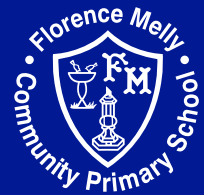


FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 12th October

Keeping you up to date what's going on!

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PRIORITISING READING in KS1!

Our new KS1 team are passionate about improving phonics, early reading skills and developing a reading for pleasure culture amongst the pupils. This week they kicked off their pursuit of improving these areas by inviting the parents into school for a 'Stay and Read' session and taking a trip to Norris Green library. The events were a huge success and really helped to engage the children in reading activities. We are planning a series of events, which will run across the entire academic year, to help improve reading in our school. Keep an eye out for our next 'Stay and Read' session which will take place after the half term. A big thank you to all the KS1 staff for their hard work in organising the events!



Drumming Masterclass with Status Quo

On Thursday, the school were visited by former Status Quo drummer Jeff Rich, who provided the whole of Key Stage 2 with a very memorable experience. The children were guided through the history of drums, from their very beginnings to their current incarnations. Several children were given the opportunity to perform various drums and techniques to the school, before an enthralling (and noisy) finale that saw the nearly 200 pupils present pick up and instrument and perform quite a tune! There are videos that sample the performance available on our Twitter and Flickr feeds.



Ancient Greeks in Year 6

On Thursday, our Year 6 pupils were given the opportunity to really bring their history topic on the ancient Greeks alive! Thanks to Chartwells (our school dinner provider) the children baked Greek flatbreads to accompany a traditional Greek soup. The children had a great time and this is just another example of how we are bringing the curriculum alive at Florence Melly.

Jambalaya and King Cake as part of Black History Month

What a great day Year 4 had on Tuesday! They celebrated Black History Month (our whole-school theme) in style by cooking some delicious Jambalaya and made their very own King Cakes. The jambalaya was "amazing" and "the best thing ever" according to the students who couldn't wait to take the recipe home! A huge thank you to @appleofmyeyep1 for helping to create a memorable experience for our children in Year 4!



Pupil Sickness Update

Just a quick reminder to parents/carers... if your child has experienced vomiting and/or diarrhoea they need to stay off school for 48 hours to clear the virus. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

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

15/10/18
Whole-School
Maths
Reasoning
Morning

15/10/18
Junior Lord
Mayor Elections
at the Town
Hall

15/10/18
16/10/18
School
Photograph
Day

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

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.



Virtual Reality at Florence Melly

Year 5 were taken to the outer reaches of our solar system with the aid of virtual reality goggles earlier this week. As part of the children's current Science topic, the pupils visiting the moon, saw Earth from a different perspective and travelled where no man (or woman) has been before! The children really enjoyed their experience and it is something the school will be looking to repeat in the future. As always, there are plenty more photos available on our Twitter and Flickr feeds.



Cross Country at Clarke Gardens

Wow, we are super proud of our fantastic cross county runners for their performance earlier this week! They were amazing! Each and every one of them! Some of the children absolutely smashed their personal bests! Mr Leach attended the event as a special treat to help cheer the children on. A huge thank you to Mrs Dentith and Mr Pearson, who give up so much of their time to make sure the children get the opportunity to compete!



Attendance Matters at Florence Melly

A huge well done to 4D who won this week's gold attendance award with a whopping 99.0%. That's two weeks in a row 4D have won! WOW! Well done also to 1B who received the silver award (98%) and 5B/6B who shared the bronze award (97.3%).

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 5 exploring the phases of the moon using Oreo biscuits (how creative!); the team of brilliant community nurses who helped administer the flu vaccines; our Junior Lord Mayor candidates, preparing their speeches and presenting them to the Senior Leadership team; Year 4 enjoying a fun game of Spanish whispers with Léon; Year 5 having an awesomely active 'Funky Movers' session with the Tracey from @ComMutualInfo and Year 1 enjoying a massage session as part of World Mental Health Day! What an amazing week at Florence Melly Community Primary School!



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

- 16/10/18**
 Memorial Service for Miss Robinson at St Aidan's Church
- 17/10/18**
 Enrichment Trip to Diamond Way Buddhist Centre
- 18/10/18**
 World Values Day/DREAMS Core Values Day
- 19/10/18**
 Children finish for Half-Term Holidays
- 12/11/18**
 National Anti-Bullying Week Celebrations
- 20/12/18**
 Term ends and School closes for Christmas