



## WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY 2023



Earlier this week, the whole school community came together to raise awareness of Down Syndrome by getting involved in the 'lots of socks' initiative. Believe it or not, socks help us to get people talking on World Down Syndrome Day. In 2013, the theme of wearing odd socks was introduced to raise awareness. Over time, it has also been promoted as 'Lots of Socks'. The idea was created because chromosomes are shaped 'like socks' and people with Down Syndrome have an extra chromosome. Our school community showed off their mismatched, craziest and most colourful socks and proudly shouted..."I'm wearing them to raise awareness of Down Syndrome". At Flo Melly we are inclusive and diverse!

### Developing our New School Allotment

This week, our plans to develop our onsite allotment gathered pace as our new Vegtrugs arrived and the children started to build the bug hotel and planted violas in the 'air bee n bees'. All very exciting indeed! Check back soon for more updates!

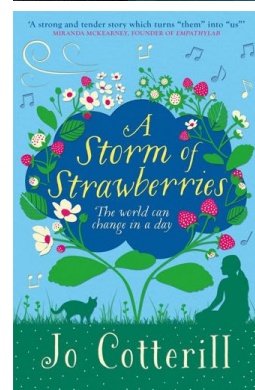
### Supersonic Scientists visit the Catalyst Science Discovery Centre

Further to our amazing Science Week last week, Mr Mullin whisked a group of Supersonic Scientists off to the Catalyst Science Discovery Centre in Widnes for an afternoon of exploration. The children enjoyed a host of interactive exhibits, reconstructed scenes and multi-media programmes to stimulate their senses; all of which bringing a range of subjects to life from Science, Maths, Engineering and Technology to the Humanities and Geography. Is there a better way to bring our Science week celebrations to an end? We don't think so!

### Weekly Book Recommendation by Mrs Matthews (Chair of Governors)!

This week's book recommendation, '[A Storm of Strawberries](#)' by Jo Cotterill, has been selected as part of our engagement in World Down Syndrome Day earlier this week. Twelve-year-old Darby is excited - it is the weekend of the family's chocolate hunt; however, her beloved sister Kaydee has suddenly brought home a friend for the weekend. Plus, her parents seem distracted, increasingly preoccupied with news that a major storm is brewing. Does no one realise how important the event is to Darby? Darby has Down's Syndrome and sometimes it's not clear to her why things cannot always be as she would like. In this case, it feels as if two of the things she loves most are at risk of slipping away from her. The action takes place over a single weekend in this powerful and beautiful little novel. The depiction of Down's Syndrome is convincing, sensitive and does not dominate or dictate the plot - it is just a part of Darby's character. Darby is an exceptionally likeable protagonist and as readers you will empathise fully with her predicament, but also that of her parents as they battle the elements to save their farm and protect their livelihood.

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!

Year 5 (96.0%)

Year 6 (96.0%)

Year 3 (95.2%)

Year 2 (94.7%)

Year 4 (94.3%)

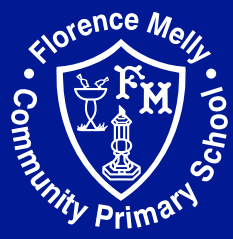
Year 1 (93.9%)

Reception (91.7%)

Nursery (89.2%)

**94.2%**  
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 24th March 2023

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

Please do not forget, this coming Monday (27th March) we will be holding 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 that we sent for you 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.

### Liverpool Parenting Newsletter

Please find below, the latest edition of the Liverpool Parenting Newsletter. The newsletter is packed full of information and advice to support parents/carers, families and children across the city; as well as signposting you to events and activities on offer between March and May 2023.

Check it out by clicking this link: <https://sway.office.com/yaQ6W3itHm4L9gTU?ref=Link>

### Violence and Intimidating Behaviour Towards Staff

It saddens us to have to say this but there have been a couple of incidents recently where staff have been confronted in an intimidating manner. These two posters are displayed proudly in our reception area and we would like to remind parents/carers and visitors of our expectations at Florence Melly Community Primary School. We are a family - the Flo Melly family - and we need to remember that we all share a common goal; that is to give our children the very best!

We would appreciate your full support with this stance.

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

The Flo Melly team.

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## Violence to Staff

Liverpool City Council is clear that any form of violence directed towards its employees is unacceptable.

To ensure the safety and respect of those who work in or use the services of the City Council, **violent behaviour of any kind will not be tolerated.**

The City Council will take action against any person who is violent towards its staff, which may include Police involvement and/or withdrawal of services.

## We welcome visitors to our school

We will act to ensure it remains a safe place for pupils, staff and all other members of our community.

If you have concerns we will always listen to them and seek to address them.

Please be aware however, that teaching personnel have the right to work without fear. Abusive, threatening or violent behaviour will not be tolerated in this school.

Visitors behaving in this way are like to be removed from the premises and prosecuted.

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