



CELEBRATING EASTER FLO MELLY STYLE!

What a fabulous last week we had in school this week, celebrating Easter in true 'Flo Melly' style. Our children have enjoyed participating in the Easter egg-stravaganza (design an Easter egg competition), an Easter bonnet parade and a special celebratory whole-school assembly. Rev Jean Flood, a former Governor at Florence Melly, paid us a visit and spoke to the children about the true meaning of Easter and the resurrection of Jesus. The events were all organised by Mrs Findell, Miss Batt and Mrs Doyle and we are delighted with how our children and families responded to the challenges we set them. What a wonderful way to cap off a brilliant term at Florence Melly Community Primary School!



Parent/Carer 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 have started our own Parent/Carer Book Club. The aim is to read one new book each half-term and then to meet at school one morning for a discussion about the book, over a cuppa and some biscuits. Our first session took place on Tuesday and it was decided that 'The Book Thief by Markus Zusak' would be the first book to be read. 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!

Our Year 1 Easter Crafts Parent/Carer Stay and Play!

What a wonderful time our Year 1 pupils and parents had on Tuesday night as they came to together to enjoy an Easter themed family enrichment event. The children made a whole host of Easter themed treats and crafts to take home and it was truly wonderful to see so many parents/carers turn up and get involved. Mrs Doyle, our Art and Design Lead, combined the stay and play session with an exhibition of the children's artwork from their Autumn and Spring topics. Their Georgia O'Keeffe inspired paintings were incredible and we are looking forward to displaying these proudly around school after the holidays.

Weekly Book Recommendation for Children...

This week, for KS2 readers, we recommend Can You See Me by Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott. This book tells the story of Tally who is starting secondary school and is anxious about lots of things. Tally knows she's different: she's autistic, meaning she sees and feels everything differently to her friends and family. Now, as she enters this new stage in her life, she is painfully aware of the way she is perceived and feeling an almost unbearable pressure to try to fit in. But what exactly are the rules for being 'normal'? Tally's diary entries give an authentic insight into one girl's perspective of being autistic, and smashing a host of common assumptions and stereotypes about autism.

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



IMPORTANT DATES!

17/04/23

The children return to school after the Easter break.

17/04/23

Year 4/5 Financial Education sessions

01/05/23

May Day Bank Holiday

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Reception (95.0%)

Year 5 (94.7%)

Year 3 (94.5%)

Year 1 (93.8%)

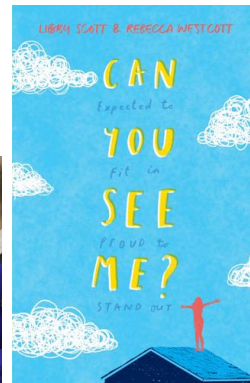
Nursery (93.8%)

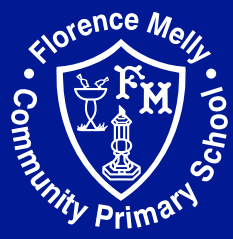
Year 4 (93.5%)

Year 2 (91.4%)

Year 6 (91.4%)

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Whole-school attendance this week!





FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENT/CARER UPDATE

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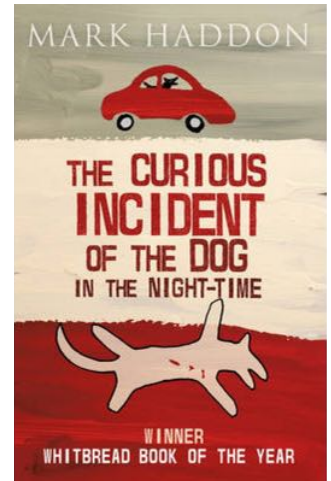


End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 31st March 2023

Weekly Book Recommendation for Parents/Carers...

As part of this new initiative, we will also be promoting a book for parents/carers, much in the same way as we have been doing for the children, through our newsletters. This idea came from the group of parents/carers who attended our first event this week.

So, this week's parent/carer book recommendation is: the [Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon](#). This unique story is seen and told through the character of Christopher, a mathematical genius and Sherlock Holmes fan, who also has Asperger's Syndrome. The novel opens with the discovery of a murdered dog on the neighbour's lawn. In his search to discover the identity of the killer, Christopher uncovers some disturbing information about his own family, which throws his ordered world into chaos, and he embarks on a journey to London to find the mother he thought was dead. This funny, touching and compelling novel, a must-read for adults and older children alike, it is an adventure story unlike any other.



Election Day - Thursday 4th May 2023

Unfortunately, on Thursday 4th May 2023 local elections are taking place in Liverpool, and our Early Years setting is being used as a polling station. We have, as a result, taken the difficult decision to close our EYFS and 'Nest' provision for the day. We have been in discussions with the local authority to find alternative solutions to prevent the closure but we have not been able to find a suitable solution. That means that our nursery children and our reception children will not be able to attend school, on site, on that day. All other children can attend school on Thursday 4th May! We are closing our EYFS because hundreds of members of the public will access the school site (on that day), using the nursery/reception entrance. This will cause issues with the drop off and pick up and issues with the security of this part of the site throughout the day. The safety of our children is our number one priority! We appreciate that this is not ideal and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Our staff will provide comprehensive and exciting remote learning activities for the entire day - just like they did during the lockdown periods. We have a brilliant system in place for remote learning and our dedicated nursery and reception teams will be on hand across the day to teach the children remotely. They will do this through Class Dojo - please make sure that you are signed up!

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, Miss Latta (our EYFS Lead) or Mr Leach (our Headteacher).

Food Vouchers

We are delighted to announce that Liverpool City Council have managed to use some extra funding from the winter grant to get some vouchers out to families across the city. That means our children, who are in receipt of Free-School Meals, will receive two £15 vouchers this week. To claim your voucher, please visit the school office. Parents/carers must collect them in person - the vouchers will not be sent home with the children.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely Easter holiday.

The Flo Melly team.

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