



LIVERPOOL MATHS PARTY 2023!

What a fabulous time our pupils had last Friday as we celebrated the @LLP Liverpool Maths Party! The day, organised by our friends at Liverpool Learning Partnership, is an annual event that runs in schools across the city. The purpose is to take a day to celebrate the important role that maths plays in our everyday lives and promote positive messages around maths and we certainly did that! The children played maths games, participated in competitions and puzzles and explored maths through books! The event proved to be another astounding success and Miss Byott, our Maths Lead, was over the moon with our pupils' attitudes towards maths! They simply cannot get enough of it!



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!

Nursery (95.4%)

Year 1 (95.3%)

Year 5 (94.3%)

Year 2 (94.5%)

Year 4 (93.2%)

Reception (93.2%)

Year 6 (92.7%)

Year 3 (91.3%)

93.7%
Whole-school attendance this week!

KEEP LEARNING EMBRACE NEW EXPERIENCES, SEE OPPORTUNITIES, SURPRISE YOURSELF

Last Friday saw our school community celebrate our first Mental Health and Well-Being drop down day of the academic year as the children came off curriculum to 'Keep Learning'. The focus of the day was to embrace new experiences as part of the [NHS five steps to wellbeing](#). Mr Doyle, our Mental Health Lead, laid down the gauntlet and challenged the children and staff to learn something new to help boost their mental health. The challenge was accepted and the children enjoyed learning French, practised origami and learnt the art of paper quilling. Supporting the mental health and well-being of our staff and pupils is really important to us at Florence Melly and this was just the first of six drop down sessions across the year - the next being on Friday 1st December where the focus will be 'Giving'.

Enrichment Trip to the Salvation Army

Pupils enjoyed another memorable learning experience this week in the form of an enrichment trip to the Salvation Army. As part of our strong Cultural Capital Curriculum, our children have been learning about 'Living in the Wider World' and 'Belonging to a Community'. The children experienced, first hand, the great work that the Salvation Army do in the community.

REMINDER! The closing date for Year 7 applications is 31st October!

Weekly Book Recommendation for Children...

This week's book recommendation in honour of Dyslexia Awareness Week is [Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt](#). This is an emotionally-charged, uplifting novel that will speak to anyone who's ever thought there was something wrong with them because they didn't fit in. Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker. With his help, Ally learns that dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of. As her confidence grows, Ally feels free to be herself and the world starts opening up with possibilities. She discovers that there's a lot more to her - and to everyone - than a label, and that great minds don't always think alike. 'Everybody is smart in different ways. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its life believing it is stupid'.

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





End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 6th October 2023

Year 3 - Science - Rocks and Soils

This week's 'spotlight on curriculum' delves deep into Year 3 Science and the children's topic on 'Rocks and Soils'. The focus of the day was chemistry and the study of the composition, behaviour and properties of matter. Building on their previous learning about materials, Year 3 used microscopes to explore how rocks formed and the different types of rocks. The children explained their learning using key vocabulary including: fossil, igneous, magma, metamorphic, minerals and sedimentary. The children really enjoyed working scientifically and the microscopes made them feel like real life scientists!



**SPOTLIGHT
ON
CURRICULUM**

Date Reminders

- Monday 16th October 2023 - Individual and sibling photographs.
- Tuesday 24th October 2023 - Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) (children can dress up).
- Tuesday 24th October 2023 - PATCH Halloween Disco.
- Tuesday 31st October 2023 - The closing date for Year 7 applications!
- 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.
- Friday 1st December 2023 - Mental Health Drop Down - Give (your time, your words, your presence).
- 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.

Updated Class Pages on the School Website

We have spent some time updating the class pages on the school website with the vital information we think parents/carers need to survive (the academic year at least). Take a few minutes to explore these, they are a brilliant 'first port of call' for information: <https://florencemelly.org/children/>. We will continue to develop these based on parent/carer feedback - let us know what you think!

Liverpool Parenting Newsletter

Please find attached the latest edition of the Liverpool Parenting Newsletter. This contains information to support parents/ carers, families and children in Liverpool as well as information about events and activities on offer running between September and November 2023: [Liverpool Parenting Newsletter](#).

Dyslexia Awareness Week

This week is Dyslexia Awareness Week, so at school we will be celebrating individuals with dyslexia from all backgrounds and walks of life. To continue to discuss this topic at home with your children, you may find the following website particularly useful: <https://www.parentchampions.org.uk/resources/understanding-dyslexia-booklet/>. Here you will find lots of valuable advice, positive stories and quality resources to use at home. Many more resources can also be found here: <https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/>

If you would like any further support regarding dyslexia, please reach out to us at school.

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