

## POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH!

At Florence Melly Community Primary School we pride ourselves on our special our curriculum is and the opportunities we provide for our children. This week proved yet another very successful and enjoyable week at our outstanding school. Our whole-school theme this week was 'Promoting Positive Mental Health' as part of the national Children's Mental Health Week 2020 and we celebrated in true Flo Melly Style! The week included a specialist assembly for all pupils, an expert workshop with our very own Mental Health Guru (that's Mr Doyle) and culminated in our children 'Chalking about Mental Health' where they wrote messages of support, hope and inspiration in chalk on our school playground to support those who may be struggling with mental health problems. Check out many more AMAZING photos on our Twitter and Flickr feeds!



### Continuing the Holocaust Memorial Anniversary Events

The Holocaust Memorial anniversary events continued at the Town Hall this week. A few of our Year 5 children went there to listen to some very special speakers. Faye, John and Sonia were all Jewish survivors of World War II and provided moving and inspirational talks. They were all moved away from their homelands and sent to England for their safety. They all had lost family members because of the actions of the Nazis. Their stories were fascinating to hear. Everyone was really moved. The children could have stayed there all day, listening and asking questions.

### Check out our Playtime Writing Club!

As part of our constant push to improve the quality of writing in our school, pupils have been enjoying a playtime writing club, organised by our fab English Subject Leads - Miss Foley and Miss Bear! The club is on every playtime apart from a Monday. Why not get involved?

### Creative Writing Workshop at Alsop High School

Another new writing initiative we have provided for our pupils is a specialist creative writing workshop for Year 5 at Alsop High School. Check back soon for some super examples of work!

### Financial Literacy Workshop at Anfield with the LFC Foundation

On Friday, some of our pupils went over to Anfield to put their Maths skills to the test. Standard Chartered supported by the LFC Foundation delivered a fabulous workshop all about financial literacy. Our pupils learnt some valuable skills that they can apply in their everyday lives, they discussed the importance of budgeting and then they even got to visit the famous Kop stand! It was an inspirational morning for our children!



Look at what else we've been up to this week! That's what we are all about at Florence Melly - creating memorable learning experiences for our children. Head over to our Twitter feed for more details fabulous news as our outstanding school celebrated another successful week!



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Our feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning opportunities we provide for our pupils everyday!  
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### KEY DATES

**11/02/20**  
Safer Internet Day 2020 Celebrations

**12/02/20**  
SEND Sports Festival with LFC Foundation

**13/02/20**  
Reception Stay and Play Session for Parents (10:00 - 11:00)

**14/02/20**  
Year 1 'Fall in Love with a Book' Parent Session (am)

**14/02/20**  
Children finish for the Half-Term Holidays (3:15pm)

**24/02/20**  
Staff INSET Day (Children start back on Tuesday 25th February)

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

### CORE CURRICULUM NEWS

#### Perfecting Programming Skills in Key Stage 2

As part of a scheme of work designed to improve their programming skills in Computing, Year 5 worked with MGL specialist Mr Peet this week using the app 'Scratch'. The children were tasked with investigating 'if' statements which allows the computer to make decisions. This was the last building block before they are set free next week and expected to show off their programming skills by creating their very own games! At Florence Melly, we are Digital Nomads!

#### A VIP Visit to the Apple Store - Bringing Computing Alive!

Continuing the Computing theme...earlier this week Year 2 had a fabulous time at the Apple store. They were learning how to block code and used a variety of different apps to perfect their skills. The children had to programme to move and collect items in games. Later on they had a go at 'Swift Playground' and programming spheros to move in different directions and speeds. All of our children were exceptional ambassadors for the school.



### SMSC CURRICULUM NEWS

#### Namaste! Year 5 at the Stonewater Zen Buddhist Centre

As part of our Children's Mental Health Week celebrations, some of our Year 5 pupils went to visit Stonewater Zen Buddhist Centre. While they were there they learnt about the origins of Buddhism and how the Buddha came to be. The children had a go at meditating and tried to perfect the ancient art of mindfulness! I don't quite think they reached the elusive Nirvana state but their concentration was really impressive and they all said that they felt calmer and peaceful after the session.

#### Specialist Mental Health Workshops with Mr Doyle

To celebrate our 'Positive Mental Health Week' Mr Doyle, our Mental Health Lead visited every class and provided a specialist talk, bringing a very clear message... 'it's ok to not be ok!' He introduced our children to our new 'mInd mental health strategy' and spoke to them about being happy and what makes them happy! At Florence Melly we are Inclusive and Diverse!



### ENRICHMENT CURRICULUM NEWS

#### Developing Critical Thinking Skills in our Chess Club!

Checkmate! Monday evenings are never dull at Florence Melly. That's because of our fabulous chess club! The aim of this enrichment club is to improve our pupil's; problem solving skills, abstract reasoning, calmness under pressure, patience, sportsmanship, creative thinking, pattern recognition and strategic thinking skills. Pupils even took the time to try and explain to Mr Leach how the game of chess is played and what each unique piece does. He didn't have a clue! If your child is interested in joining this club, please see Mr Doyle.

#### Ready, Aim...FIRE! Another New Sport for Our Pupils!

What better way to cap off another magical week than introducing our children to another new sport. Friday evenings have now been taken over by our archery club! At Florence Melly, we are Athletes!



### SAFETY AND WELL-BEING CURRICULUM NEWS

#### Lets 'Chalk' about Mental Health

What a beautiful sight to behold! On Thursday, our children came together and wrote messages of support, hope and inspiration in chalk on our school playground to support those who may be struggling with mental health issues. It was truly spectacular and demonstrated just how supportive, empathetic and knowledgeable our children are about positive mental health! We are super proud of what they wrote...

