

FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

CELEBRATING ANOTHER SPECIAL WEEK
AT OUR OUTSTANDING SCHOOL!



LEST WE FORGET AT FLORENCE MELLY, WE REMEMBER!

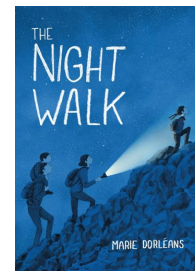


Last week, as part of our whole-school theme of Remembrance, our pupils commemorated the lives of British service members who sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. Our pupils created a powerful memorial to honour those who fought and died for us and they did a fantastic job! In our SMSC lessons, pupils explored how the poppy has become a prominent symbol of remembrance and why this memorial day is an integral part of British history. Our school respectfully observed a two-minute silence and staff were especially proud of how all pupils conducted themselves. Lest we forget!



Mr Leach's Weekly Book Recommendation

This week, Mr Leach has read '[The Night Walk](#)' as part of his weekly reading challenge and what a fantastic read it proved to be! This is the core text in Year 1 this half-term and Mrs Cotter has been raving about it! Mr Leach just had to see what all the fuss was about! WOW, he wasn't disappointed! The descriptive language was just spectacular and the ending...beautiful! Why don't you see for yourselves?



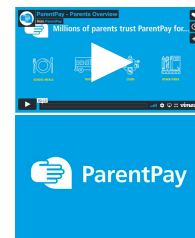
Broadening Sporting Horizons and Improving Mental Health!

This week we have provided a memorable learning experience for pupils across the school with our Mental Health and PE Leads working in collaboration as part of a joint venture to support positive mental health, broaden sporting horizons and improve well-being and fitness levels! The children had the chance to take part in activities which expand their sporting repertoire and they participated in disciplines different to those they play each and every day! Our pupils were whisked off to Walton Hall Sports Centre to enjoy an action-packed, fun-filled day of boccia, curling, indoor athletics and basketball. A huge thank you to Mr Doyle for putting the event together and he has been promoting the NHS Five Steps to Well-Being all week, particularly the 'Be Physically Active' strand. For more information and tips and hints as to how you can support your own mental health and well-being, visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/self-help/guides-tools-and-activities/five-steps-to-mental-wellbeing/>.



ParentPay

We are absolutely delighted to announce that we have taken the plunge and set up [ParentPay](#) - the market leading online payment service for schools and families. Don't get too excited though - at the moment, while we get used to the online cashless system, we will be using it for trips only. Long term, it will be used for trips, school dinners, clubs, uniform and communication. All very exciting. New to ParentPay? Watch this overview video (scroll down the page): [ParentPay Parent Video](#).



Head over to our [Twitter](#) and [Flickr](#) feeds for more news and photos! You won't regret it!

IMPORTANT DATES!

22/11/21
Parents Evening Week

21/12/21
School closes for the Christmas holidays.

05/01/22
School closed for staff INSET day!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Year 5 (97.5%)

Reception (96.2%)

Year 4 (95.0%)

Year 3 (93.4%)

Year 2 (93.3%)

Year 1 (92.4%)

Year 6 (90.7%)

Nursery (76.9%)

363

100% attenders this week!!

That's 132 more than last week! Can we beat it again next week?

IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT!