

# FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER CELEBRATING ANOTHER SPECIAL WEEK

AT OUR OUTSTANDING SCHOOL

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Friday 31st January

# **SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM!**

Starting this week, we will be shining a spotlight on our vibrant curriculum through our weekly newsletter. From now on, the back page will be designated solely to curriculum news. We want our children to have no limits to what their ambitions are and want them to embody our core values. We all believe that: "if you can DREAM it, you can do it". We see our newsletter as a great way of showing you the fabulous work we do across all curriculum areas. This week has been another fantastic week at our outstanding school. I have seen so many examples of outstanding work in all areas of the curriculum from our amazing children, some of which are featured in our newsletter.

### **Bringing Writing Alive at Flo Melly!**

### Mr K Heaton (Headteacher)

What a week it has been for writing at Flo Melly! Every child was set a writing bingo challenge in order to inspire them to show off their amazing writing skills and to write for a purpose. This week has proven that our children are creative writers who love putting pen to paper. They have stepped up to the challenge, blown us away with their enthusiasm and they certainly did not disappoint. Check out our twitter page for some brilliant examples of children writing at home - they'll definitely entertain you!



### Year 1 VIP Trip to Anfield! What a Memorable Experience!

What a special treat some of our Year 1 pupils had earlier this week when they visited Anfield as part of a VIP visit. They were given a special 'all access' tour of the magnificent stadium. A special thank you to Mr Baillie - our Inclusion Lead - who arranged the visit.

### A CHANGE TO OUR INSET DAYS!

Just a quick reminder and we apologise for the short notice but we have moved an INSET Day from Friday 22nd May 2020 to Monday 24th February 2020.

### Happy 5th Twitter Anniversary!

Earlier this week we celebrated our five year Twitter Anniversary! Wow - it only seems like five minutes ago that we set up the account. During that time we have gained 1,162 followers and have tweeted 3,859 times - celebrating the wonderful, memorable learning experiences we provide for our children every day. If you don't already, please give us a follow (@FloMellyNews) and interact with our feed - we love nothing more than reading your tweets about your children!

### Kung Hey Fat Choy from Everyone at Florence Melly!

We celebrated Chinese New Year in true Florence Melly style this week as many classes came away from their core curriculum to explore the theme in greater detail. Our resident Superlambanana joined in the fun and we even had a special visit from our Reception children - dressed as a Chinese dragon, in our celebration assembly. Following on from these celebrations, our Year 5 artists went to visit China Town to do some sketching of the famous Chinese Arch. Kung Hei Fat Choy!

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!



Please follow us on Twitter! Our feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning opportunities we provide for our pupils everyday! @flomellynews

## KEY DATES

04/02/20

Year 3 Enrichment Trip to Dobbies for Fish Keeper Fry

**05/02/20** Year 5 Trip to the Apple Store Coding

05/02/20 Enrichment Tri

Stonewater Zen Buddhist

**07/02/20** Disability Inclusion Workshop at Anfield

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

> 24/02/20 Staff INSET Day

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

### **DETERMINATION, RESILIENCE, EMPOWERMENT, APPRECIATION, MOTIVATION & SAFETY**



### **DIVE DEEP INTO OUR CURRCIULUM! CREATING UNFORGETTABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCES** FOR OUR CHILDREN!



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# CORE CURRICULUM NEWS

### g Skills in Year 2 G

Developing Mapping Skills in Year 2 Geography Year 2 were busy in Geography this week, perfecting their atlas and map reading skills. The children were tasked with locating their hometown and other countries, cities and towns in the UK. They then explored the world's continents and oceans before locating St Lucia - the focus of their compare and contrast topic. Mr Derbyshire has carefully crafted our Geography curriculum so that our pupils gain the key geographical concepts and vocabulary. At Florence Melly we are geographers!

#### ond Statutory Requirements in PE

Mrs Dentith is really putting PE on the map at Florence Melly and this week Year 3 went above and beyond their curriculum requirements and spent some extra time participating in a dodgeball competition at Anfield Sports Centre with the LFC Foundation! As part of our PE and Sport Premium, we are aiming to expose our pupils to as many sports as possible. Dodgeball is a great addition to our repertoire! At Florence Melly, we are athletes!



# **ENRICHMENT** CURRICULUM NEWS

#### Year 3 pupils enjoying the Fish Keeper Fry project!

The project is aimed at teaching children about the science and art of keeping fish. The first week they set up the aquarium to create a safe environment for the fish. This week we've been learning about good and bad water. The difference for fish is vital, its a matter of life and death! We have been checking the pH levels in the water and learning about the importance of nitrogen to fish. We have been creating this mini eco-system for the arrival of our first fish next week. For further updates please check our school Twitter feed! We enrich our children's time in our school with memorable, unforgettable experiences



# SMSC CURRICULUM NEWS

As part of our whole-school theme on Holocaust, two of our Year six children went along to represent our school at the Service of Remembrance for Holocaust Memorial Day at the Town Hall, reading speeches that supported the theme of the day - Stand Together. The event was special guests from all across the city, including leaders from Christian Churches as well as representatives from the Jewish Community. The Lord Mayor was also there accompanied by our very own Junior Lord Mayor. To cap off a wonderful week, some Year 3 children paid a visit to the Menorah Synagogue in Manchester. They were given a little tour of the Synagogue and a Kippah (Jewish Cap) each to wear before they entered the temple. They saw some of the Torah Scrolls, which is the prayer book of Judaism and before they left, they were treated to some special Jewish bread and grape juice from the Sabbath celebrations. What a great way to bring SMSC alive! At Florence Melly, we are inclusive and diverse!



# **SAFETY AND WELL-BEING** CURRICULUM NEWS

### Life Saving Skills at Anfield with the LFC Foundation

Our Year 5 pupils went over to Anfield this week to learn some valuable life saving skills! The LFC Foundation organised a workshop in conjunction with the British Red Cross, who delivered an informative session around first aid skills. It was a really interesting session and who knows it may have inspired some future doctors! If you can DREAM it, you can do it!



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