



REAL LIFE HEROES IN THE EYES!

This week, as part of an exciting new topic, our Reception children met and interviewed some special 'real-life heroes'. As part of a series of visits, the children met a soldier, tried on some of his kit, learned about how he looks after people and protects the country and even got the chance to wear real camouflage cream. The second visit was courtesy of our heroes from the NHS! The nurses explained how they care for children and keep everyone safe. They brought along Denny the Dinosaur and models of teeth to show the children how to care for them and even let them have a go of a real stethoscope! A huge Flo Melly thank you to our 'real-life heroes' for bringing the children's learning alive! Are you a 'real-life hero'? Are you willing to give up some of your time to speak to our amazing children? If so, please get in touch - we would be delighted to have you!



National Puzzle Day - A Challenging Workshop with the LFC Foundation

This week's workshop was all to do with puzzles and showing resilience when faced with a dilemma. As one of our core values is resilience, we were confident that our children would rise to the challenge - and they did! Our Year 6 children are becoming braver when it comes to being challenged in different situations and we see this as an important trait to have as they prepare for life in secondary school. The workshop will also put them in good stead for next week's NSPCC Number Day which will be packed full of difficult puzzles and challenges!



Kung Hey Fat Choi! Building Cultural Capital through Enrichment!

As part of our Cultural Capital curriculum, Mr Doyle organised an exciting enrichment trip for a group of Year 4 pupils to China Town to celebrate Chinese New Year. The children explored this area of our vibrant city and visited a Chinese restaurant to round off a brilliantly informative and cultural afternoon. What a memorable learning experience it proved to be for our children. Here are just some of the comments from the children themselves: "I loved it some much, it's the nicest food I ever eaten" and "I thought it was the best experience ever".



Mr Mullin's Weekly Book Recommendation...

This week's book recommendation, from Mr Mullin our Science Lead, is '[Morgana Mage in the Robotic Age](#)' by Amy Bond. This memorable chapter novel combines a unique blend of futuristic science and magic to make a memorable read! When Morgana finds herself in the technologically advanced city that she's always dreamed about being part of, her sheltered background as a witch leads her to see things others would rather keep hidden. The clever mix of enchantment and realism makes this an ideal read for children in KS2 who are interested in STEM but like to question the world around them. Go on, check it out...



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IMPORTANT DATES!

01/02/23
NEU Teacher Strike - School is closed to ALL pupils.

03/02/23
NSPCC Number Day.

10/02/23
Children finish for half-terms

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Year 1 (95.6%)

Year 6 (94.6%)

Year 3 (93.7%)

Year 4 (93.5%)

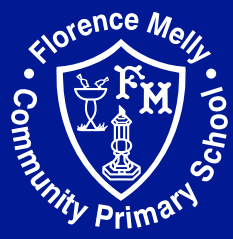
Year 5 (92.3%)

Reception (90.3%)

Year 2 (88.8%)

Nursery (81.9%)

92.0%
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 27th January 2023

Industrial Strike Action - You may have heard on the news that members of the National Education Union (NEU) have voted to take strike action. The dates of the strikes, for our area, are as follows:

- Wednesday 1st February 2023
- Tuesday 28th February 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

Since the announcement last week, the Senior Leadership Team, Governors and I have spent time assessing the impact the strike action would have on our school and children. We have consulted the Local Authority and I am now in a position to confirm that **Florence Melly Community Primary School will be closed, to ALL children, on Wednesday 1st February 2023, due to the industrial strike action.**

Our risk assessment confirms that, on health and safety grounds, we cannot open school to any pupils; we will not have the staff capacity to safely look after and supervise the children on the strike day.

Whilst we understand the huge inconvenience this may cause, we respect that members of any professional association/union have the right to take this action following a legal ballot. At this moment in time, we do not have any further updates regarding the scheduled strike days for Tuesday 28th February, Wednesday 15th March or Thursday 16th March 2023. Further information will be provided as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience and support in dealing with this very complex matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me: a.leach@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk.

Dinner Money - Just a little reminder to parents/carers who pay for school dinners that these should be paid for on a Monday (for the week ahead). A huge thank you to those parents/carers that do. Payments must be paid in cash to the school office.

Our New Security Gates - We have recently had new security fencing installed around the school site, making our school much safer for our pupils. This new fencing includes a holding gate at the front entrance. Can I please remind all parents/carers to not leave this gate open or prop it open. It is vital that these gates are closed. If you see any gate open, please close it and/or contact a member of our team.

NSPCC Number Day - Next Friday marks the annual NSPCC Number Day and Miss Byott, our Maths Lead, has arranged a fun-filled maths inspired day for the children to enjoy. The children can come into school wearing 'number-themed' clothing in exchange for a voluntary donation of £1. The money raised on the day will support the great work the NSPCC do to keep children safe and for our very own initiatives in school. For more information, please visit: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/charity-fundraising/schools-fundraising-ideas/number-day/>.

Thank you for your support with this matter. Keeping our children safe is our number one priority.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Leach
Headteacher

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