



School Newsletter 05.02.24

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School Vision: As a church school, we aspire to live life in all its fullness; Loving Faith. Loving People. Loving Learning. - following the footsteps of Jesus.

'I have come to give you life in all its fullness.' John 10:10

School Values: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Collective Worship - Our thinking!

This half-term, we are focusing on the value of 'COURAGE'. We connected our ability to be courageous to our focus today. A company, 'Growing Your Mindset,' has spoken to us today about the difference between a FIXED mindset and a GROWTH mindset.

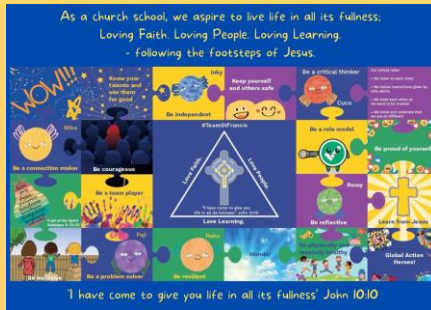
Children heard what happens when we operate with a FIXED mindset. We might struggle to focus, give effort, have poor self-belief, and struggle to take on board feedback, and we see mistakes as something to be feared and avoided. We looked at how it is easy to be in a FIXED mindset, but there are more effective ways to learn well.

We looked at a GROWTH mindset, which is the opposite of what is listed above, and how choosing a GROWTH mindset helps us learn, progress, and develop. But it is a choice.

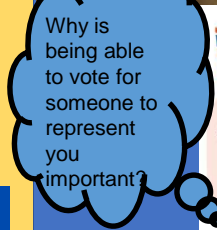
Talk to your child(ren) about...

Talk about their learning today about FIXED and GROWTH mindsets. Do you see challenges as exciting or something to be avoided? Do you give good effort to tasks or not because you might fail? Do you think mistakes are part of learning? Do you accept feedback to improve your work? Do you see feedback as good or bad? Why? Do you believe in yourself? Why?

How can you live a fulfilling life this week?



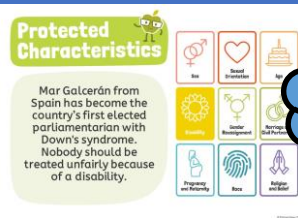
Picture News (Link to Website)



Democracy

As adults, we will be able to vote for the people we want to represent us in parliament. As children, we have opportunities to vote for those we want to represent us such as school council members, sports, arts and eco committees.

[Click here for more information about British Values.](#)



Upcoming Dates.....

Tuesday 6 th February	9:00-9:30	Internet Safety Day: Parent/Carer Presentation	Whole School
Wednesday 7 th February	14:45-15:25	Cherry Tree Library Visit	Years 3
Friday 9 th February	15:25	PTA Krispy Kreme Sale	Whole School
Friday 9 th February	15:25	School Closes for Half term	Whole School
Sunday 11 th February	10:30-11:15	St. Francis Church Parade	All welcome



Please check your ParentPay balances and clear them.



[Click here](#) to download the complete Spring Term dates. We will release the Summer Term dates around the February half-term.

Some Key Website Links

[Term Dates](#) / [PE Days](#) / [Curriculum information](#) / [How to contact us](#) / [Breakfast Club](#) / [After School Club](#) / [Policies](#) / [Parent/Carer Partnership Dates](#)

Crossing Patrol – Preston Old Road

Please continue to share and sign the electronic form to gauge the concern regarding the lack of School Crossing Patrol on Preston Old Road for drop-off and pick-up times. [School Form](#). We have 61 responses so far but it would be good to get to 100!

Children's Mental Health Week

This week is Children's Mental Health Week, and we are focusing on talking about how we stay mentally healthy. We organised a company to come and speak to us about fixed and growth mindsets. The leaders of today have sung the praises of the children throughout today. They have spoken about how well ALL children have engaged in their learning. It is an active choice to have a GROWTH mindset; sometimes it is not possible to live in a GROWTH mindset all of the time. However, it was clear today that a GROWTH mindset is essential to stay mentally healthy. I have attached several PDFs to the newsletter email taken from the company's website. One of the documents is a MINDSET CHECK-UP – why not commit to reading and completing this as a family and seeing what you are great at and can improve?

Mental Health Information – School Website

Information for adults: <https://www.stfranciscep.co.uk/page/mental-health/97096>

Information for children: <https://www.stfranciscep.co.uk/page/mental-health-and-wellbeing-support/97101>

If you are worried about your mental health, speak to your close friends and book an appointment with your GP to discuss it. If you are concerned about your child's mental health, please speak to your child's class teacher or book an appointment to talk to Mrs Foster (Mental Health Lead), Mrs Forrest (ELSA), or Mr Kewley. We can chat with you about what and who could help.

Key Stage 2 – Experience Opportunity!

We want to take a number of our Key Stage 2 children to sing at Blackburn Cathedral on Thursday, 21st March. Please note that the performance will be in the evening. This is a brilliant pilot project between Christian Aid and Blackburn Diocese. If your child would like to participate in this and can join the performance with other schools, please sign up [here](#). It's a very exciting opportunity!