



We are going for the Rainbow Flag Award!

This year we have embarked on The Rainbow Flag Award at Florence Melly. This is a national quality assurance framework for schools which focuses on positive LGBT+, (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, plus other related identities), inclusion and visibility. The Rainbow Flag Award encourages a whole school approach to LGBT+ inclusion, as well as developing strategies to effectively challenge and combat LGBTphobic bullying. In order to create equality and be a truly inclusive school, LGBT+ people needed to be positively recognised and celebrated throughout the whole of school life, by including LGBT+ lives and identities through all subject areas and through our wider curriculum. By committing to the Rainbow Flag Award, we will improve the lives of all of our children, those from LGBT+ families and LGBT+ staff members. At Flo Melly we are inclusive for all!

Enrichment trip to St George's Park to meet the England football team!

Wow! Talk about a once in a lifetime opportunity! Thanks to the LFC Foundation and Nike, a handful of our pupils were taken down to St. George's Park - the home of the England National Team - for a unique experience! During a delicious breakfast, the pupils saw the Prime Minister enter the building to celebrate the awarding of the 2028 European Championship to the UK but there was much more excitement to come. The children were able to observe the England Men's team train under the guidance of Gareth Southgate, before being taken to speak with former Arsenal and England star Paul Merson about his life as a footballer. To cap off a wonderful the day, the children then got to meet and greet some of the superstars of English football including Jack Grealish, Jordan Pickford and Jude Bellingham. What a magical experience and we cannot thank everyone involved enough for making it happen!

PARENT/CARER REMINDER! It is school photograph day on Monday 16th October! Please make sure that your child comes into school wearing the correct uniform. Thank you!

Weekly Book Recommendation for Children...

This week's book recommendation is linked to our commitment to achieving the Rainbow Flag Award. [My Shadow is Purple by Scott Stuart](#) is the perfect picture book to open a discussion on gender with your children at home. 'My Dad has a shadow that's blue as a berry, and my Mum's is as pink as a blossoming cherry. There's only those choices, a 2 or a 1. But mine is quite different, it's both and it's none.' A heartwarming and inspiring book about always being true to yourself in order to achieve true happiness. This story considers gender beyond binary in a vibrant spectrum of colour. If you enjoy this story, be sure to try Scott Stuart's My Shadow is Pink picture book too!



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 4 (95.7%)

Year 2 (94.7%)

Year 6 (94.4%)

Reception (92.8%)

Year 3 (92.7%)

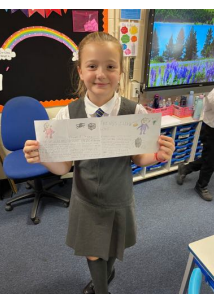
Nursery (90.7%)

Year 5 (90.2%)

Year 1 (88.5%)

92.6%
Whole-school
attendance this week!

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

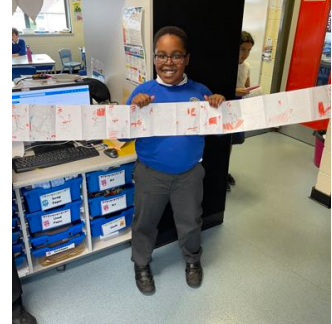




End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 13th October 2023

Whole-School - Writing - Step Inside Your Story!

This week's 'spotlight on curriculum' focussing on writing and a very special drop down day! Our pupils were immersed into an inspiring and creative day of writing. The theme of the day was 'Step Inside Your Story' which allowed the children to place themselves at the heart of their own unique and meaningful stories. We teamed up with the British Library and participated in a live-streamed session, in which pupils were given many writing tips and were lucky enough to hear other authors reading their own stories. Pupils were tasked with creating their own concertina styled books and the outcomes were incredible. All of the smiling and proud faces, at the end of the school day, showed us that the day was a great success!



**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)
- 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.

Parking

Please be considerate to our local residents and put the safety of the children first when parking your cars at drop off and pick up. It is not acceptable to park on pavements or on the yellow lines around school. They are there for a reason - we should know the importance of road safety more than anyone else in light of last year's tragedy! Please do not park, stop or drop off on the yellow zigzag lines outside school. They are there for a reason! I have recently received a number of complaints from local residents and other parents/carers about parking on the pavements and on the yellow lines. **PARK ELSEWHERE, SHOW YOU CARE!** We are fully supportive of this message and we hope that you will join us in this commitment.

Children bringing toys into school

More and more children are bringing toys into school in their pockets and school bags. Can I please remind all parents/carers that the children are not to bring these into school and to check your child/children before they come in. I have confiscated enough toys to rival Smyths Toy Superstore over the last week and I would really appreciate your support with this.

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

See you all bright and early on Monday morning.

Mr Leach
Headteacher