

## Dates for the diary

**Wednesday 21st December 1.30pm**  
Terms ends and School closes for Christmas

**Wednesday 4th January 2017 8.55am**  
School opens and term commences

**Friday 17th February 2017**  
School closes for Half Term

**Monday 20th - 24th February 2017**  
Half Term

**Monday 27th February 2017**  
Inset Day

**Tuesday 7th April 2017**  
School closes for Easter Holiday

## Pobble

This term, Year 6 have enjoyed being part of the Pobble community. Pobble has given the pupils at Florence Melly the opportunity to publish their writing, just like their favourite authors.

Year 6, along with the rest of KS2, have been taking advantage of this amazing resource by publishing writing, exploring writing styles and giving feedback to young writers all over the world. The children in Year 6 have also received lots of positive comments highlighting just how awesome their writing is. Children from across the world are reading our writing for pleasure. Well done Year 6. Go onto the curriculum page on the school website where there is a link to our Pobble site. There you will find all of our published writing.

Why don't you look and leave us a comment.

Miss Bear  
Year 6

## Christmas Production

Key Stage 1 took part in the 'Magical Christmas Journey'. The children enjoyed performing to the school and to friends and family. We hope you too enjoyed the show.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Year 2 Staff



# Sporting News

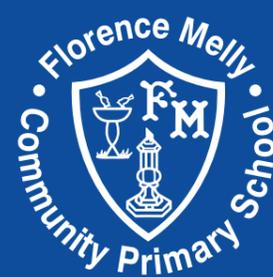
## Show Racism the Red Card

Ten Florence Melly pupils attended a 'Show Racism the Red Card' event hosted by Liverpool Football Club earlier this term. The children attended some valuable workshops run by the Antony Walker foundation, before participating in a question and answer session with a panel of experts including former referee Chris Foy alongside current Liverpool player Daniel Sturridge and Sheyi Ojo.



## Liverpool vs. Sunderland

Nine pupils attended the Liverpool vs. Sunderland match as part of the 'Young Fans Initiative' and had the once in a lifetime opportunity of walking onto the pitch at half time in front 54,000 people. One of the pupils was even selected to talk to the crowd - it was an experience they will never forget.



# Flo Melly News



December 2016

## Google Expeditions

KS2 children were taken on a journey to the far reaches of Earth and beyond, courtesy of a visit from Google Expeditions. Using the latest technology and virtual reality the children had the chance to visit the moon, the North Pole and much more. It was a fantastic learning experience and produced some great writing opportunities.



## Accelerated Reader

Florence Melly Primary School are currently undertaking an initiative called Accelerated Reader which is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. A child picks a book at his/her own level and reads it at his/her own pace.

When finished, the child takes a short quiz on the computer - passing the quiz shows that the child has understood what they have read. Since they are reading books at their own reading and interest levels, most children are likely to be successful and enjoy the books and quizzes.

You can help at home by encouraging your child to read at home, discuss books, ask questions about what they have read and visit your local library.

## Goodbye and Good Luck

As we come to the end of 2016 we need to say goodbye and good luck to 2 members of staff. Chloe Latta is off to Dubai to pursue another teaching job. She has been a great asset to the school and we wish her all the best in her new role.

Penny Haynes has worked at Florence Melly for 20 years in various roles as a Support Worker and then a Learning Mentor. Penny has worked tirelessly for the children and supported them as they learn and grow. She is off to pursue a new adventure in furniture restoring. Penny said "Florence Melly has always been a good school, is currently a good school and will continue to flourish".

Thanks to both of them for their hardwork and dedication.



## Tycoons in Schools

As some of you may know, our school has been involved in an exciting project: 'Tycoons in Schools' – run by Peter Jones CBE, entrepreneur and star of 'Dragon's Den'.

In year 6 we have had three groups of children who have established their own business ideas: they have developed a business plan and have managed their own promotion/advertising, sales and finances. They are currently undergoing their evaluation reports.

Our young businesspeople: Flo Fresh, Fruit Loops and The Christmas Emporium have gained many life-long skills. They have learned that resilience, negotiation and hard work are extremely important in developing a successful partnership. They are aware that running a business is not always easy and our teams have encountered some difficulties along the way.

All in all, it has been an innovative and enjoyable few months. We have brought clean cars, healthy snack options and a little bit of Christmas cheer to our school. The children have raised over £400, most of which will be distributed to various charities (Cancer Research, Help for Heroes and Woodlands Hospice).



## Florence Melly Business Biographies

### FLO FRESH

Our plan is to clean staff cars during lunch-times for a reasonable fee. We have an expert wheel-washer and the taller members of our group will be very useful in ensuring that the car roofes are cleaned. We foresee a decent profit with all of the proceeds being donated to charities: Cancer research and Help for Heroes.



### FRUIT LOOPS

Our idea is to sell a range of fruit (not grapes) to children in Key stage 2 (as key stage 1 children already get free fruit every day), during morning playtimes, at a reasonably priced 20p.

Mr Heaton has agreed to donate some fruit to our business in order to get us up and running. We hope to gain profit from this venture which will be shared between our school and Cancer Research UK.



### THE CHRISTMAS EMPORIUM

We have decided to sell a fantastic range of home-made Christmas delights: glitter/snow globes, reindeer food, Christmas cards, letter to Santa sets and sweet products. We hope to set up stalls, as frequently as possible, in school and within the local community. We believe that, with a lot of hard work, we will make a good profit. These will be equally shared – 50% to charity (Woodlands Hospice) and 50% towards a treat for Y6.



## Fiddlers Ferry

Here are some pictures of our trip to Fiddlers Ferry Power station where the children discovered how we get our electricity, the changes since Victorian times and built circuits.



## A Victorian Christmas

The pupils dressed up as and either worked in the house or were invited as guests by the Lord and Lady of the house. They thoroughly enjoyed going back in time and seeing what life was like for Victorian children at Christmas.



## What is Next for Year 1?

In the spring term we will be finding out about space travel. Our big question for this half term is "What is the best material to use to make a spaceship?" We will investigate this through history, science maths and English. We will find out about the people who have travelled into space. Can you name any space travellers? If you want to start this project during the holidays then please do. You could be the class expert when we return.

## EYFS – Messy Stay and Play

We were very excited to welcome parents into our Reception and Nursery classes in December for some Messy Stay and Play sessions.

We had a range of activities set up to promote phonics, mathematics, communication, language and speaking. This was a fantastic opportunity for children to learn alongside their parents how playing with textures and smells can encourage children to experiment. We received the following the feedback from our parents;

"Thank you so much for such a wonderful morning of activity! It was so nice to be able to share part of the school day, Isabella talked about our morning all evening! Loved the Maths dance too!! Think it would be a great idea to make it a permanent feature!"

"Perfect! Lovely, lovely morning!! Thank you so much. It was so nice to spend one to one time with Daisy and let her show me what she likes to do in class. I 'loved' seeing how the children learn their words and numbers and Daisy was totally thrilled by it all. She said it was the 'best day ever'! Please continue this. "Ava and I had so much fun at stay and play. Ava got to show me everything she does in class, as it is nice to know your child is a nice friendly environment. Ava loved, loved me coming in and playing with her and I would definitely love to come back and do it again. Thank you for a lovely afternoon". Ava's mum.

