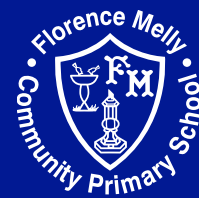


FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 19th October

Keeping you up to date what's going on!

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Just a quick note to say thank you to the hundreds of parents who turned up for our first parents evening of the year. Staff are extremely proud of the wonderful feedback you provided. It was wonderful speaking to so many parents and carers about the fantastic progress your children are making. We really appreciate your support and appreciate you giving up your time to discuss how your children are performing and how we can improve further. We have collated the feedback from the questionnaires we handed out and the findings will be published on the school website in the near future. We posted this photograph on our school Twitter feed and it received some lovely feedback from our parents - like this wonderful tweet: "Polite, gracious and organised. Well done Year 6! Lovely to see your smiling faces and the positive welcome as soon as you walk through the door. Your confidence and maturity in leading the face of your school was a credit to yourselves and your teachers". We absolutely love it when parents engage with us on Twitter. If you don't already, please make sure that you follow us. Once again, thank you for your continued support.



Harvest Festival

On Wednesday Year 4 put on a special showcase assembly for the rest of the school and their parents. What a treat it was! Children from all year groups performed harvest themed songs, poems and prayers - it was a real Flo Melly celebration. A huge thank you to the families who so generously donated food and money and to the pupils and staff who made the event possible. We have helped make a difference to lots of people in our community.



Donating to Local Food Banks - Giving Back to the Community!

After the harvest assembly, Year 4 pupils excitedly delivered our generous donations to St Andrews Community Food bank and the L6 Community program. Both organisations help families in the area and we should be proud that we've made a difference and helped others. Both organisations took to Twitter to thank our school: "Amazing food bank donation today by Florence Melly Community Primary School! The children loved looking around our centre and it is really amazing that even the children see how much a little bit of kindness can go a long way!"



Young Addaction Event at Anfield

Last Friday, some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils headed over to Anfield to work with the LFC and Young Addaction. The children were educated about the perils of substances and alcohol abuse and took part in several practical activities. It was a fantastic experience and the children really enjoyed their time learning about this sensitive subject. LFC commented on how fantastic our pupils were on Twitter: "Great work from @Flomellynews identifying and learning about the many dangers of drugs."



Attendance Matters at Florence Melly

A huge well done to 4D YET AGAIN! They won this week's gold attendance award with an unbeatable 100%. That's three gold attendance awards on the run for them! They have won the overall first half-term attendance award and have a surprise treat to look forward to when we return after half-term! A huge well done to the other pupils with 100% attendance so far this year - we are so proud of your achievements!

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

29/10/18
The children return to school after the Half-Term

30/10/18
Spanish Day of the Dead Whole-School Celebration

30/10/18
PATCH Halloween After-School Disco

12/11/18
National Anti-Bullying Week Celebrations

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.



We have our very own Junior Lord Mayor!

Earlier this week we went to the Town Hall with our candidate for Junior Lord Mayor, along with three supporters. There were candidates from 25 other schools participating. The standard of speeches was exceptional. It was amazing to listen to the pupil voice from some of the other schools in our fantastic city. Our candidate said: " Even if I don't win, that was brilliant!" We found out early the next morning that our superstar pupil had been elected to become one of 11 Junior Lord Mayors. A huge Flo Melly Congratulations and it was very well deserved. We are so proud!

Afternoon Tea Treat for our Superstar Junior Lord Mayor Candidates

This week our superb Junior Lord Mayor candidates were treated to afternoon tea by Mr Doyle and Miss Campbell, who were showing their appreciation for the outstanding speech writers. These talented young people put themselves forward for the Junior Lord Mayor election, wrote and performed some superb speeches - we just had to say thank you! We are so proud of each of them.

Our 'Not so New' New Deputy Headteacher

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr Leach on successfully being appointed as the new, permanent Deputy Headteacher of our school. The decision was taken by the governors and the Local Authority last week. Well done Mr Leach!

Day of the Dead/PATCH Halloween Disco

Just a quick reminder that Tuesday 30th October is our whole-school themed Spanish Day of the Dead day. The children can dress up in Spanish themed outfits, ponchos, sombreros or halloween costumes! If it is anything like last year's event, it is sure to be a fabulous day! The PATCH Halloween disco is after school on the same day!

Girls Football at Broadgreen (versus Our Lady Immaculate)

A huge well done to our fantastic girls football team who played against Our Lady Immaculate earlier this week. Despite the loss, our girls were gracious in defeat and epitomised what we are all about here at Florence Melly...determined, appreciative and motivated. I'm sure if they continue the same way then they'll win the next game!

Show Racism the Red Card at Goodison Park

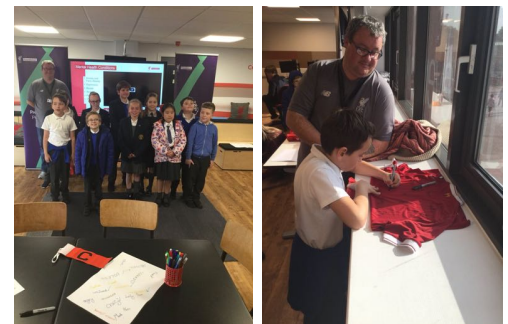
On Thursday some of our lucky Year 5 and 6 pupils had the opportunity to attend an educational event in partnership with Everton Football Club, Liverpool City Council and Sefton CVS. Our pupils SHOWED RACISM THE RED CARD and improved their knowledge and understanding of the Fundamental British Values at the same time!

Mental Health Awareness Workshop at Anfield

This week, a group of pupils were given the opportunity to attend a workshop on mental health at Liverpool FC's Education Centre. The children took part in a range of activities covering a variety of mental health issues and linked with our own school aims of 'dreams'. One pupil remarked: "it was very interesting and so fun!" As ever, there are many photos available on our Twitter and Flickr.

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 4 exploring sound in science through the use of self-made string telephones; Year 5 analysing some sequential art today using Shaun Tan's The Arrival; our whole-school maths bar modelling morning which encouraged our children to use practical resources to support their learning; Year 2 visiting Norris Green library and being treated to a superb storyteller; Year 1 cleverly combining snack time with improving the children's understanding of tricky words and Year 6's Merseytravel transition trip. What a phenomenal last week of the half-term we have had. A huge thank you to everyone involved and for the hard work in making our school a wonderful place of learning. We have plenty more booked ready for when we return after half-term!



KEY DATES

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

07/01/19
Pupils return to school after the Christmas Break

15/02/19
School closes for the February Half-Term

25/02/19
School Closed for Staff INSET Day

26/02/19
School re-opens after the Half-Term Holidays

05/04/19
School closes for the Easter Holidays