



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!



On Thursday, millions of people up and down the country came together to make the world better with a sweater and pupils and staff at our school joined in the festive fun. Our school was filled with festive cheer, the odd reindeer and elves galore as we raised money for the charity 'Save the Children' as part of their Christmas Jumper Day initiative. This is something our school supports every year but this year we decided to support our own good causes a little closer to home as well. Did you know that for every £2 donation, the UK government has promised to give £2 to Save the Children too. The day kick started our run up to Christmas perfectly! Check out our Twitter feed for lots more festive fun and photos!

Bringing our EYFS Curriculum Alive - Mother Nature Provides!

Earlier this week, our EYFS pupils embraced the beautiful Winter's morning, put on their hats and gloves and ventured outside to explore. Who knew that falling leaves could be so exciting? It was as if Mother Nature knew the children had come to check out the change in season. Lots of crunchy leaves, frost and ice galore! This [video clip](#) on Twitter sums up what a magical time the children had!

Anti-Bullying Enrichment Trip - REACH OUT!

As an extension to our Anti-Bullying Week celebrations, Year 5 pupils have been working in collaboration with our friends at Bully Busters, exploring what bullying looks like, what bullies do, what to do about them and who to go to if they are bullied. Our children certainly know how to 'REACH OUT!' We are so proud of how we embed key safety messages into our engaging curriculum.

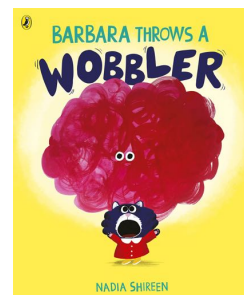
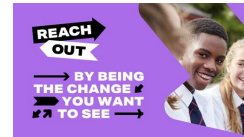
Celebrating UK Disability History Month 2022!

Our Year 3 children took part in a fantastic workshop as part of '[UK Disability History Month 2022](#)'. The children developed their knowledge and understanding of disability history, they explored how people with disabilities are still able to participate in everyday activities and looked at some hidden disabilities that cannot be seen. The children empathised with how disabilities affect individuals and how they impact on their lives. This theme was also explored in class and assemblies across the school this week as part of our strong Cultural Capital curriculum offer.

Miss Dalton's Weekly Book Recommendation...

Miss Dalton, who leads our Nurture space, has recommended '[Barbara Throws a Wobbler](#)' by Nadia Shireen. Barbara is not having a great day. Her friends can't cheer her up, and then, the unthinkable happens: she drops her ice-cream. It's the last straw and a full-blown WOBBLER erupts. ARGHH! Yet, rather than just Barbara being cross, an actual red, jelly-like cloud emerges above Barbara's head and stays there, forbidding any hugs or friendly attempts at talking. The Wobbler threatens to take over Barbara altogether! With a little bit of effort, can Barbara make the Wobbler disappear? The book is full of humour and empathy, and it explores how frustrating life can be when you're small, whilst acknowledging that meltdowns are just a part of life and something that we can all laugh about afterwards.

Head over to our [Twitter](#) and [Flickr](#) feeds for more updates, news and photos!



IMPORTANT DATES!

12/12/22
Whole-school trip to Chester Zoo

14/12/22
Christmas Dinner Day!

21/12/22
Children finish for Christmas (1:30pm)

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Year 3 (95.4%)

Year 6 (94.9%)

Year 4 (90.7%)

Nursery (90.4%)

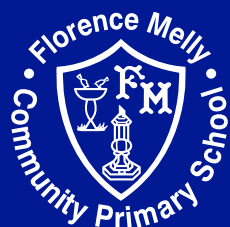
Reception (90.3%)

Year 2 (89.3%)

Year 5 (86.7%)

Year 1 (84.8%)

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Whole-School attendance this week!



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PARENT/CARER UPDATE

IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT!



End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 9th December 2022

Whole-School Trip to Chester Zoo - This is a reminder that our whole-school trip to Chester Zoo is on Monday. If you haven't already, please make your voluntary donation (of £5 per pupil) via ParentPay or via the school office (as I know that some of you have struggled to pay using the online platform). A big thank you to all parents/carers who have already made this payment, we really appreciate your contribution. As you can imagine, this memorable experience has cost the school a huge amount of money and anything we get back will go directly on buying resources for our children.

Earlier this week we sent home an update for parents/carers regarding the trip. You can remind yourself of this by clicking this link: [Chester Zoo Trip Update for Parents/Carers](#).

After-School Clubs - This week will mark the end of our after-school club programme until after the Christmas break. There will be no clubs next week or the week after. This affects children who attend Mr Moore's sports clubs, Mrs Doyle's art club, Miss Foley's book club, Mrs Cotter's phonics club and Miss Michaela's cookery club. These will back up and running after the Christmas break, starting the first full week back (week beginning Monday 9th January 2022).

We are excited to announce that there will be lots of new after-school clubs and booster classes taking place next half-term. Further details will follow.

Important Dates - As Christmas draws near, we have a range of exciting and engaging festivities for the children to enjoy. Please check out these important dates and add them to your diaries:

Date	Event
Monday 12th December	Whole-School Trip to Chester Zoo.
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Dinner Day.
	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Grotto Event (more details to follow). PATCH Christmas movie night for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (4:00pm - 6:00pm) - £2 per pupil. A separate letter has been sent home updating parents about this event.
Thursday 15th December	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Grotto Event (more details to follow).
	PATCH Christmas movie night for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (4:00pm - 6:00pm) - £2 per pupil. A separate letter has been sent home updating parents about this event.
Monday 19th December	Non-school uniform day for staff and pupils (for charity - letter to follow).
Tuesday 20th December	Christmas Party Day (non-school uniform for staff and pupils). Further details will be posted on individual class Class Dojo pages.
Wednesday 21st December	Non-school uniform for staff and pupils. Whole-school end of term assembly. Children finish for Christmas at 1:30pm.

Lastly, we are delighted to inform you all that we raised a whopping £307.25 as part of the Poppy Appeal for the Royal British Legion and £177.55 for Children in Need. Thank you to all who contributed!

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