

# Shillington Lower Bulletin

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Our value of the month is: **Patience**

FRIDAY 4TH MAY 2018

## What is a Growth Mindset?

This week we have been talking about having a growth mindset. You may not have heard about this before.

You may have heard your Children talk about whether they have a Growth Mind set or a Fixed Mind set? You may have heard them tell you all about our amazing brain and how we learn? If they haven't mentioned it—ask them! Ask them to explain to you about whether or not they think people are born 'clever' or where we can all learn new things and get better with practice. An individual with a Growth Mindset believes that they can learn just about anything. They know that it might take some struggle and some failure first but they understand that with effort and perseverance, they can succeed. The focus for this person is on learning not on looking smart. An individual with fixed mindset believes that intelligence is something we are born with and cannot be changed. They might truly believe they have a predetermined amount of intelligence, skills or talent. Which would you rather your child is? Which are you?

There is one way that parents can really help their children to develop a growth mind set and that is in our use of praise. Choose your words carefully because every word used tells your child how to think about themselves. Try and praise the effort made instead of the accomplishments. The 'Avoid saying' statements promote a fixed mind set, the 'Instead say' statements promote a growth mindset.

Avoid saying	Instead say
You are a really great footballer!	You really work hard and pay attention when you are on that pitch! Your skills are really improving!
You are really smart!	You work hard in school/at home/on this piece of work and it shows!
Your drawing is wonderful! You are a little artist!	I can see you have been practising your drawing; what a great improvement!
You are a great athlete. You could be the next Usain Bolt!	Keep practicing and you will see great results! You're making excellent progress!
You always get good marks; That makes me happy!	When you put effort in, it really shows in your grades. You should be so proud of yourself. We are proud of you!

### Pixie and Rainbows 'Wheelathon'

Pixies and Rainbows will be taking part in a fundraiser on Wednesday 9th May (weather permitting). They can bring anything with a wheel into school and take part in completing laps of the playground. Letters and sponsorship forms came home at the end of last week and we hope that the children have started to sign people up to sponsor them. The children in the two classes can come in non-school uniform that day and if any Pixie children who do not attend on a Wednesday wants to take part they can come in for 9.15 accompanied by a parent. The event will last no more than 30 mins.

Special Assembly—Thursday 10th May 2018 at 3pm

Next Thursday Nick Martin, Principal from SWA will be presenting a special assembly to the children regarding the importance of sleep. We would like to extend an invitation to all parents to join us for this assembly.



## Pixie News

We have been exploring more Traditional Tales in Pixies. Last week we read 'The Three Little Pigs'.. We have been building houses and making pig masks for our role play to act out the story.

This week we moved onto the 'Gingerbread Man'. We baked our own Gingerbread men and decorated them. They were yummy!

## Unicorns News

Unicorn class would like to welcome Mrs Hanafin back from maternity leave. Mrs Hanafin will be with us all day every day!

Our learning has now stepped up a gear as we prepare for year 2. This week we have been learning how to include detail in our writing and in Maths we have been learning about the basics of multiplication.

As the warm weather approaches we are beginning to prepare for swimming. Please let us know if your child will require the use of arm bands in the pool by popping a note in their blue book.

## Centaurs News

In Centaur class we have worked hard to finish our evacuee letters on tea stained paper for our World War 2 topic. They look great!

In maths we have been practicing our multiplication and division facts using these to solve word problems. We then used our number facts to adapt recipes for more and less portions. Don't forget to be practicing your times tables facts at home too!

## Rainbow News

In Rainbows, we have been exploring the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.' Last week, we had a crime scene to explore in our Role Play area! Luckily, Goldilocks wrote us a letter to say sorry and she cleaned up the mess she had made. We have been learning how to write our own version of the story which we will make into our very first book. We can't wait to show you all! We have also been writing postcards to Max and Ethan which we are going to take to the Post Office and send to America.

## Dragons News

We had some very exciting letters left in our classroom on Wednesday this week! They were from John Drawbridge (the main character in our class reader) asking us to take part in some knight training! We started by learning how to attack and defend a castle. I wonder what else we will have to do to become fully fledged knights? In Maths we have been dividing numbers into equal groups, as well as working on challenging problems and puzzles.

## Phoenix News

Since we came back after Easter, Phoenix Class have been working on a persuasive speech to sell their PGL trip to some of our younger children. The children have researched this by looking on the PGL website and watching their advertisements. They then worked together in small groups to put a presentation together, and on Tuesday they performed to years 2 and 3.

We have also been working hard in maths looking at fractions and decimals, in which they have had to show their values of perseverance and determination!

## Diary Dates

10th May	Sleep Assembly with Nick Martin (SWA Principal) - 3pm—Parents Invited
8th June	Y2 Trip to Warwick Castle
15th June	Year 2 Assembly 3pm
20th June	Sports Day
22nd June	Year 1 Assembly 3pm
27th June	Reserve Sports Day
29th June	Y1 Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park
29th June	Rainbows Assembly 3pm
11th July	KS2 Performance—2pm & 6pm—details to follow

### Term Dates

#### 2018

##### Summer Term 2018

Tuesday 17th Apr – Friday 20th Jul

(Half term 28th May – 1st June)

May Day – 7th May 2018 – school closed

*Please note our school is open on the 4th June (some surrounding schools are closed)*

#### 2018 - 19

##### Autumn Term 2018

Wednesday 5th September 2018 - Wednesday 19th December 2019

(Half Term 22nd - 26th October 2018)

(Closure Day 29th October 2019)

##### Spring Term 2019

Thursday 3rd January 2019 - Friday 5th April 2019

(Half Term 11th - 15th February 2019)

##### Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 - Friday 19th July 2019

(Half Term 27th - 31st May)

(School Closed Monday 6th May 2019)

**Shillington  
Superstars**

**Rainbows**

**Adora**

**Juhaym**

**Unicorns**

**Tommie**

**Lacey**

**Dragons**

**Maileen**

**Connor**

**Centaurs**

**Harry M**

**Phoenix**

**Daisy-May**

**Camille**

A huge thank you to the small army of staff and parents and pupils who came last Saturday and braved the cold and wet weather to help clean out the Pixie garden. We managed to fill a skip and give the place a face lift. We are really grateful for the support we received. Thank you.

### LOST PROPERTY

We are finding a lot of Lost Property which is un-named. Please ensure all your child's belongings are named so we can return any misplaced items. We have limited space to store any lost property and if not reclaimed within 30 days this will be disposed of.



### ROYAL WEDDING THEMED MENU

**To celebrate the royal wedding we are having a Royal Wedding themed lunch on THURSDAY 17th MAY 2018 when we will be eating the advertised Friday menu of Salmon Fish Fingers or Three Cheese & Tomato Pizza with chips. (The advertised Thursday menu of Chicken Korma and Five Bean Chilli will be served on Friday 18th)**