



LET'S MAKE 2023/24 SPECIAL!

Welcome to a new academic year at Florence Melly Community Primary School. For many of you, this is the start of another year at our wonderful school but for some, the very start of a new journey. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new families starting in Nursery and Reception - we are delighted that you have chosen our school as the setting responsible for educating and nurturing your children. I guarantee, we will look after them as if they were our own. You are now members of our Flo Melly family and that genuinely means a lot to us as a team. I hope that you all enjoyed the Summer break and that you had the opportunity to spend lots of family time together. My team and I have enjoyed a well deserved break but it was a pleasure to return to huge smiles and children bounding into the playground, excited for the first week back. We are ready and raring to go; ready to provide engaging and memorable experiences that will be cherished for a long, long time. Working together, we can make their 2023/24 academic year a very special one for the children!

Our New EYFS Outdoor Area

You may have noticed our AMAZING new Early Years outside area, which was installed over the Summer holidays? If you haven't, take a couple of minutes to check it out - it is superb! The installation has been many years in the making and we have been saving hard in order to create an engaging outdoor space for our youngest children. Seeing the smiles on their faces and the excitement as they play in the dry river bed and climb on the felled trees has been a pleasure. We are not quite finished there though! We will be fundraising throughout the year so that we can add more and more elements to this provision - starting with established trees and raised bed planters.

Mr Leach - Headteacher



Our Very Own Aspiring Author!

This week saw one of our very own pupils win a city-wide writing competition as part of the Liverpool Literacy Cycle initiative. This little superstar's entry, entitled 'The Disastrous Coronation', engaged and enthralled the judges! His reward, a certificate and a trip to our capital city was presented by Counsellor Barbara Murray and TAUQ Publishing. What an amazing achievement and pertinent timing as writing has been identified as a whole-school priority for this school year!



Weekly Book Recommendation for Children...

This week's book recommendation for children is [The Wishkeeper's Apprentice by Rachel Chivers Khoo](#). When Felix meets a little man fishing coins out of the town's fountain, he discovers that whenever anyone in the town makes a wish, it is Rupus Beewinkle who makes it come true. The wishkeeper is in dire need of an apprentice to help him, and as Felix is the only one to be able to see him, this becomes Felix's new job. But there's a terrifying wishsnatcher on the loose, determined to destroy every wish, and along with it, everyone's hopes and dreams. But can one anxious boy and one disorganised wishkeeper defeat the wishsnatcher monster? A delightfully charming and perfectly plotted adventure that packs a real emotional punch. This is perfect for children in Years 2, 3 and 4.



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



IMPORTANT DATES!

16/10/23
School Photograph Day

24/10/23
Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)

24/10/23
PATCH Halloween Disco

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Year 5 (98.6%)

Year 2 (98.3%)

Year 3 (98.1%)

Year 6 (95.8%)

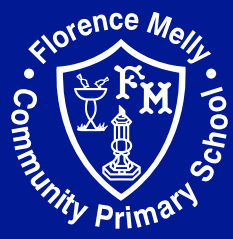
Year 1 (95.0%)

Year 4 (94.6%)

Nursery - N/A

Reception - N/A

96.7%
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 8th September 2023

Date Updates

We are in the process of finalising lots of dates for a whole variety of up and coming events and these will be communicated to you through our weekly newsletters, our website and Twitter feeds and via email.

Here are just a few that we have finalised; add them to your diary:

- Monday 18th September 2023 - Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) 'The First Chapter' meet and greet session.
- Friday 22nd September 2023 - Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) 'The First Chapter' meet and greet session.
- Monday 25th September 2023 - Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6) 'The First Chapter' meet and greet session.
- Friday 29th September 2023 - Early Years (Nursery and Reception) 'The First Chapter' stay and play session.
- Tuesday 2nd October 2023 - SEND coffee morning looking at Zones of Regulation.
- Monday 16th October 2023 - Individual and sibling photographs.
- Tuesday 24th October 2023 - Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebrations (children can dress up).
- Tuesday 24th October 2023 - PATCH Halloween Disco.
- Tuesday 14th November 2023 - SEND coffee morning with the ASD Training Team.
- Friday 17th November 2023 - Children in Need SPOTacular party.
- Monday 20th November 2023 - Parents' evening.
- Monday 4th December 2023 - School nurses in school to administer the flu immunisation (more information to follow).
- Tuesday 12th December 2023 - Safeguarding coffee morning with Mr Baillie exploring online safety.

New Phase Leaders

We are delighted to inform you that we have appointed four 'phase leaders' who will line manage and support the four different age ranges across the school. If you have a question or concern that your child's class teacher cannot resolve, please contact our new phase leaders in the first instance, before heading for a Senior Leader. We are not trying to 'pass the buck' but our phase leaders are more often in a better position to help resolve the issue quicker than a senior leader. Please find their contact information below:

- Miss Latta (Early Years Foundation Stage Lead): c.latta@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk
- Miss Burnett (Key Stage 1 Lead): k.burnett@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk
- Mr Derbyshire (Lower Key Stage 2 Lead): s.derbyshire@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk
- Miss Byott (Upper Key Stage 2 Lead): a.byott@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

The deadline for the Year 6 secondary school applications is fast approaching (**31st October 2023**). For more information, please visit the Liverpool City Council website: <https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/how-to-apply/>. Let us know if you need any help!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Leach
Headteacher

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