

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a very busy week with our **Global Partnership** and **Transition activities**. Added to this, we had **Ofsted!** Although I am unable to inform you of the outcomes from the inspection until Ofsted have written and released their report, I can say that I am very proud of the children, staff and governors for showing how good a school we are. I would also like to thank you for responding to the questionnaire and for the many good wishes and lovely comments we had from parents. They were much appreciated. We are now excited to be looking forward to Western Downland's journey into the future! *Miss Kim Wilcox, Headteacher*

Year 6 in Forest School



Year 6 have had a fantastic time in Forest School this week; "On the 3rd of July Year 6 went on a journey to forest school. Everyone had fun and everyone learnt something new. THANK YOU to **Mrs Brophy, Miss Prosser and Mrs.Hartley** –Nadhar for helping us through the week. Everyone would love to do it again as it was such an amazing experience. We will always remember what those three teachers taught us." *By Amelia Jacobs and Yazmin Wood-Hill*





Well Done to.....

YR – Will Carmichael & Leo Haworth
Y1 – William Fairhead & Byron Forester
Y2 – Eddie Carmichael & Leon Stacey
Y3 – Orla Houliston
Y5 – The whole class
Y6 – The whole class

Golden Leaf – Fern Sherwood



Reminders

Burgate Mini Olympics on **Monday 10th July**. All children to go to Burgate in the morning. If you have not ordered a school packed lunch, you will need to take your own. All children need to be wearing their PE kit.



Year 4 & 5 Primary Proms

On the 5th July Year 4 & 5 went to the Anvil in Basingstoke. This concert featured different songs such as, Batman-The Dark Night Rises and Kung-Fu-Panda oiguai awaits (oiguai is Chinese). We also enjoyed singing the songs we learnt (I spy and Hero). We would like to say thank you to all the staff and parent helpers;- we couldn't have made it without you! *By Connie and Keira, Year 5*

News from the Friends of Western Downland

We are counting up the Sponsored Walk money and will soon be able to announce which class has raised the most money !



Letters/Notices this week...

- Ofsted visit
- Y1/2 Blue Reef Aquarium visit
- Parent consultation letters
- Variety show information



Growth Mindset

GROWTH MINDSET



Analyze mistake
Accept challenges
Ability to learn new things
Inspired by others success

FIXED MINDSET



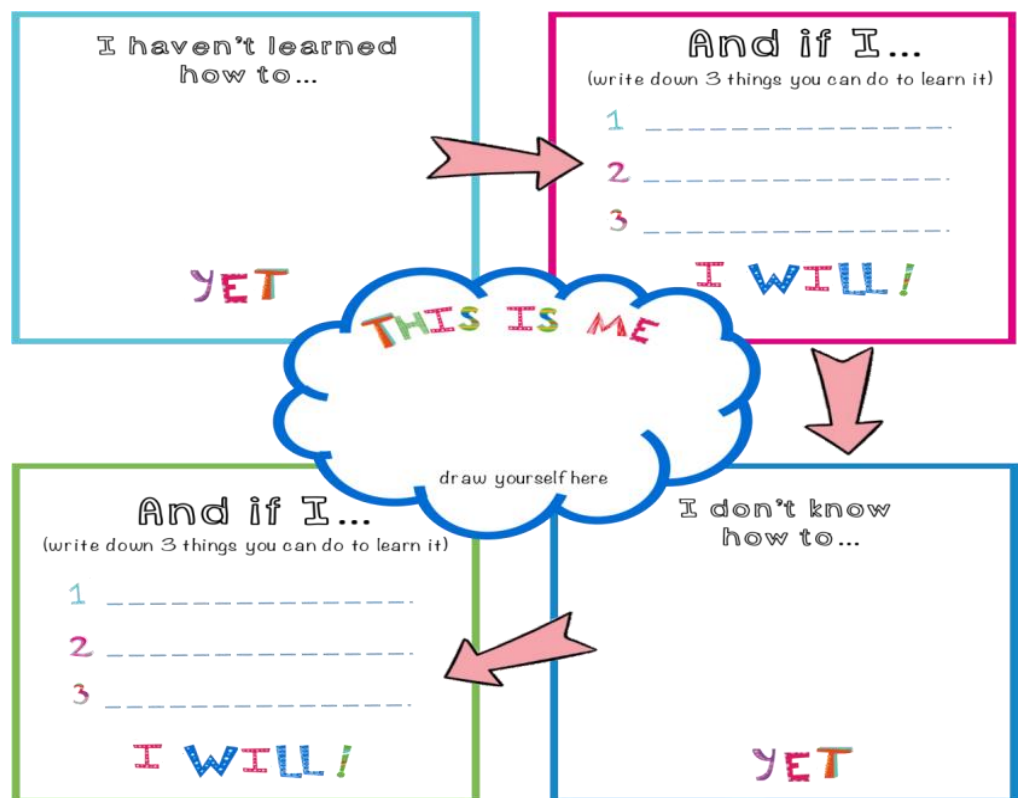
Unchangeable aptitude
Avoid challenges
Avoid failure
Give up easily

At Western Downland we are impressed by the power of a **positive growth mind-set**. Visitors to our school have commented on the culture of growth amongst our students. We are really **proud** of this and I have been impressed by the real difference it can make to a child's learning. Research has shown the concept of simply being born 'smart' has been disproved and a fixed mind-set can stunt progress (as shown in the diagram). Rather than everyone can improve in any area with the correct resilient attitude and a desire to give things their **'best effort'** and we have **high expectations** of all students. We have developed a culture within our classrooms that any answer will help you to achieve and it is to be applauded to learn from our mistakes. As parents we are key to supporting this. Setting an example of taking on a new challenge, be it learning an instrument, a new language or in my

case studying for a teaching degree can show our children that it is never too late to **'stretch our brains'** by learning something new, and if it's hard then that's a good thing! I think this has been particularly important in my family as one child prepares for the transition to secondary school and one embarks on her GCSE's. I am proud that they are able to see me working even as an adult to develop the best version of myself that I can be by learning something **new and challenging**. This quiz to complete with your child at home will help them to develop this invaluable life skill. Following this link to download "**Parent's Guide to a Growth Mindset**" and receive lots more resources to support your child.

By Mrs Kirkcaldy

<https://biglifejournal.com/pages/printables>



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Western Downland Primary School Diary

Summer Term 2017

Mon 10 th July	Burgate Mini-Olympics
Tues 11 th July	Y3 Music Concert 11am
Fri 14 th July	Variety Show
Tues 18 th & Thurs 20 th July	Summer Term Parent Consultations
Tues 18 th July	School Sports Day @ Damerham site (<i>Reserve date Wednesday 19th</i>)
Fri 21 st July	Y1/2 visit to Blue Reef Aquarium
Fri 21 st July	School Disco
Mon 24 th July	Pre-School Teddy Bear's Picnic
Tues 25 th July	Leavers' Service
Wed 26 th July-Fri 1 st September	Summer Holiday

Autumn Term 2017

Mon 4 th September	INSET DAY
Mon 23 rd - Fri 27 th October	Half-Term
Mon 30 th October	INSET DAY

*new or changed date