

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...

