



Friday 22nd September 2023

FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT!



MEET AND GREET SESSIONS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

This week brought our very first 'meet and greet' sessions for parents/carers; a new initiative designed to provide the opportunity for parents and staff to get to know each other at the start of the academic year. At Florence Melly, we are always trying to find new ways to engage, collaborate and connect school and home life. KS1 kicked off proceedings with a fabulous event packed full of ideas as to how to best support pupils' phonics and reading at home. As part of our strong commitment to improving reading, the 'meet and greet' sessions are aptly named 'the First Chapter' - a delightful play on words recognising the start of a new academic year. Subsequent sessions have been planned for both EYFS, lower and upper KS2. Check on Class Dojo for further details.

Smile Squad with the LFC Foundation

This week saw a team of dentists and dental students visit the school as part of a new oral hygiene campaign - 'Smile Squad'. Children from Years 3 to 6 were given a dental examination and then issued with their own toothbrushes to use in school. This programme has been co-ordinated by the LFC Foundation and was a resounding success, and the children are already looking forward to their follow up visits!

An exciting Premier League Draw...who are we going to watch?

On Tuesday, three of our Year 5 pupils made the short trip to Anfield for an exciting opportunity. Since 2017, the school have worked alongside Red Neighbours and they have given countless children the chance to attend live football at Anfield. The children took part in a draw to select the which matches our school will attend this season; they even got to meet Margaret Aspinall and Mighty Red!. It was an unforgettable morning and we look forward to the upcoming games this season.

Weekly Book Recommendation for Children...

This week's book recommendation gives the perfect opportunity to discuss democracy with your child. 'If I were Prime Minister...' by Trygve Skaug is a feel-good story which looks at how our country is run through the eyes of a kind, thoughtful and playful child. The story follows a young child's imagination and their desires for the community and country that they live in. They go through numerous wishes including changing the sea to water that swallows plastic, making sure everyone has at least two friends, that every garden has a swimming pool and that woolly jumpers would not feel itchy. The real question is, 'What would you do if you were Prime Minister or Team Captain?' This feel-good picture book is a beautifully illustrated story which gets the reader thinking about what they would change if they were in charge. It covers major socio-political themes including the environment, education and immigration in a child-friendly way. The designs of the pages are playful and eye-catching with an easy-to-read font with the words strewn around pictures, making it fun to read and keeping big themes light-hearted to encourage creative and imaginative thinking.



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!

Reception (97.3%)

Year 5 (96.5%)

Year 3 (95.3%)

Year 6 (95.1%)

Year 2 (94.4%)

Year 4 (93.0%)

Year 1 (92.5%)

Nursery (92.1%)

94.7%
Whole-school attendance this week!

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



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End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 22nd September 2023

Year 1 - Design Technology - Cooking and Nutrition

In a new feature of our newsletter, we will shine a spotlight on one curriculum area/activity each week to give you a better insight into what the children are learning in school. This will only be a snapshot but it will hopefully capture some of the amazing curriculum activities on offer for our children. This week, as part of their 'Cooking and Nutrition' topic 'Let's Get Fruity!', pupils in Year 1 sharpened their knife skills with our friends from Apple of my Eye! The children chopped, cut and sliced fruit safely and hygienically before devouring the delicious produce.



**SPOTLIGHT
ON
CURRICULUM**

Date Reminders

Here are some important dates; add them to your diary:

- 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.
- Friday 29th September 2023 - Liverpool Learning Partnership 'Liverpool Maths Party' event in school.
- Tuesday 3rd October 2023 - SEND coffee afternoon looking at Zones of Regulation (Changed date from what was previously advertised).
- 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.

Year 6 secondary 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!

Universal consent forms

Earlier this week, we posted a link to this year's Universal Consent form on our Class Dojo pages. In case you missed it, you can follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/C2us3j1qq8>. The Universal Consent form allows the school to gather important information about your child including things such as emergency contacts and permissions for trips. For those who don't like online forms, a paper copy will be made available early next week. Please take the time to fill these forms in, as it is important that the school has this information, thank you.

Have a lovely weekend and see you all bright and early on Monday morning.

Mr Leach