

### FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER







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# SCIENCE WEEK



This week marked the start of a very special week in our school calendar...British Science Week. In our school we try to make every week a Science week, by giving our children memorable experiences and get them thinking like scientists. This year we have decided to pose the question: 'Why are living things the way they are?' and link this to a wider commitment to get our pupils learning outside. We firmly believe that learning outside the classroom is an essential part of providing a broad and balanced curriculum and helps improve mental health and well-being! Current research from the Department for Education shows that children are becoming disconnected from the natural world with 'one in nine children having not set foot in a park, forest, beach or any other natural environment for at least 12 months'. So over the next two weeks pupils our pupils will be giving Science the highest profile and investigating why living things are the way they are? Keep your eye out for a super exciting Science competition too!

### **Cross Country Mud Bath!**

Congratulations to all our cross-country athletes who took part in the final league meeting of the season on Monday. They had to contend with with another mud bath of a course topped off with huge downpours of rain! Good old British weather!



### An Enrichment Trip to Knowsley Safari Park!

As part of British Science Week, our Year 2 children visited Knowsley Safari Park to learn about the animals that live there. The sessions started with a visit to the outside classroom to learn about the different types of animals and how to group the animals into different classifications: mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians and fish, and They also looked at the characteristics of each group. The children had the pleasure of enjoying the sea lion show. Arthur and Roger, two of the park's cheekiest animals, had the children constantly cheering, clapping and laughing. It really was a spectacular show! Following on from that was a bird of prey show. The children thought that some of the birds looked scary but they were so well behaved and majestic when flying. One of them did fly very close to Mrs Dentith's head, which caused a few gasps and giggles. After piling back onto the minibus, the children were given a guided tour of the rest of park. They saw lazy lions, beautiful buffalo, enormous emus and so many other animals. What a memorable learning experience for all involved!













Please make sure that you read the important safety letter sent home with every pupil on Friday. It provides an update about the Coronavirus and advice on how you can stop the virus spreading and what you need to do! Thank you!

### This Week's Favourite Tweet from Home!

Each and every day we receive so many amazing tweets from our wonderful parent body, telling us all about the amazing things our pupils get up to outside of school. To celebrate these and thank our parents for interacting and engaging with our school, we will be picking one 'Tweet from Home' each week to share with the rest of the school on our newsletter. This week our favourite tweet was from a child in Year 2 who spent his weekend making a model of the solar system with super informative fact cards. He shared his achievement with the rest of the school and his class teacher will be hanging the creation up in the classroom! Thank you!





Look at what else we've been up to this week! Head over to our Twitter feed for more fabulous news!















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Our feed is where we
celebrate the wonderful
learning opportunities we

provide for our pupils everyday! @flomellynews

## **KEY DATES**

**03/04/20**Children finish for the Easter Holidays
1:30pm

20/04/20 Children return after the Easter Holidays 8:55am

08/05/20
Iay Day Bank
Holiday
School is
Closed

20/05/20 School closes for the May Half-Term 3:30pm

**01/06/20**Children return after the Half-Term Holidays 8:55am

16/07/20 School Closes for the Summer Holidays 1:30pm

For more important dates, please visit the 'parent zone' of our school website!



Friday 13th March

## DIVE DEEP INTO OUR CURRCIULUM!

## CREATING UNFORGETTABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR OUR CHILDREN!

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## **CORE CURRICULUM NEWS**

Mouthwatering, finger licking, scrumptious Roman upside down honey cheesecake was the order of the day in Year 4 earlier this week. Year 4 continued to use their Roman theme as a context for their Design Technology cookery lessons this week. Crosscurricular learning at its very finest!

**Erupting Volcanoes in the EYFS - We are Scientists!**As part of their 'Understanding the World' topic, our reception children have been researching volcanoes and they spent time this week creating their our own erupting volcanos! The children enjoyed investigating and exploring different ingredients to see which combinations made their volcanoes erupt. Vinegar and bicarbonate of soda proved to be a perfect mix and the children observed the reaction and change when the ingredients were combined! They were very excited to see the 'lava' erupt from the volcano! What a great way to bring Science alive in the EYFS!







## SMSC CURRICULUM NEWS

Sunday marked the celebration of International Women's Day - a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. Year 4 celebrated the day in style by looking at inspirational female scientists - linking cleverly to our British Science Week theme. The pupils looked at Marie Curie, Jane Goodall and Rosalind Franklin amongst others!

### **British Science Week - We are Scientists!**

This week marked the start of a very special week in our school calendar...British Science Week. This year we have decided to pose the question: 'Why are living things the way they are?' and link this to a wider commitment to get our pupils learning outside. As part of our whole-school SMSC curriculum theme, Year 2 pupils visited Knowsley Safari Park on an enrichment trip to learn about the animals that live there.







## **ENRICHMENT CURRICULUM NEWS**

### **Our Year 4 Creative Writing Club**

As part of our drive to improve the quality of writing in our school, pupils have been enjoying a playtime extra-curricular club designed to promote creative writing! And what a success it has proved to be. Keep an eye out for our new 'Superstar Writer' certificates which will be making their way home very soon!

### Live Football At Anfield with the Red Neighbours

What a brilliant time our pupils had on Saturday as they visited Anfield to watch the mighty reds beat Bournemouth in the Premier League. For many of our children, this was the first time they had been to a live football match. Providing memorable learning experiences, that is the foundation on which our curriculum is built!





## **SAFETY AND WELL-BEING** CURRICULUM NEWS

**Investigating the Effectiveness of Hand washing in Year 2** Year 2 spent the afternoon looking at the importance of hand washing and conducted a scientific experiment analysing the effectiveness of soap! What a great way to promote good respiratory and hand hygiene!

## An Enrichment Trip to Crosby Beach - Promoting Well-Being Through Nature!

As part of our school's 'mInd' mental health strategy - we place huge emphasis on being connected with nature and then outdoors! This week, Mr Doyle our Mental Health Lead, decided to facilitate an enrichment trip to Crosby beach to help promote the well-being of some of our pupils. What a great way to promote our positive mental health message!









