th Jan at Juniors  
Thursday 2nd Feb at Infants  
Thursday 9th Feb at Juniors  
Thursday 16th Feb at Infants

Brilliant opportunity to read with your child and spending time choosing and changing books in the library

**BIG MOUTH THEATRE CLUBS**  
Calmore Junior School

Wednesdays 3:00pm – 4:30pm  
All Junior ages welcome!

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**Dates for your Diary**



Yr 3 Winter Warmer (2pm)	Thurs 12 Jan
Rock Ch. Rehearsal- A.F Visitors, Families -(4),	Thurs 12 Jan
Rock Challenge Sponsor Money In	Fri 13 Jan
Year 2 – Junior School Application deadline	Sun 15 Jan
Rock Ch. Rehearsal- Stars (group of 16)	Mon 16 Jan
Rock Ch. Rehearsal- A.F Visitors, Families -(4),	Thurs 19 Jan
Soldiers (16), Stars (16) & Backstage	Thurs 19 Jan
Reading Café (3.15 – 4pm – Infant Sch)	Thurs 19 Jan
Rock Ch.Rehearsal-A.F. Family (-1) &Soldiers(14)	Mon 23 Jan
Sponsor Run (1 - 3 miles)	Wed 25 Jan
Rock Ch Rehearsal-A.F. Family (-1)&Soldiers( 14)	Thurs 26 Jan
Reading Café (3.15 – 4pm – Junior Sch)	Thurs 26 Jan
Rock Ch Rehearsal – <u>EVERYONE</u>	Mon 30 Jan
Yr 5 Leeson House Residential	1 – 3 Feb
Sponsor money in	Wed 1 Feb
Reading Café (3.15 – 4pm – Infant Sch)	Thurs 2 Feb
Rock Ch Rehearsal – A.F. Family	Thurs 2 Feb
Rock Ch Rehearsal – <u>EVERYONE</u>	Mon 6 Feb
Parents Evenings	7 - 8 Feb
Rock Ch Rehearsal – <u>EVERYONE</u>	Thurs 9 Feb
Reading Café (3.15 – 4pm – Junior Sch)	Thurs 9 Feb
Yr 4 Exit Invitation	Fri 10 Feb
Rock Ch Rehearsal – <u>EVERYONE</u>	Mon 13 Feb
Rock Challenge – Show – Children all day	Thurs 16 Feb
“ “ (Sot'on Guildhall starts 6pm)	Thurs 16 Feb
Reading Café (3.15 – 4pm – Infant Sch)	Thurs 16 Feb
<b>Half Term Holiday</b>	<b>20 – 24 Feb</b>
<b>School Closed Inset Day</b>	<b>Mon 27 Feb</b>
Yr 6 Notified of Secondary School Place	Wed 1 Mar
World Book Day	Thurs 2 Mar
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	<b>10 – 21 Apr</b>
Yr 2 Notified of their Junior School Place	Tues 18 Apr
<b>School Closed Inset Day</b>	<b>Tues 2 May</b>
SATs Week	8-12 May
Yr 6 Tile Barn Residential	5 – 9 June
<b>School Closed Inset Day</b>	<b>Fri 30 June</b>
<b>End of year</b>	<b>Tues 25 July</b>

**Car parking on the school site is restricted to staff cars only**

Parents delivering or collecting their children at the beginning or end of the school day (including after school clubs) are requested to park their car outside of the school grounds. Thank you.

This is for safety reasons, thank you for being understanding.