

Friday 16th September 2022

FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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PAYING OUR RESPECTS TO HER MAJESTY!



A Visit to London to Honour the Queen!

On Friday, our newly elected Head Boy, Head Girl, their deputies and the Year 6 Junior Leadership Team representatives visited the country's capital as part of an enrichment trip to pay our respects to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The children, accompanied by Mr Leach, Mr Doyle and Miss Campbell, took cards, tributes and letters of condolence from the whole school and placed them at Green Park. The experience was an extremely emotional one. The children represented our school in exactly the manner we'd expect - impeccably! For them it will certainly be an experience to live long in their memory!

Celebrating Roald Dahl Day

What a wonderful day the children had on Tuesday as they celebrated the birthday of the legendary Roald Dahl. Classes came off curriculum in the afternoon and devoted time to all things Roald Dahl. Children in KS1 made marvellous medicines, and bogie cakes whilst those in Years 3 and 4 created wanted posters celebrating his famous antagonists and character cubes celebrating some of his most famous characters respectively! A wonderful time was had by all!

International Literacy Day

Last week we kicked off our fabulous curriculum enrichment programme with a visit to Liverpool Central Library to celebrate International Literacy Day. The children spent time perusing, browsing and choosing books to share and enjoy! Promoting reading for pleasure is one of our main priorities this year and this was a wonderful way to enthuse and enthrall the children about reading and books!

Our Bountiful Allotment

As the autumn draws near, our school allotment bursts into life and this week the children have been working hard preparing for the much anticipated harvest. Several classes have headed over to our bountiful allotment with our allotment teacher Miss Jen. We have lots of exciting projects planned to make best use of our produce - check back soon to see how we reap what we sowed.

Mrs O'Keefe's Weekly Book Recommendation

This week's recommendation from Mrs O'Keefe is [The River by Tom Percival](#). It is an exquisite, thought-provoking book to help children understand the idea of ever-changing emotions. The story is centred around a child called Rowan who loves the river because it is just like he is. On some days, it's quiet and calm, on others it's light and playful, and then there are the days when it roars along, wild and angry. Sharing this story as a family will support children in naming emotions, understanding that all feelings are valid and remembering that sunshine always follows a storm.

Give us a follow! Head over to our [Twitter](#) and [Flickr](#) feeds for more news and photos!



IMPORTANT DATES!

19/09/22

School closed for Her Majesty's State Funeral

20/09/22

Y4,5,6 Quidditch Assembly and Celebration Day with Enrich (PE kits to be worn)

26/09/22

Whole-school Production of the Secret Garden (for the children)

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Reception (98.7%)

Year 3 (97.5%)

Year 5 (97.5%)

Year 2 (94.9%)

Year 3 (94.0%)

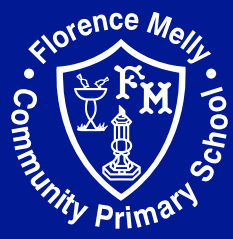
Nursery (92.8%)

Year 1 (85.7%)

Year 4 (85.1%)

93.4%
Whole-School attendance this week!

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PARENT/CARER UPDATE

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End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 16th September 2022

Dear parents/carers.

School Closure for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral

Please do not forget that school will be closed on Monday 19th September 2022 to mark Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral. We will reopen on Tuesday 20th September at 8:45am.

Positive Cases of Covid

Throughout the week we have experienced a rise in Covid cases in our school. We would like to remind all parents/carers of the guidance around keeping children off school.

If your child tests positive for Covid-19, they are to stay off school for three full days after the day of the test. So if the child tests positively on a Monday, day one is Tuesday, day two is Wednesday and day three is Thursday. The child would then return to school on Friday (if they are well enough and they **do not have a temperature** - the latter being really important). Do not send your child back into school if they still have a temperature. Those who test positive for Covid do not have to return a negative test anymore.

Please be vigilant to the main symptoms of Covid in children. The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu. These can include:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

Drinks Bottles and Energy Drinks

In recent days we have noticed more and more children bringing water bottles into school filled with juice and energy drink. We would like to remind all parents/carers that the children should only bring water bottles filled with water to school. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Have an amazing weekend.

The Florence Melly Team



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