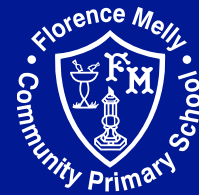


FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Monday 24th September

Keeping you up to date what's going on!

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SCHOOL CLOSURE THIS THURSDAY

I am writing to inform you that the decision has been taken to close the school for the day on Thursday 27th September to allow staff to attend the funeral of Miss Robinson. Angela was Deputy Headteacher in our school for 16 years and was dearly loved by our children, parents and staff. Angela was one of the bravest, warmest, kindest and most caring people you could ever meet and her passing has devastated our school community. We hope you will understand that all staff want to show their respect for Angela and that these are exceptional circumstances for our school community. I apologise for the inconvenience this will cause you as parents and carers.

Mr Heaton - Headteacher

Student of the Week Winners

A huge congratulations to our student of the week winners for this week! They really have epitomised our school's core values. The children received their certificates in Friday's celebration assembly. One child particularly impressed Mr Leach, as she has won a 'Student of the Week' award twice already this academic year! Now that's very impressive indeed!

New Head Boys and Head Girls

A huge congratulations to our new head Boys and Head Girls! We are extremely proud to give them these roles. The children, during our democracy week, had to apply and be voted in to these roles. They then sat through interviews with Mr Heaton, Mr Leach and the Year 6 staff before finally receiving their new badges. A great way to demonstrate how democracy works in our school. A big shout out to those children who were unsuccessful in their applications. They performed brilliantly too and will now become our new school prefects - the first time we have had these roles in our school.

Updated School Calendar

If you haven't already, please check out the calendar section of our website for important dates up until the October half-term. There are so many activities and events scheduled in for our pupils. Keep yourself up to date with what is going on at Flo Melly!

Welcome to Miss Butler-Cain

A huge Flo Melly welcome to the newest addition of our team, Miss Butler-Cain. She will be working alongside our Year 1 team and has already had a huge impact on our pupils.

Get Involved in our Parent/Carer English and Maths Workshops

This week saw the first of our completely free adult training courses. We are working in partnership with JM Education to provide our parents and carers with 'functional skills in English and Maths'. A huge thank you to the parents who have already signed up and it's not too late if you are interested. Please contact our pastoral team (Mr Doyle or Miss Campbell) for more information.

Enrichment Trip to Princess Road Synagogue

This week, our curriculum enrichment trip saw Year 4 heading to the Princess Road Synagogue to join the Jewish celebration of Yom Kippur. Yom Kippur means "Day of Atonement" in Hebrew and is the holiest Jewish holiday of the year. The children thoroughly enjoyed the informative session and the boys couldn't believe that you can't play on your computer on the Sabbath. A huge thank you to @PrincesRoadShul for being so accommodating and to Miss Campbell for organising the event.

New Lunch Menus are on our Website

Our updated school lunch menus are now available on the school website. These are updated on a termly basis. If you require any further information, please see the school office.

Prevent Training for our Staff, Governors and Volunteers

A big thank you to Joanna Fitzsimmons (Prevent Education officer) from Liverpool City Council for providing two very informative and engaging prevent training sessions for our staff, governors and volunteers this week. The Prevent duty is the duty in the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and protecting children from the risk of radicalisation. You can read more about the Prevent Duty by accessing the safeguarding page on our website. Here you will find a link to the Department for Education 'The Prevent Duty' document (2015). Keeping our children safe is our number one priority at Florence Melly!



We are always looking for ways to improve the way we communicate with our parents and carers. If you have any ideas, please see Mr Leach - who will listen to your suggestions and try to improve what we already do!

KEY DATES

25/09/18
School Health
Visitors
Y6 Height and
Weight

26/09/18
Year 6
Transition Day
with
Merseytravel

27/09/18
School Closed
for Miss
Robinson's
Funeral

01/10/18
School Council
Visit
to the
Town Hall

Our weekly newsletters are available on the school website in the 'Parent Zone' section. They will be updated every Friday. We will not be sending out paper copies but please ask the office if you would like a paper version.



National Coding Week 2018 - A big THANK YOU to Mr Baillie (our Computing Lead)

To celebrate National Coding Week, Florence Melly had a fantastic day of robotics and coding last Monday. All of KS2 got the chance to work with a variety of equipment to undertake computing based challenges, whilst KS1 took on their own coding challenge in class. The children learnt about the principles of coding and how the equipment we have around us works, before participating in some fabulous practical activities. The sferos and MiP robots were a particular highlight, one child said: 'I loved being able to code and control my own robot, and see what happens when I change things.' Overall, the day was a great success and the children really enjoyed their taste of coding.



Challenging Mr Heaton at Chess

One lucky pupil, from our highly popular chess club, challenged Mr Heaton this week to a game. Mr Heaton was hugely impressed with the pupils skills and is going to help train him to become a better chess player. Mr Doyle is running two chess clubs this year, one at lunchtime and one after-school. If you would like your child to get involved, please see Mr Doyle.



Living Streets Assembly to Kick Start the Week!

KS2 assembly on Monday morning was led by Jane from @livingstreets. Living Streets are an organisation who have A BIG AMBITION: EVERY CHILD THAT CAN, WALKS TO SCHOOL! This year we will be supporting the initiative and do our best to take on the challenge of walking to school more often. Pupils record how they get to school on the WOW Travel Tracker and those who walk once per week for a month are rewarded with a themed badge. You can find out more information by visiting their website: <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/what-we-do/walk-to-school>

Cross Country Athletics at Wavertree

The cross country athletics got off to a brilliant start this week with some familiar and new faces competing at the Wavertree Athletics Stadium. The children really did us proud and ran in very difficult, windy conditions. Mrs Dentith, our PE Lead, was extremely proud of their achievements.



Attendance Matters at Florence Melly!

Well done to 1M for winning this week's attendance award with a whopping 99.3%. Our whole-school attendance was 96.3% - lets see if we can beat that next week!

Our Very Own Blue Peter Badge Holder

What fantastic news we received this week! This absolute superstar managed to bag herself a @bbc Blue Peter badge and was so proud and excited to show us! We had many very jealous staff members who tried their hardest when they were young to get themselves a badge but didn't. Well done!



In Other News...

Every day is always action-packed and fun-filled here at Florence Melly and this week proved to be no different. Here are some more of the superb, memorable experiences we provided our pupils this week like: Year 1 enjoying using the parachute in PE, Year 5 exploring the theme of democracy and voting for their school counsellors and harvesting our school allotment ready for the Big Soup Share event.



Check out our Twitter and Flickr feeds for more information and photos about the fab activities we provide our pupils, each and every week.



KEY DATES

01/10/18
Flu Vaccines
for Pupils in
Year 1 - Year 5

15/10/18
16/10/18
Parents
Evening
3:30 - 5:30pm

19/10/18
Children finish
for
Half-Term
Holidays

29/10/18
Children return
after the
Half-Term
Holidays

12/11/18
National
Anti-Bullying
Week
Celebrations

20/12/18
Term ends and
School closes
for
Christmas