



# SAFER INTERNET DAY!

What an amazing day we all had on Tuesday, as we celebrated Safer Internet Day in true Flo Melly style! This year's event was the 20th edition of the campaign and Mr Baillie (our Assistant Headteacher and Personal Development Lead) and Mr Southern (our Computing Lead) joined forces and signposted our staff and children to a wonderful array of tasks, assemblies and activities to enjoy. Our friends at [@TheParentsZone](#) hosted a live, online assembly and [@UK\\_SIC](#) showed a film about what happened when pupils (including those from our school) visited Anfield to tackle the subject of staying safe online. These are just two examples of how we all immersed ourselves into the day and developed our knowledge and understanding of how to stay safe online!

## NSPCC Number Day!

Last Friday marked the annual NSPCC Number Day and Miss Byott, our Maths Lead, arranged a fun-filled maths inspired day for the children to enjoy. The children came into school wearing 'number-themed' clothing in exchange for a voluntary donation of £1 and we raised a whopping amount for this worthwhile charity! We are all mathematicians at Flo Melly!



## IMPORTANT DATES!

**20/02/23**

Children return to school after the half-term break

**28/02/23**

Teacher strike - school is closed to ALL pupils!

**02/03/23**

World Book Day celebrations

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



# Number Day 2023

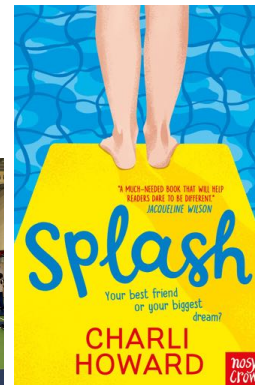
## The Half-Termly 'Best Class' Attendance Trip!

Attendance matters at Flo Melly and every half-term, as part of Mr Baillie's attendance league competition, the class with the best attendance are treated to a action-packed and fun-filled day out! Last half-term, Mr Derbyshire's class finished top of the pile and as their reward, they visited the cinema, McDonald's and enjoyed a game of bowling! Is there a better way to spend a day? We don't think so! Who will win this half-term's top prize? Attendance Matters at Florence Melly!

## Weekly Book Recommendation by Mrs Dentith (our PE Lead)...

Splash, by Charli Howard, is perfect for any sport fans in Years 5 & 6. Molly is passionate about swimming, but her best friend Chloe says swimming is for geeks. Although Molly is desperate for Chloe's approval, she doesn't want to relinquish her dream of becoming a champion swimmer. At home, life is turned upside-down when Molly's mother, who left when she was a baby, turns up unexpectedly. Molly is torn between the excitement of getting to know her mum, and the fear that she will disappear again. This novel touches on issues from anxieties about starting secondary school to pressures around body image. It explores friendship and encourages young people to follow their dreams and find their place in the world.

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



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Year 4 (95.7%)

Nursery (95.4%)

Year 2 (93.4%)

Reception (93.3%)

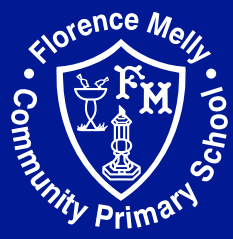
Year 3 (92.5%)

Year 1 (90.5%)

Year 5 (90.5%)

Year 6 (89.5%)

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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 10th February 2023

**Industrial strike action** - The date of the next teacher strike action is fast approaching. Earlier this year, the NEU (National Education Union) announced that they would strike on four occasions during the Spring term. On Wednesday 1st February, the first strike day, our school was closed to all pupils.

I can confirm that **Florence Melly Community Primary School will be closed, to ALL children on Tuesday 28th February 2023.**

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, I do not have any further updates regarding the remaining strike days, scheduled for Wednesday 15th March and 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](mailto:a.leach@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk).

#### Parent Governor election reminder

We are seeking to appoint a new parent governor to our Governing Body. We are inviting all prospective parents to submit a nomination for the post. For further details, click here: [Parent Governor Information](#). If you are interested, please complete this online nomination form. Once we have collected all nomination forms, I will announce the next steps: [Nomination Form](#). The closing date for nominations is Monday 20th February 2023 (that's the Monday after the half-term holiday). Thank you!

#### Extra-curricular clubs for the rest of the Spring term

A huge thank you to the parents/carers who promptly completed the extra-curricular online booking form. The clubs have now been mostly filled and there is a huge selection for our pupils to get their teeth stuck into. For more information, please visit our extra-curricular webpage: <https://florencemelly.org/about-us/after-school-clubs/>. If you have any questions about any of our clubs, please get in touch.

#### HAF - Half-term activities and food

Liverpool City Council have again been allocated funding by the Department of Education to provide holiday activities and healthy food for children this half-term. The focus of the programme is on children eligible for benefits-related free school meals and Local Authorities are asked to ensure that the offer of free holiday club provision is available for all children eligible for free school meals, although it is accepted that not all eligible children will choose to participate.

Merseyside Play Action Council have been awarded the contract to deliver the HAF programme in Liverpool and they have a wonderful selection of provision on offer. For more information, please visit: <https://merseyplay.com/feb-half-term-activities-food/>. If you have any questions, please contact a member of our team.

Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful half-term holiday.

Mr Leach  
Headteacher

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