Dear Parents

Our Growth Mindset theme for May is about self-talk. Our coaching book tells a story from the Native American tradition of the Cherokee nation where a grandfather talks to his grandson, telling him he has two wolves inside him. One is a wolf of envy, hatred and arrogance; the other is a wolf of generosity, hope and light. The grandfather tells his grandson that these two wolves are battling within all people.

The grandson asks ‘which wolf wins?’ and the grandfather says, ‘The one you feed.’

I hope you see evidence every time you visit the school or talk to your child about their day or their learning that we are attempting to feed the inner wolf of growth mindset, that says, ‘I can’t do it …yet’ ‘I’m learning’ ‘if I ask a friend I’ll get another idea’ ‘I can make a plan’. From behaviour to maths and reading to art, we are working to encourage children to talk to themselves in ways that support them in seeing challenges and problems as opportunities for learning something new.

Today I saw a number of the Owls zipping around the playground in the Green Goblin Go-Kart: a real learning experience for many of them in handling the controls of steering, acceleration and braking! I’ve also been impressed by a little group of gardeners working with Miss Bond who are looking after plantings near our shed. These are wonderful ‘hands on’ activities that engage the children.

I’m also glad to let parents know that one of our teaching staff, Mrs Brown, has been shortlisted for the ‘National Teacher of the Year’ run by Pearson Education in conjunction with the BBC. A team of judges will visit the school Friday, and I know you will join me in wishing Mrs Brown well for this visit, as she has embodied a growth mindset approach to learning and teaching at the school for many years and fully deserves this recognition to be one of the 8 teachers shortlisted nationally.

R. Stuart-Sheppard

High Five Netball Tournament

The High Five Netball tournament was held on Tuesday 1st of May. The coach picked us up at ten to nine, although we had a bit of a delay when we had one person short and lost our teacher, Mrs Allison! But we arrived on time, practised a bit, and then started our matches.

We had two teams: The Brundall Bats and The Brundall Ants.

The Brundall Ants played eight games and won two, drew three and lost three. They were in group 3 with five other schools and the scores were: 6-1, 6-0, 0-0, and 2-0 to the other team.

The Brundall Bats also played eight games. They were in group 4 with 5 other schools and they lost three, drew three and won two, despite being quite a lot smaller than the other teams!

After lunch, both teams played another five schools. They had qualified for the 2 strongest groups so the matches in the afternoon were quite challenging. The Brundall Ants and the Brundall Bats both ended up losing more games than they would have liked to and so, unfortunately, didn’t manage to win a medal. However, they all tried their best and really worked well together in their teams.

There were four courts with five teams in each and if we weren’t playing a match we would be practising. Overall, we had a great day, tried our best and had a lot of fun!

Report by Phoebe and Ellie (Year 6)
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SAT's Week begins 14th May 2018
Y6 - Crucial Crew 22nd May 2018
Bags 2 School 24th May 2018
Half Term 28th May - 1st June 2018 (inc)
Goblin Race - Owls 5th June 2018
Orioles & Puffins - Castle Museum 6th June 2018
Nightingales - Fairhaven 11th June 2018
Refugee Workshops - Y5/6 18th June 2018
New Intake evening 25th June 2018
New Intake afternoon 27th June 2018
Sports Day 29th June 2018
Rock the Boat 7th July 2018
Nightingales - Time and Tide 11th July 2018
Toucans & Hawks - Castle Trip 18th July 2018
Y6 Leavers Production - 7.00pm 18th July 2018
Gressenhall Trip - Reception 19th July 2018
Y6 Leavers Party 21st July 2018
Summer Term Ends 24th July 2018
Staff Inset Day 5th September 2018
Back to School 6th September 2018

RAISING FUNDS FOR NWT
UPTON CHARITY WALK
SUNDAY 20TH MAY 2018

- 6 - mile NWT mapped walk with marshals
- Car Parking, Stalls & Light Refreshments
- Photography Competition
- Post Walk Discounted Barbeque @ White Horse PH
- Registration & Sponsorship Forms:
  uptonwalk@gmail.com
- Pie-Event £5 per family, On-day registration £6.00.
- Want to walk without sponsorship – yes just register or pay on the day.
- Any queries: Phone Tony Marsh 07493 071632
- Rotary Club of Norwich Centenary - @norwichcentenary
- Norwich Centenary - @norwichRotary

May half term

Tuesday 29th May
FUN ZONE Falcon Junior School – World War 1,
9.30am – 3.30pm, 5 – 12 years
SPORT ZONE Canoe river paddle – Broadland Paddle Sport,
Thorpe St Andrew, 10am – 12pm, 8 – 16 years

Wednesday 30th May
FUN ZONE Buxton Village Hall – Nutella cookies,
9.30am – 3.30pm, 5 – 12 years
TECHNOLOGY Make a podcast – Little Plumstead Village Hall,
10am – 3pm, 7 – 12 years

Thursday 31st May
FUN ZONE Cawston Village Hall – Sand art, 9.30am – 3.30pm,
5 – 12 years
COOKERY A taste of India – Cookery room, Aylsham High
School, 10am – 3pm, 5 – 16 years

Friday 1st June
FUN ZONE South Walsham Village Hall – Jam tarts,
9.30am – 3.30pm, 5 – 12 years
SPORT ZONE Multi-sports – North site gym,
Thorpe St Andrew, 10am – 3pm, 5 – 10 years

To register and book, please call us on 01603 430525. For
more information visit www.broadland.gov.uk/tzt or
like us on Facebook.
A young artist painted me a rock over the Bank Holiday weekend!

Great day at the Big Sing festival, we loved singing, dancing and listening to some wonderful singers! The sun did shine...

Key Stage 1 children had lots of fun with chalk.

Our first cargo of batteries for recycling got picked up this morning. Thank you for taking part.

Penguins and Swans have been doing great drama and writing and growing based on 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

Key Stage 2 children formed a massage train at lunchtime...

It's a busy time of year in the school garden.

Our very own designer and clothes maker has put together this recycled outfit—hat, top, shorts and shoes!

Serious Greek vase making and coiling technique going on with the Owls.
Dear Parent/Guardian

We are currently making plans for the organization of classes for the next school year.

The most important factor in your child's education is the quality of the teaching and learning, and I am confident that our teaching staff, ably supported by our teaching assistants, have the expertise to continue to build the positive relationships necessary for achievement and creativity for all in our school.

Some parents do occasionally express a wish for the classes to be structured by age groups. Although this can be the case in some year groups, there is no research based evidence that supports a view that there are educational and learning benefits to this way of organizing. The key element is the quality of teaching and learning, and I firmly believe we have a committed and dedicated staff who continually seek to improve their practice and ensure progress for each child in their care. The curriculum is organized so that children can explore and learn skills and knowledge at different levels of depth and challenge within each class. Each class, whether mixed age or not, contains pupils working at very different levels, and the teaching staff work to address these needs.

Some parents also express a preference for a particular group of friends for their child. Although I am happy to hear views expressed, these views are only part of a bigger picture when it comes to placing a child in a class. Parents at times express conflicting opinions that could not be accommodated when considered alongside other parents' views. It is also important for the children to have opportunities to make new friends and extend their social circle.

In making decisions about the classes, we work with the teachers' extensive knowledge of the child in school, their friendship groups and needs, balanced alongside the overall make up of each class.

This process is now on-going, and we will let parents know about arrangements when this process is complete, as soon as possible before the end of term.

Yours sincerely

R. Stuart-

Sheppard

Great British Tennis Weekend

Blofield Tennis Club
Margaret Harker Hall, Blofield

Open Day
Saturday 12th May 2018
11am-3pm

Go to www.lta.org.uk/gbtw for more details.