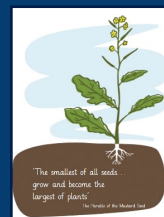




Newsletter

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'The smallest of all seeds... grow and become the largest of plants'
The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Our Christian Values

Hope

Compassion

Courage

Forgiveness

Respect

Responsibility

Dear Families,

At Watermoor this week, we've been exploring how to develop a growth mind-set for learning. In short, a growth mind-set is the belief that your abilities are not 'fixed'; rather that you always have the capacity to learn and improve. It's a really important part of the learning process because it gives children the permission to take risks, challenge themselves and make mistakes!

THE POWER OF YET! We try to model this mind-set as adults. Rather than saying 'I can't do it', we say 'I can't do it yet', we celebrate the mistakes we make in front of the children and show how we bounce back and learn from them. You might like to try some of these strategies at home too! If you'd like to find out more, Carol Dweck is a famous speaker on growth mind-set: [https://www.ted.com/talks/carol_dweck_the_power_of_believing_that_you_can_improve?](https://www.ted.com/talks/carol_dweck_the_power_of_believing_that_you_can_improve?language=en)

I can't do this... **YET**
I'm not good at this... **YET**
I don't understand this... **YET**
It doesn't work... **YET**
This doesn't make sense... **YET**

Parent View Survey

Thank you to all those who have taken the time to fill out the survey so far. I am already gaining insight into the impact of some of the school improvements that have been made; for example, its very encouraging that more parents/carers recognise that the school has *high expectations for all children and supports their wider personal development*. At the same time, I recognise that you would like to find out more about the various extra-curricular clubs on offer... watch this space!



If you haven't already completed the survey and would like to, please follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/gTkRAakXv7> Your feedback really is important; thank you.

As an aside, if there is a member of staff who you would like to give a special mention to then please feel free to add it to the comments at the end of the survey; it never fails to brighten their day!

'Flourishing Outwards'

We are thrilled to be welcoming professionals from other schools into Watermoor to see great teaching and provision in action this term...

Next week, practitioners from another school within DGAT are visiting our Fireflies pre-school for inspiration, ahead of the opening of their own Early Years setting in the near future. After half term, we are also showcasing our ELS phonics scheme to leaders from schools within the county.



It's an important recognition of the journey the school has been on and what a strong position we now find ourselves in. As part of our DGAT vision 'To enable all to flourish', we support each other on our respective journeys to achieve the best outcomes for *all* children, including those at Watermoor.

Key Events Next Week:

Mon 22nd Jan	
Tues 23rd Jan	
Wed 24th Jan	Y5 swimming
Thurs 25th Jan	
Fri 26th Jan	

Our Vision Award winners this week:

Reception: Bea

Y1: Rosie

Y2: Noah

Y3: Jazmine

Y4: Laila

Y5: Faith

Y6: Isla P



Our Value Award winners this week:

Reception: Rhea

Y1: Felicia

Y2: Miles

Y3: Anna

Y4: Lottie

Y5: Mia

Y6: Thomas



Best wishes for a peaceful weekend,

Mrs Lois Smith
Headteacher

