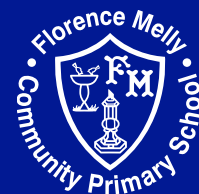


FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 25th January

Keeping you up to date what's going on!

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SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents/carers for their support with the whole-school sex and relationships topic which has been taught this week. The response from our parents has been truly superb and the children have maturely tackled the subject area, asking questions and developing their knowledge and understanding. It is vital that we teach them how to have healthy relationships. We appreciate those parents who had reservations at the beginning, allowing us to share the resource materials with you and discuss your concerns. Once again, thank you for your continued support!

Visit to Walton Hall Park

On Monday some of our Year 4 children went over to Walton Park to go on a nature walk. They were met by Chrissie from the Friends of Walton Park group. She had prepared some treats for the children to leave out for the local wildlife. The children walked along the paths, scattering seeds over the grass to feed the birds; they also left handfuls of nuts at the base of trees to feed the squirrels, though they did notice some magpies stealing the nuts. The children had a great time and were proud to be supporting the wildlife of the local park. One boy said: "it's our park, isn't it Miss, we need to look after it." They can't wait to go back!



Enrichment Trip to the Stonewater Zen Buddhist Centre

On Tuesday some of our Year 5 children went to the Stonewater Zen Buddhist Centre. The children met John, who taught them some facts about the origins of the Buddha, and how Buddhism began. He also talked about mindfulness and meditation. The children were all very good at listening to the meditation bell, but found it really difficult to stay still and focused for three minutes.

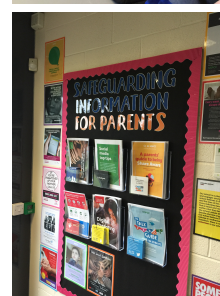


Attendance Matters at Florence Melly

A huge congratulations to 6F who won this week's gold attendance award (AGAIN) with a whopping 99%. What a fantastic effort! Maybe 6B (silver - 97.6%) or 4D (bronze - 97%) can knock them off their perch next week! In the next few weeks we are going to be having a huge push on improving attendance and persistent absenteeism (that's when attendance is below 90%) in our school. We have a whole host of wonderful things planned! Watch this space!

Parent/Carer Safeguarding Display

At Florence Melly we are committed to safeguarding! As part of this commitment, and our willingness to improve all of our safeguarding practices and procedures, we have created an informative display for parents in the reception area of the school. This is a place where parents can collect leaflets, posters and other information relating to safeguarding. Please check it out and help yourself to the resources available. The focus of the display at the moment is online safety and how to keep your child/children safe online. This will change on a regular basis so keep checking back!



NSPCC Number Day

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in their Number Day on Friday 1 February 2019. Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it. We will be taking part in Dress up for Digits and pupils will be invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of 50p, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event!



In Other News...

Every day is always action-packed and fun-filled here at Florence Melly. That is what we are all about...creating memorable experiences for our pupils. This week, we have... explored how to keep ourselves safe with the NSPCC and Pantasaurus; had a special visitor from Year 6 reading stories in Year 1; played draughts with Mrs Fearnley; used Scratch in Year 4 to build quizzes during their computing lesson with MGL; used "back to back" from the Oracy project in Year 3 to develop the use of descriptive language and restarted our child/parent-carer after-school games club. WOW, what a week we've had!



KEY DATES

30/01/19

School Parliament (Holocaust Memorial)

31/01/19

Trip to see the Knife Angel at the Anglican Cathedral

01/02/19

Show Racism the Red Card Event at Anfield

01/02/19

Cross Country Competition at Blessed Sacrament

15/02/19

Football vs Homophobia Workshop at Anfield

15/02/19

The children finish for the half-term holidays