



## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK!

Before the half-term break, our whole-school came together to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week 2023 (<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk>). The theme for the week was Let's Connect, and our children explored how they could make healthy, rewarding, and meaningful connections in a range of engaging and exciting ways. Mr Doyle (our Mental Health Lead), Mrs Cotter (our Writing Lead) and Miss Foley (our Reading Lead) joined forces and planned a whole host of activities linked to the book '[Bottled by Tom and Joe Brassington](#)' for the children to enjoy. We have further plans to revisit this fabulous book as part of World Book Day; helping our children share their feelings. At Flo Melly, it's ok to not be ok!



## IMPORTANT DATES!

**28/02/23**

Teacher strike - school is closed to ALL pupils!

**02/03/23**

World Book Day celebrations

**27/03/23**

Parents' Evening (more details to follow)

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



### The Nest at Florence Melly!

The Nest is our enhanced provision base which supports some pupils who have SEND, particularly those with communication and interaction difficulties. The provision is highly personalised to each pupil and it provides the opportunity for pupils to access a broad and balanced curriculum at an appropriate level within a nurturing environment. Learning in the Nest is highly structured and each day of the week has a specific focus, such as; Therapy Tuesday when the children engage in Bucket Therapy and Friendsday Wednesday when learning focuses on turn taking and positively interacting with peers.

### Creating Memorable Learning Experiences!

A special 'thank you' to Red Neighbours and the LFC Foundation for the very unique experiences they provided for our pupils recently! One group attended a special World Book Day event with musician Kieo, where they created some new chants for the terraces. They were then joined by three Liverpool superstars! Another group attended a special meet and greet with several first team players, creating memories that will last a life time!

### Weekly Book Recommendation by Mr Leach!

This week's book recommendation comes from Mr Leach and is a favourite from his childhood. A newly published version of the classic tale of [Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown](#), complete with wonderful new illustrations by the award-winning illustrator Rob Biddulph. Stanley Lambchop was just an ordinary boy until a noticeboard fell on him. Now he's flat as a pancake! Being flat is fantastic - he can be rolled up, sent in the post and even fly like a kite. But it's not all fun and games...there are thieves in town. Can the flattest boy in the world be its biggest hero? This chapter book is a perfect story to be shared with younger readers in Years 2, 3 and 4.



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Year 3 (98.2%)

Year 1 (96.3%)

Year 2 (96.3%)

Year 5 (96.3%)

Reception (95.7%)

Year 6 (95.4%)

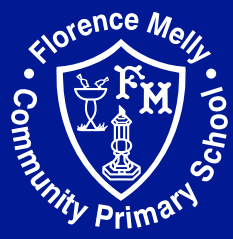
Year 4 (86.9%)

Nursery (86.9%)

**95.2%**  
Whole-school attendance this week!

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# 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 24th February 2023

**Industrial strike action** - This is a reminder 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. If your child is entitled to means tested free school meals, and you would like a school meal on the strike day, please contact Mr Baillie via email ([k.baillie@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:k.baillie@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk)). Thank you for your patience and support in dealing with this very complex matter.

**Our Spring Social** - A huge thank you to Mrs Woodhouse and Mrs Shaw (and every one else who helped out) for organising and driving our recent Spring Social. The event proved to be a real hit and we raised a massive £283 which will help pay for resources for the children! This is the first time we have run anything like this before and, because you supported the event, we are already planning the next one! Thank you for supporting our school.

**Re-launching our behaviour policy and Class Dojo** - On Monday, Mr Leach relaunched the school's behaviour policy and Class Dojo rewards with informative assemblies for pupils in Year 1 to Year 6. Over the next few weeks, we will be introducing lots of new initiatives like weekly trips out for exceptional behaviour and inviting parents/carers into school for our Friday Celebration Assembly to see their child collect a new 'Core Values Award' which will be replacing 'Student of the Week' certificates. All very exciting indeed. This is in response to an increase in more challenging and undesirable behaviour in school. At Florence Melly Community Primary, we pride ourselves on how exemplary our pupils' behaviour is and we want that to continue to be a real strength of our wonderful school.

When you send your child to our school, you are agreeing to the principles that we set out in our behaviour policy. You can access this by clicking this link: <https://florencemelly.org/behaviour>. We appreciate your full support with how this is implemented and applied across the school. If you have any questions about any part of this policy, please contact Mr Baillie (our Behaviour Lead) or Mr Leach (our Headteacher), who are always available to help.

**Everton in the Community dad's club** - Running twice monthly, the club is open to all dad's/male carers with pre-school aged children. We have lots of play equipment and activities about for the dads to engage with their children. Healthy snacks and bacon sandwiches are also provided for all. Their next two groups will have a mobile petting zoo, where the children will be able to meet a variety of small animals.

The next dates and times are:

- 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023 between 10:00 -11:30am at Clubmoor Children's Centre.
- 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023 between 10:00 - 11:30am at The People Hub.

The club is completely free to attend, but you need to register by filling out this form: [Everton in the Community dad's club](#).

**Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check** - Thank you to the Year 4 parents/carers who came into school this week for the Multiplication Tables Check workshop. Mrs Matthews and the Year 4 team prepared an informative presentation and even challenged those present to test their own times tables knowledge. They provided some practical tips and hints as to how best to support their child at home, in preparation. This presentation will be made available on the Year 4 Class Dojo. For further information about the check, please click here: [Information for parents - 2023 multiplication tables check](#).

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

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