



A *very* SPECIAL ASSEMBLY!

To the children's delight and amazement, Wednesday saw the arrival of two pink elves and a giant box of prizes at school. This was the launch of our countdown to Christmas reading competition, set up by our Reading Lead, Miss Foley. Thanks to generous donations from Very and Beanstalk, we have lots of incredible prizes to be won by children who engage wholeheartedly with our Christmas reading for pleasure initiative. To encourage all children to join in, each child left school on Wednesday with a brand-new book to share at home.

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Empowering our Pupils through the #iWill Project

This term a group of our Year 5 and 6 pupils have been getting involved with the #iWill project with the help of our friends at the LFC Foundation. The #iWill projects are part of a youth-led programme that empowers young people to identify, prioritise and tackle the issues that young people feel most strongly about. The programme believes in the power of youth and wants to ensure that all young people have the opportunity to be leaders in their communities. Our pupils have been out committing their time and skills to Bright Park, located near to Alder Hey hospital. Last week, the group braved the cold to help staff dig, plant and change the park's landscape. Staff at the park were so impressed with our pupils, they have been invited back in the New Year!



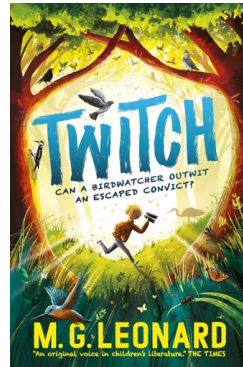
British Cross Challenge Championships at Sefton Park

A big 'Flo Melly' well done to our cross-country runners who represented our school, or the Liverpool primary schools squad, at the British Cross Challenge championships last Saturday. We are so proud of how well they did.



Mrs O'Keefe's Weekly Book Recommendation...

This week's recommendation from Mrs O'Keefe is [Twitch by M.G. Leonard](#). The story centres on the character of Twitch, who is a kind, sensitive 12-year-old boy, who always stands up for what is right. He adores birds and tenderly cares for his four pet pigeons, three hens and a family of swallows, who nest in his bedroom every year. Bullied at school, he makes an enemy out of Jack when he stops him from killing a pigeon, so he is relieved when the Summer holidays start. Keen to spend his days at Aves Wood Nature Reserve, where he has constructed a secret birdwatching hide, Twitch intends to train his two youngest pigeons, Squeaker and Frazzle, to become homing birds; however, his peaceful retreat is teaming with police officers, on the hunt for an escaped prisoner who has been spotted in the area. It is an uplifting tale about friendship, trust and the wonder of nature.



Head over to our [Twitter](#) and [Flickr](#) feeds for more updates, news and photos!



IMPORTANT DATES!

08/12/22
Christmas
Jumper Day

12/12/22
Whole-school
trip to Chester
Zoo

21/12/22
Children finish
for Christmas
(1:30pm)

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Year 2 (96.1%)

Year 5 (95.2%)

Year 6 (94.4%)

Year 4 (93.5%)

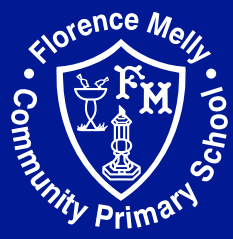
Year 1 (93.2%)

Year 3 (91.7%)

Reception (86.7%)

Nursery (78.5%)

92.1%
Whole-School
attendance this week!



FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENT/CARER UPDATE

IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT!



End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 2nd December 2022

Whole-School Trip to Chester Zoo - Monday 12th December 2022

This is a little reminder that our whole-school trip to Chester Zoo is fast approaching. If you haven't already, please make your voluntary donation (of £5 per pupil) via ParentPay or via the school office. A big thank you to all parents/carers who have already made this payment.

Secondly, if your child is entitled to a means tested 'Free School Meal' and you would like a packed-lunch making up by our kitchen staff for your child to take on the trip, please let the school office know as soon as possible. Please make sure that your child has a packed lunch and snacks for the day of the trip. The children will not be able to buy food or drink at the zoo.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 8th December (this Thursday coming) marks the [Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day](#). We will be supporting this initiative again this year and we are asking that the children come into school wearing a Christmas jumper in exchange for a voluntary £1 donation. The money raised will not only support this charitable cause but it will be split to support families much closer to home as well.

Christmas dinner day - Wednesday 14th December 2022

We have organised with Chartwells, our school meal provider, for our Christmas dinner celebration to take place on Wednesday 14th December. If your child usually has a packed-lunch but would like a Christmas dinner on this day, please see the school office and pay for the dinner. The Christmas dinner is priced at £2.72.

There will be a reduced alternative selection available for those children who do not like Christmas dinner.

School photos

On Monday, pupils had both individual and sibling photographs taken by the school photographer. All pupils were sent home with an order form. An eagle-eyed parent noticed an expired discount code on the order form and contacted the company directly. They have agreed to honour the discount code up until 12/12/22. Please get your orders in quickly to receive the discount.

Have a great weekend.

The Flo Melly team!

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