



BRING MATHS ALIVE AT FLO MELLY!



Earlier today, our staff and pupils pulled on their number themed attire in order of celebrating the annual NSPCC Number Day! Miss Byott, our Maths Lead, arranged a fun-filled maths inspired day for the children to enjoy. The children certainly dressed for the occasion and they tackled a range of maths challenges in honour of the event. As well as having lots of fun, we raised a whopping amount for this worthwhile charity! We are all mathematicians at Flo Melly!



Number
Day 2024



February Half Term 'Eat to Meet' Holiday programme

The February 'Eat to Meet' half-term programme starts on the 12th February and there are lots of great activities happening over the city. Children and young people, from reception to age 16, who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the half-term holidays including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at **no cost**. To find out where your nearest scheme is click on this link: <https://merseyplay.com/february-half-term-eat-to-meet/>. When you have chosen the activity/scheme, you will need to contact that organisation to book a place. Should you require any further details, please do not hesitate to ask.

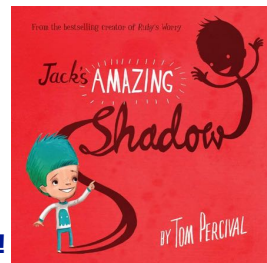
Setting Boundaries around Gaming

We have noticed more and more incidents of children coming into school and talking about accessing inappropriate games at home. In advance of Tuesday's Safer Internet Day celebrations, I would like to direct parents/carers to this wonderful infographic by National Online Safety, an organisation with aims of making the internet a safer place for all children. or following them on all of the major socials. Just search 'National Online Safety'. In the meantime, please have a look at this resource which provides top tips for setting boundaries around gaming: <https://florencemelly.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/setting-boundaries-around-gaming.pdf>.



Weekly Book Recommendation for Children...

This week's book recommendation is [Jack's Amazing Shadow](#) by Tom Percival. What does your shadow get up to? Jack and his amazing magical shadow are the very best of friends who do everything together. But when Jack's shadow gets up to mischief and starts acting of its own accord, Jack gets the blame. He decides that he has had enough, and the best friends have a falling out. Will Jack and his shadow ever be reunited? With themes of friendship, difference and the power of saying 'sorry', this story is perfect for anyone who's ever wondered what their shadow gets up to when they're not looking!



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



IMPORTANT DATES!

05/02/24
Mental health
Drop Down Day
- CONNECT!

06/02/24
Chartwells
Pancake Day
theme lunch

06/02/24
Safer
Internet
Day

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Year 5 (96.0%)

Nursery (95.8%)

Year 3 (94.8%)

Year 4 (94.7%)

Year 2 (93.2%)

Year 1 (90.7%)

Year 6 (90.3%)

Reception (83.0%)

91.8%
Whole-school
attendance this week!



End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 2nd February 2024



**SPOTLIGHT
ON
CURRICULUM**

Art & Design - Painting (Awaken with Brush) with Claude Monet

This week's spotlight on curriculum takes us to Year 5 and their painting topic in Art and Design. The children have been exploring impressionism and the work of Claude Monet. They were tasked with creating their own interpretations, using nature as inspiration - just like Monet, working with a range of different media. What wonderful pieces they created. Check back soon for more details about our up and coming art exhibitions.



THANK YOU! To the parents/carers of children in EYFS and KS1 for the amount of additional reading you are doing with your children at home! Our new 'Strive for 5' initiative is having such a positive impact but that doesn't happen without your hard work! We are hoping to have the new boxes for the rest of the school ready for after half-term!

Free Tickets to the Merseyside Youth Association Now Festival

The 'Now Festival' is a young person arts festival in its 9th year of production and runs every year during Children and Young Peoples Mental Health Week. To find out more please visit: [The 2024 Festival: 6th, 7th and 8th Feb – NOW Festival \(nowfestliv.com\)](https://nowfestliv.com). This year, they have had to move venues and they are bringing it closer to our school. To mark this move into the Anfield Community, they are offering our school free tickets for the primary school night on Wednesday 7th February 2024. The even takes place at the Liverpool Light House (L4 0UF), 6pm - 8pm (doors open from 5.15pm). The focus of the event is how to overcome Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) - it is sure to be a wonderful event.



If you are interested in attending, please drop me a message on Dojo or via email and I'll forward the tickets to you.

Book Recommendation for Parents/Carers

This week's book recommendation for parents is [A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman](#). You might recognise it as the book which inspired the recent Tom Hanks film, A Man Called Otto. Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon, the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him *the bitter neighbour from hell*, but must Ove be bitter just because he doesn't walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time? Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So, when one November morning, a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox; it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents' association to their very foundations.

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

