



## WALKING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND!

No one expected to see what greeted them when they woke up on Friday morning! Frosty the Snowman had visited and had left a blanket of pristine white snow, ripe and ready for the children to enjoy. As soon as the registers were taken, Mr Leach summoned the children and staff onto the yard for a giant snowball fight...and they duly obliged! The laughter and fun could be heard by the neighbours in the surrounding houses as the children bombarded each other and the staff with snowballs! Moments like these are precious and creating memorable experiences is what we are all about at Florence Melly. There was no way in the world we were closing our school - playing in the snow as a whole-school community was an opportunity we did not want to miss!



### Celebrating British Science Week - Making Connections!

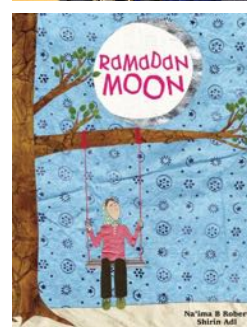
Despite the disruption this week, Mr Mullin (our Science Lead) with the help of Mrs Cotter (our resident Eco Warrior) have inspired the children and teachers to enjoy [British Science Week](#). This year's theme is 'connections' and using inspiring Scientists from past and present, the children have connected to the wonderful world of Science. The children have enjoyed completing a range of investigations; making predictions, testing hypotheses and enjoying working scientifically! Some of our more able scientists have also enjoyed an enrichment trip to Eureka! Science + Discovery at Seacombe Ferry terminal. At Flo Melly, we are Scientists!

### World Book Day - Poetry Competition and Winners

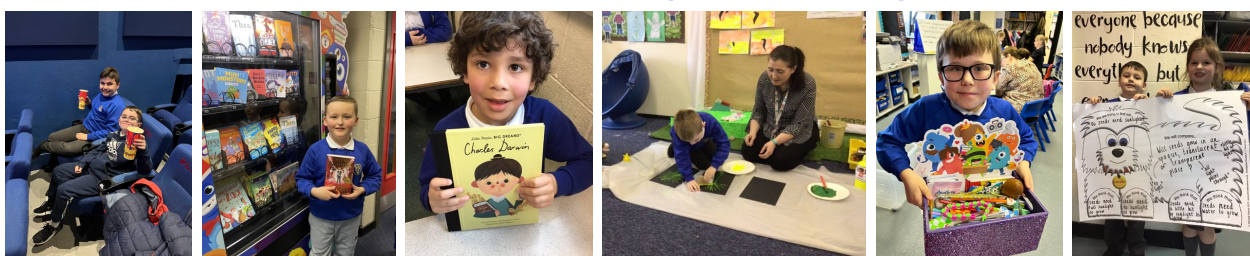
As part of our World Book Day celebrations, Miss Foley and Mrs Cotter set an exciting poetry competition for the children to enjoy. This week, some of the children claimed their prizes and, in the very near future, the winners will receive their VIP prizes! Check back soon to find out what they receive!

### Weekly Book Recommendation by Mr Baillie!

This week's book recommendation is from Mr Baillie and it is [Ramadan Moon](#) by [Nai'ma B Robert](#). Muslims all over the world celebrate Ramadan and the joyful days of Eid-al-Fitr at the end of the month of fasting as the most special time of year. This lyrical and inspiring picture book captures the wonder and joy of this great event, from the perspective of a child. Accompanied by Iranian inspired illustrations, the story follows the phases of the moon until Eid is heralded by the first sighting of the second new moon. This is a perfect book for all children who celebrate Ramadan or for those in the wider communities who want to understand why this is such a special experience for Muslims.



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



## IMPORTANT DATES!

**27/03/23**  
Parents' Evening (more details to follow).

**30/03/23**  
'The Nest' Stay and Play for Parents/Carers

**31/03/23**  
Children finish for half-term at 1:30pm.

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

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Nursery (96.8%)

Year 1 (95.5%)

Year 5 (95.0%)

Year 4 (93.8%)

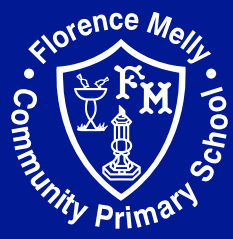
Year 2 (92.7%)

Reception (91.7%)

Year 3 (91.6%)

Year 6 (87.5%)

**92.4%**  
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 17th March 2023

### Parents' evening - Monday 27th March 2023

It is that time of the year again and we are excited to announce the arrangements for our second parents' evening of the year. You will have the opportunity to come into school, look at your child's books and chat with their teacher on Monday 27th March 2023. Appointments will take place at the end of the day, after-school. All extra-curricular clubs will be cancelled on this night. We will be using the <https://www.signupgenius.com> platform to arrange the meetings with your child's class teacher. We have used this online booking system before and it has been popular with parents/carers. If you haven't already, please register online and check your email address for an invitation from school to make an appointment.

If, for any reason, you did not receive an invite - please contact the school office. Our Business Manager, Mrs Kane, is overseeing the setting up of appointments and will be able to help you if you come across any problems.

Unfortunately, parents' evening for parents/carers of pupils in 4L (Miss McCarrick's class) and 5D (Mr Derbyshire's class) will take place at a later date. This is because both staff members are absent from school. I will update you all in due course and I apologise for any inconvenience caused. I promise that you will not miss out and that the appointments will take place as soon as possible.

### Class Photographs

We have sent home slips from Kittle, the company we used to take the class photographs last week. Ordering your photographs has never been easier. Scan the QR code on the ticket your childhood brought home or go to <https://www.kittleorders.com> and enter your photo ID and password (which is on the ticket).

There is absolutely no obligation to buy the photographs.

If you have any questions, please contact the office who are more than happy to help.

### Parent Book Club

Recent research has shown that young people are more likely to be readers if they see the adults in their lives reading, which is why, we would love to start our own Parent/Carer Book Club. We aim to read one new book each term and then to meet at school one morning for a discussion about the book, over a cuppa and some biscuits. Our first session will be at 9am on Tuesday 28th March in the school hall. Whether you are already an avid reader, love reading but can't always find the time, or are looking to introduce reading into your lives, we would love to have you on board!

### Dogs on the Playground

In recent weeks there has been an increase in parents/carers bringing dogs onto the school playground. We would like to remind all parents/carers that it is our policy that no dogs are to be brought onto the school site (apart from assistance dogs). Thank you for your support with this matter.

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

The Flo Melly team.

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