



Andreas School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We will soon be introducing a new weekly celebration assembly. Some children will become the Learning Legends and they will be chosen by their teachers and their peers. The criteria for choice is totally dependent on the Learn Without Limits attitudes and use of the Thinking Moves (posters attached). These are taught explicitly in all classes and so all children know what it takes to become a good learner. They know it is a matter of choice and that they will be encouraged, supported and guided. It is also age appropriate as, for example, sustaining effort looks very different in Reception than in Year 6.

This is not about academic skills. It is not a reward system nor is it a competition. It is not about being the best at anything, it is very much about individual progress in learning and thinking, so it is fair and open to all. It is something we want children to aspire to and to feel really proud of. As such, it has to be truly earned and will not be given as a matter of course or when a child feels it is their turn. This may sound tough but experience has shown us that giving things gratuitously has limited, short term value and children quickly lose interest and motivation. Working hard, making progress and enjoying the success that brings, is the key.

Attached is also a poster which sums up the Learning Legend celebration. Each class will receive a copy which is almost identical but aimed at the children. Teachers will talk their classes through this and we will have an assembly to introduce the idea so everyone knows what's happening. That way all our children have an equal opportunity to be the focus of the celebrations.

As always, feel free to ask any questions any time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs T Dudley
Headteacher

