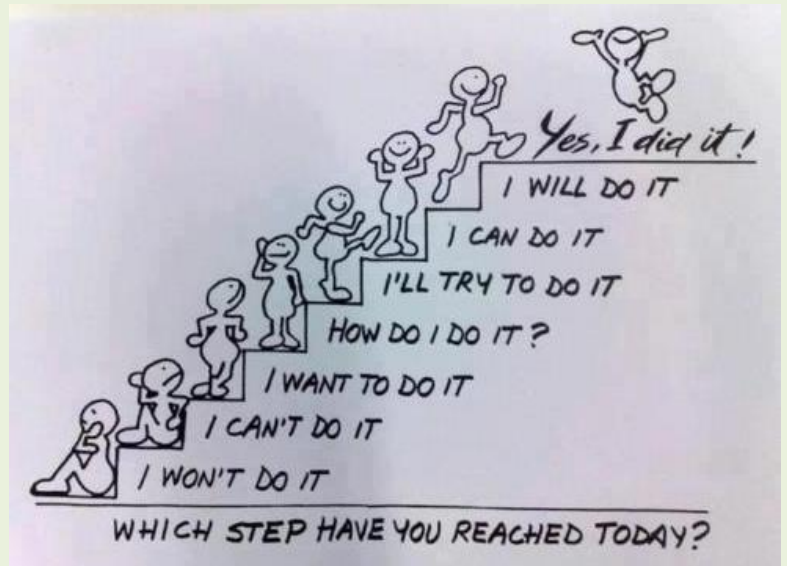


News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

We began our new school year together in Collective Worship, it was wonderful to see everyone again and to once again spend time reflecting on what it means to be a part of The Blake School community.

Our thoughts began by reflecting back on things that we all know well, that children hear in school all the time. We talked about the slacklines that we have in school, as part of our Adventure Zone, remembering how hard children have to try and how much they have to practise in order to achieve success.

Before any books were opened, or any learning tackled, it did us all good to remember that learning is a journey, for all of us. Whilst there are some days when it all seems to fall into place, for most of us, on most days, learning is about keeping going, trying and failing, but trying again.



CS Lewis expressed it well 'Failures, repeated failures, are finger posts on the road to achievement. One fails forward toward success.'



Over the summer I was particularly inspired by watching the World Athletics Championships in Budapest.

These athletes are at the top of their game, some of the fittest people on the planet, and yet at the end of their races, they are exhausted, completely spent! It was helpful for me to be reminded that it is okay to get tired as we seek each day to do our best, to learn, to persevere and strive towards our personal goals, whatever they may be.

At The Blake School, it is our Values that underpin the way we live, learn and work together. As we go through the academic year I will enjoy exploring and unpacking our Values with your children. Already, over these first days back in school I have seen countless examples of your children consciously making decisions to act in accordance with our Values, even when that has been the harder thing to do – it has been a pleasure to spend time across the school celebrating not just learning, but the way in which children have settled and begun to build relationships with one another.

Although we anticipate much will be learned and achieved in the year ahead, we closed our time together by reminding one another that we are not valued for what we can do, we are instead valued for who we are. I am looking forward to journeying through the year together with your unique and precious children.