

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE!



Attention all parents/carers. We have recently been approached by a parent sharing concerns about an app called 'Like - Magic Music Video Editor'. On face value, it appears to be a trendy new app for children where they can upload video clips of themselves. However, everything on this app is 'public' and there are no privacy settings to protect the identity of users. You cannot make your profile private! There are no user agreements or terms or conditions when you download the app. The app is simply not safe for children! ANYONE can download other user's videos, upload them and do whatever they want with them. Thankfully a very proactive parent has brought this to our attention and as a result, we can now share this with you and speak to the children about it. For further information, please see Mr Leach who will be more than willing to help. Thank you for your support!

Kung Hei Fat Choi

On Monday some lucky Year 3 children went to visit China Town as part of the school's Chinese New Year celebrations. The whole area was decorated with beautiful red lanterns. We stopped at the arch that leads on to China Town and discovered that it was a gift to us from our twin city of Shanghai? We learnt some brilliant facts about the arch and the children made some beautiful sketches and did some brass rubbings. Kung Hei Fat Choy!



Yummy Eaters Initiative with the EYFS

A huge thank you to Tracey from Commutual who has been working in our school and with our Reception classes over the last couple of weeks. She has been delivering a food awareness programme called Yummy Eaters. This week the children were introduced to lots of different fruits. They were encouraged to describe how the fruit felt and discuss how they would eat them. Do they wash it or do they peel it? The little chefs learnt about eating 5 fruits or vegetables a day. They finished the session by making and eating delicious fruit kebabs and some of our brave chefs tried things for the very first time. Well done Healthy Eaters!



NSPCC Number Day 2019

Last week we took part in the NSPCC Number Day for the fifth year running! The Year 6 pupils enjoyed working with the younger children, helping out with their maths activities and problem solving skills. Lots of money was raised and a great day was had by all! Miss Byott, our Maths Lead was particularly proud: "Each and every time we celebrate Number Day, it just gets better and better! It has been amazing watching the children enthusiastically tackle all things mathematical! I am a very proud subject leader!"



Safer Internet Day 2019 - Consent!

To reiterate the importance of staying safe online, a group of pupils attended a Safer Internet Day event held at Anfield earlier this week. The children discussed the dangers of social media and their digital footprints. They were then treated to a tour of Anfield and got to meet Liverpool player Rhian Brewster, as well as two members of the Liverpool Women's team. It was another truly memorable experience! For the children who stayed in school, they were treated to a range of Safer Internet Day activities such as debating key online safety issues, online safety oracy tasks and designing their very own posters. We love celebrating Safer Internet Day at Florence Melly Community Primary School.



KEY DATES

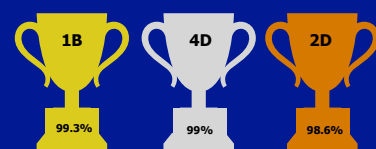
11/02/19
Reception
Yummy Eaters
Workshop with
Commutual

12/02/19
Teaching
Assistant
Charanga Music
Staff Training

13/02/19
Enrichment Trip
to the Menora
Synagogue in
Manchester

13/02/19
Gymnastics
Competition
(see Mrs Dentith
for details)

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE





The School Council at Hope University for the Lower House UK Model Parliament

On Tuesday, Year 5 and 6 pupils from our School Council went to Hope University to take part in the Lower House UK Model Parliament. They debated topics such as: should children under the age of twelve be allowed on Snapchat? Should we ban all single use plastics? And finally, should boys and girls departments be kept separate in shops? Our children had a great deal to say on all of these areas and they all gave confident and well reasoned statements. Well done to everyone involved and a big thank you to Miss Campbell from our pastoral team for organising the event.

Our New Online Safety Strategy

As we celebrated Safer Internet Day this week, it seems like a good time to talk to our parents/carers about our new online safety strategy. At Florence Melly we are committed to keeping its pupils safe particularly when online! The first order of business is to establish an Online Safety Group. This group will be tasked with developing online safety at our school. They will deal with issues regarding online safety and the monitoring the online safety policy including the impact of initiatives. We are looking for representation from all stakeholders: staff, governors, pupils and parents. If you would like to get involved, please contact Mr Leach our Designated Safeguarding Lead. You can email him at: a.leach@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk or pop into school.

Show Racism the Red Card Event at Anfield

Liverpool F.C hosted a 'Show Racism the Red Card' workshop at Anfield this week, and several Florence Melly pupils were lucky enough to attend. The children discussed issues in modern society and the staff commented how mature and thoughtful their contributions were. It was another great example of our partnership with the LFC Foundation.

Leonardo Da Vinci at the Walker Art Gallery

On Friday pupils who attend our Art Club visited to the Walker Art Gallery to see some of the sketches made by Renaissance Master, Leonardo Da Vinci. Liverpool is one of twelve lucky cities to be chosen to hold special exhibitions of some of his best drawings. The exhibitions are being held to commemorate 500 years since Da Vinci's death. Our children did their own sketches, using some of Da Vinci's techniques, receiving several compliments from staff and other visitors. What an absolute treat and a very unique experience indeed!

Children's Mental Health Week

A massive shout out and thank you to Mr Doyle (our Pastoral and Mental Health Lead) for spending time in every class this week promoting positive mental health as part of Children's Mental Health Week. His work with the children has been truly magnificent! Mr Doyle has spoken to the children about eating a balanced diet, sleeping and being active and how this helps you to have a healthy mind. He didn't stop there though...he also provided a well earned treat for the staff by arranging for a mobile coffee van to come to school and treat staff to quality coffee and pastries. He often provides one to one support to staff to help them with their well-being too. The week culminated in a wonderful assembly by the Liverpool Foundation delivering important mental health awareness messages to the children. We take mental health seriously at Florence Melly. For further information, please contact Mr Doyle who will be happy to help!

In Other News...

Every day is always action-packed and fun-filled here at Florence Melly. That is what we are all about...creating memorable experiences for our pupils. If you don't already, please check out our school Twitter feed as it is packed full of the activities we have been up to this week. You can follow us at [@FloMellyNews](https://twitter.com/FloMellyNews). Here are a few photo tasters to wet your appetite...



KEY DATES

15/02/19
Children finish for the half-term holidays

25/02/19
Staff INSET Day (no school for the children)

26/02/19
Children return to school after the half-term holidays

05/04/19
Children finish for the Easter holidays (1:30pm)

23/04/19
Children return to school after the Easter holidays

06/05/19
May Day Bank Holiday school is closed for the day