



ATTENDANCE TRIP TO ALTON TOWERS!

What a fabulous day some of our top attenders had on Thursday as they were treated to a reward trip to Alton Towers to celebrate their fabulous attendance last half term. Mr Baillie, Mrs Campbell and Mrs Sainsbury set off bright and early and spent the entire day enjoying the rides and attractions. This is just one example of the amazing initiatives we have in place as part of our strategy to improve whole-school attendance and reduce persistent absenteeism! Attendance matters at Flo Melly!



Celebrating Festivals of Light at the Ganesh Temple

What a privilege it was visiting the Ganesh Temple as part of our whole-school celebration of 'Festivals of Light'. The children spent time during assembly time and their Cultural Capital lessons to explore and celebrate Diwali (a festival celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world). The enrichment trip gave our children the opportunity to experience a religious festival up close and they chatted with Gurumoor, the priest at the temple, which was an absolute honour.

Dia de los Muertos - Day of the Dead

This week, our pupils and staff embraced the Mexican celebration of 'Dia de los Muertos' (the Day of the Dead) and enjoyed a whole host of exciting activities linked to this wonderful celebration. Dia de los Muertos is a Mexican holiday where family and friends gather to pay their respects and remember those who have died. Classes enjoyed Spanish tasting platters, designed their own calaveras (decorative skulls) and researched this wonderful celebration! Best of all - everyone got to dressed up and the day finished with a spooky Halloween disco organised by PATCH (our Parent/Teacher Association). A huge thank you to Mrs Matthews, our MFL (Modern Foreign Languages) Lead and she was supported by the amazing team at Apple of my Eye - Mrs Michaela in particular!

Mrs Matthew's (Chair of Governors) Weekly Book Recommendation...

[Gretel the Wonder Mammoth](#), an utterly delightful picture book by Kim Hillyard, is all about finding the confidence to be ourselves in what sometimes seems like a scary world. Gretel, who has been hibernating inside an iceberg for quite some time, is the last mammoth left on earth, and everyone loves her. She's kind, understanding and strong and has plenty of new friends. Still, the world that Gretel wakes up to is rather different to the one she remembers, and although she tries her hardest to fit in, Gretel starts to feel sad. Rather than bother her new friends, Gretel goes off to be on her own, but she soon finds that makes her feel worse. How can she get the hang of living in this new world, where she feels she doesn't belong? Fortunately, her friends are there to help Gretel find herself - and stroke her woolly feet to make her feel better.



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IMPORTANT DATES!

07/11/22
Parents' Evening for Pupils in 5D

17/11/22
Flu Vaccine Catch-Up

18/11/22
Children in Need

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Year 2 (97.1%)

Year 3 (97.0%)

Year 5 (96.7%)

Year 6 (96.1%)

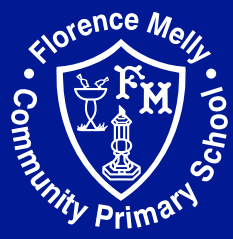
Year 4 (94.3%)

Reception (93.8%)

Year 1 (93.3%)

Nursery (89.2%)

95.1%
Whole-School attendance this week!



FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENT/CARER UPDATE

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End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 4th November 2022

First and foremost, welcome back to school after what I hope was a relaxing half-term break. I mentioned before the holiday that one area we will be focussing on when we return is improving our attendance. Over the coming weeks, you will notice a significant increase in the number of initiatives and strategies put in place around attendance. The short and simple fact of the matter is that our attendance is not as good as it needs to be. Moving forwards, we are really going to need your help promoting just how important getting up and attending school every single day is! At Florence Melly, attendance matters!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. My door is always open.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Leach
Headteacher

Winter Food Vouchers

We have been informed that Liverpool City Council have received a Household Support Fund from the Department for Work and Pensions which will run until 31st March 2023. It has been agreed that LCC will use some of this grant to purchase supermarket vouchers to support parents with food. There will be an e-voucher distributed to parents who are eligible for FSM sometime during November and then additional Winter Food Support vouchers in December and February. The vouchers will try to coincide with school holidays but are NOT part of any previous schemes.

The vouchers amounts are:

- £15 per child in November
- £30 per child in December and
- £15 per child in February.

At the moment, there is not a definite date for distribution, but we will be in touch to let you know when they are available.

Parent/Carer Survey

A huge thank you to all parents/carers who completed the parent/carers questionnaire before the half-term holidays. We are still analysing the information and will provide an overview to you all shortly. The vast majority of comments were overwhelmingly positive but there are things that we need to improve and we certainly will.

The Latest Addition to the Flo Melly Family

We are delighted to welcome Mr Derbyshire and Miss Bear's daughter to the world and to our Flo Melly family. As you can imagine, they are absolutely besotted with their new bundle of joy. Congratulations to them both.

Farewell Miss Hibbert

Sadly, Miss Hibbert has left Florence Melly Community Primary School. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her work during her time at our school and we wish her the best for the future. Good luck Miss Hibbert!

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