



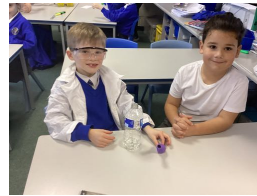
JUMP INTO JUDAISM DROP DOWN DAY!

Our children certainly jumped head first into this rich and diverse religion; in the first of our drop down days for Religious Education. On Thursday, we were privileged to welcome the amazing Eric Cohen into school to introduce the children to the religion of Judaism. All children were involved, as he delivered two informative and engaging assemblies. Eric then worked exclusively with Years 2 and 3, looking at Shabbat and Passover. The day was a huge success and learning continued in all classes throughout the day, with a real feel good buzz generated. A huge thank you to Miss Batt, our RE Lead for organising the day - the first of many to come! Events like this do not happen by magic - our staff give up a huge amount of time to ensure that what we provide is perfect for the children. Thank you Miss Batt - we really appreciate it! And a MASSIVE thank you to Eric! Shalom!



British Science Week

The same goes for Mr Mullin and the work we've been doing around British Science Week. This week marked the 30th anniversary of British Science Week, a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths, featuring entertaining and engaging events and activities across the UK for people of all ages. This year's theme was 'time' and Mr Mullin, our Science Lead, arranged lots of exciting activities, competitions and visits in honour of the celebration. The children have immersed themselves into all things Science including; mini-beasts virtual reality, chemical reaction and STEM challenge workshops, a recycle right project and our Science poster competition (see Class Dojo for more details). The fun doesn't end there though - Mr Mullin has lots of other treats lined up in the coming weeks like a trip to the new Eureka Science and Discovery Centre in Seacombe Ferry and our very own hatchlings.



Celebrating World Book Day in Style!

Pupils in 5W celebrated World Book Day in style last week...at Anfield where they met Ben Lyttleton, author of 'The Football School'! The children enjoyed a variety of activities including a manga inspired creative writing workshop. They wrapped up the event by going home with a selection of books kindly donated by the [@Literacy_Trust](#), with winning students receiving a book signed by [@BenLyt!](#)

Red Nose Day Celebration!

Pupils celebrated Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) on Friday (15th March) and were invited to wear something red into school. At Florence Melly we love supporting good causes close to home and across the world. Appreciation is one of our core values and by supporting causes like Comic Relief, it allows our children reflect on how fortunate they are! We will let you know how much we raised next week!

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



IMPORTANT DATES!

- 18/03/24**
Photographer to take website photos
- 18/03/24**
Bullybusters parent/child session
- 19/03/24**
Year 2 Trip to St George's Church
- 22/03/24**
Whole-school mental health celebration

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

THIS WEEK'S YEAR GROUP ATTENDANCE!

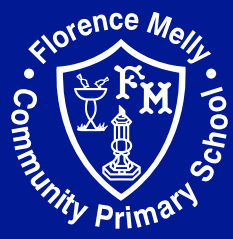
- Nursery (96.5%)
- Year 6 (93.9%)
- Year 1 (93.8%)

CLASSES ABOVE 97% THIS WEEK...

- 5D with 100% 🤖
- 100% ATTENDEES...
- This week: 368 pupils
- Year to date: 46 pupils

WHOLE-SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FIGURES

- 92.9%**
Whole-school attendance this week!
- 93.5%**
Whole-school attendance this year!



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PARENT/CARER UPDATE

IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT!



End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 15th March 2024

Easter holiday activities and food programme

The Easter HAF programme starts on the 2nd April and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays. 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 Easter holidays including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at no cost. There's a great range of activities across the city including Easter egg hunts, Easter parties, bubble football, Nerf wars, mindfulness, swimming, football, music, dance, cycling, gymnastics, theatre tech, cooking, discos, podcasting, arts and crafts, drama, basketball, trips out and nature walks! A meal will be provided for every child attending. You can find out where your nearest scheme is by clicking on this link <https://merseyplay.com/easter-haf-holiday-activities-food/> or go to <https://www.merseyplay.com> and click on the Easter HAF activities link.

Operation Encompass Notifications

Our school is part of Operation Encompass, which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse and other issues that may impact upon their wellbeing. The police force will also share details about children who are missing from home with us so that we can appropriately understand and support their needs when they return.

As a school we have ensured that Mr Leach, our Designated Safeguarding Lead, is known as a Key Adult, that he has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures, allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

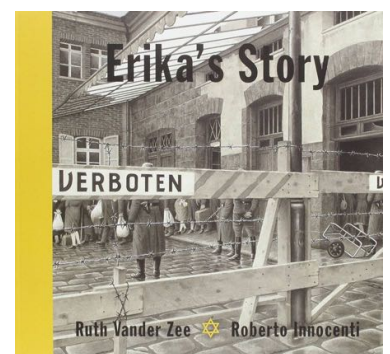
The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Updated Child Protection Policy

We have updated our Child Protection Policy to reflect updates to Working Together to Safeguard Children Guidance, Prevent Duty Guidance and changes to Operation Encompass. These amendments are highlighted in blue (March 2024). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Leach, our Designated Safeguarding Lead: [Child Protection Policy - Updated March 2024](#).

This Week's Book Recommendation...

This week's book recommendation, in honour of our visit from Eric Cohen, is [Erika's Story by Ruth Vander Zee](#). Born some time in 1944, Erika does not know exactly when or where. She does not know what her parents called her, or whether or not she had brothers or sisters. But she does know that when she was just a few months old, she was saved from the Holocaust. It is the winter of 1944. In Nazi-occupied Europe, a Jewish couple realise their fate is sealed and make a heart-rending decision so that their infant daughter might live. This elegant narration and Roberto Innocenti's searing and beautiful illustrations combine to capture the fear, love, and sadness of a Holocaust survivor's story.



See you all on Monday morning - bright and early!

Mr Leach

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