

# FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## WE ARE AN INCLUSIVE SCHOOL!

Earlier this week, SEND specialist Mrs Sue Cox, visited our school to review what we provide for our pupils with SEND. We are always looking to improve what we provide for our children and, over the last couple of years, a huge amount of effort and money has been spent improving outcomes for our SEND pupils. These improvements have been led by Mrs O'Keefe, our Inclusion Lead and in the next couple of weeks we will share with you all the feedback from the review. We are delighted with the outcome of the review and Mrs Cox recognised that our SEND pupils don't survive, they THRIVE! At Florence Melly we are committed to becoming the most inclusive school we can be!

### Healthy Hearts Workshop with LFC - Keeping our Children Safe!

As part of our cultural capital curriculum offer, some of our pupils visited Anfield last week to take part in a workshop with the LFC Foundation. This time, the theme was 'Healthy Hearts', and the children had a great time discussing diet and exercise with the staff at the stadium, before learning some emergency first aid skills. What an important life-skill this is! We are already looking forward to our next visit in a few weeks and would like to thank the LFC Foundation for helping us equip our pupils with the skills and knowledge to be as safe as they can be!

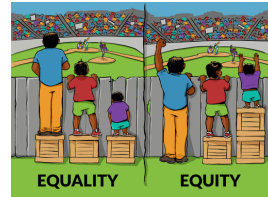
### Our Cultural Capital Curriculum Map 2023/24 - Check it out!

Our Cultural Capital Curriculum offer draws together: PSHE, Relationship and Sex Education (RSE), Philosophy for Children (P4C), SMSC and Fundamental British Values. As part of our Cultural Capital curriculum, we embed key health, wellbeing and safety messages so that our children are provided with the knowledge and skills to be physically and mentally healthy and safe in school and beyond the classroom. We promote key safety messages including: how to stay safe online, an awareness of child on child abuse and how to recognise the signs of positive and poor mental health. Recently we have updated our cultural capital curriculum map. For further details, please click the following link: [Cultural Capital Curriculum Map 2023/24](#).

### Weekly Book Recommendation for Children...

This week's book recommendation, in honour of ADHD Awareness Month, is [The Boy with the Butterfly Mind by Victoria Williamson](#). Jamie Lee wants to be normal but his ADHD makes him feel like his brain is full of butterflies. Elin Watts wants to be perfect - if she can be, surely her dad will come home. When Jamie and Elin's families blend, the polar opposites of chaotic Jamie and ordered Elin collide. As their lives spiral out of control, Jamie and Elin discover that they're actually more alike than they'd admit. Maybe there's no such thing as normal, or perfect. And perhaps, just like families, happy-ever-afters come in all shapes and sizes. Uplifting and moving, The Boy with the Butterfly Mind, is an inspiring story of acceptance, blended families, and discovering that in the end, being yourself is more than enough.

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

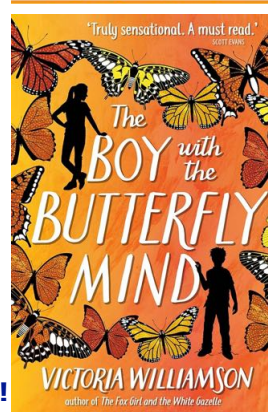



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CULTURAL CAPITAL CURRICULUM MAP  
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Cultural Capital Curriculum Map - Autumn Term 2023 (First Half Term)

Subject	Key Messages	Activities	Resources
PSHE	Relationships, Self-Confidence, Resilience	Role-play, Group Discussions	PSHE Hub, Relationships Education
RSE	Healthy Relationships, Consent, Online Safety	Guest Speakers, Videos	RSE Hub, Relationships Education
P4C	Philosophy, Critical Thinking, Empathy	Debates, Storytelling	Philosophy for Children, P4C Hub
SMSC	Self-Management, Moral Character, Social Responsibility	Assembly, School Council	SMSC Hub, Fundamental British Values

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## IMPORTANT DATES!

**24/10/23**  
Dia de los Muertos and Halloween Discos.

**26/10/23**  
The children finish for the half-term holidays.

**27/10/23**  
School is closed for a staff INSET Day!

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

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Year 6 (94.8%)

Reception (94.2%)

Year 5 (93.8%)

Year 1 (93.2%)

Year 3 (93.0%)

Year 4 (93.0%)

Year 2 (89.5%)

Nursery (85.9%)

**91.7%**  
Whole-school attendance this week!





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

### The Nest - Bucket Therapy as part of Therapy Tuesdays!

This week's 'spotlight on curriculum' takes us to our Nest provision and the 'Attention Autism' sessions that the children engage with. These are often referred to as 'Bucket Therapy' sessions and form a key part of our 'Therapy Tuesdays'. This is an intervention used to support children in developing communication, interaction and attentional skills. By using highly motivating, engaging and fun activities and toys, children receive an irresistible invitation to learn. This approach means that we are more likely to get children's attention and encourage them in spontaneously joining in. It shows the children that they can have fun in group activities which in turn improves their social skills. Bucket Therapy promotes vocabulary development and particularly supports children who are non-verbal or may have limited communication skills. Long term, this approach also helps with social skills, engagement in play, attention and behaviour. For further information please see Miss Dalton, our Nest Lead Teacher or Mrs O'Keefe, our Inclusion Lead and SENDCO.



**SPOTLIGHT  
ON  
CURRICULUM**

### Date reminders

- Tuesday 24th October 2023 - Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) and PATCH Halloween Discos.
- 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.
- Tuesday 12th December 2023 - Safeguarding coffee morning with Mr Baillie exploring online safety.

### Dropping your child/children off

Please take a couple of minutes to familiarise yourself with the arrangements for dropping your child off at the start of the day; paying particular attention to the times our classroom doors close. If your child's classroom door is closed, please take your child to the main office to be registered. Please do not knock on the door or worse, leave your child outside of the locked classroom doors. It is vitally important that, even if you are a minute late, you take your child to the main school office to be registered. Thank you for your support with this - we really appreciate it!

### PATCH Members and the School Disco

Don't forget...it is Dia de los Muertos on Tuesday and the children can come to school wearing scary costumes! Also, on the same day, PATCH have arranged spooktacular discos for the children.

The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 disco will start at 4:15pm and finish at 5:15pm. It costs £2 and the children will receive a goody bag with treats and snacks.

There is a £2 entrance fee for the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 disco, which starts at 5:45pm and finishes at 6:45pm. Children can bring extra spends to buy a whole host of sweets, treats and goodies!

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