



EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS!

At Florence Melly Community Primary School we are always eager to improve what we provide for our children and families. Your views and opinions matter to us! In a recent parent/carer questionnaire, you raised that our provision for extra-curricular clubs and activities has not been strong enough post pandemic. This is an area of school life that we said that we would look into improving quickly to ensure that our pupils' wider personal development is supported and enhanced, and we have! This week, lots of eager pupils participated in a range of extra-curricular activities in and after-school. The children enjoyed puzzle and board game club, LEGO club, curling club and art club to name just a few. We will continue to build and improve this area of school life and we are already discussing plans to offer more new clubs this half-term and beyond. For further information and to see what is on offer, please visit our school website: <https://florencemelly.org/about-us/after-school-clubs/>.

IMPORTANT DATES!

10/02/23
Children finish
for half-term

09/03/23
Class
photographs

27/03/23
Parents'
evenings

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



Bringing the Curriculum Alive in our Nurture Space

Our Nurture Group have started to explore the story of Blue Penguin by Petr Horacek. This beautiful story is set in the South Pole and encourages children to celebrate differences in people, places and personalities. This week the children have enjoyed using globes and atlases to research the continent of Antarctica and used a variety of media including flour, ice, cotton wool, paper, tissue and blue rice to create our own mini version of Antarctica. We even added in small world animals that might be found there.



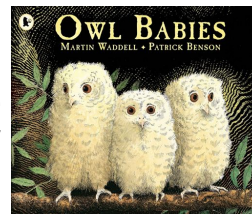
Specialist Art Workshops at Alsop High School

Our budding Year 6 artists visited our friends at [@AlsopHighSch](#) for a specialist workshop this afternoon. Mrs Law taught the children about cross-hatching as they explored tone and shading! The children's Black History inspired artwork is really taking shape! We cannot wait to put it on display back at our school!



Miss Hourihan's Weekly Book Recommendation...

This week's book recommendation comes from Mrs Hourihan, our Nursery teacher. She has chosen [Owl Babies by Martin Waddell](#). Three baby owls: Sarah, Percy and Bill, wake up one night in their hole in a tree to find that their mother has gone. So, they sit on a branch and wait...Darkness gathers and the owls grow anxious, wondering when their mother will return. But, at last, she does and they bounce up and down with joy, welcoming her home. This reassuring and stunningly illustrated book tackles the subject of temporary separation - a situation which all children experience, be it Mum or Dad going to work or their first day at Nursery.



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



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Year 4 (97.8%)

Year 3 (96.4%)

Year 5 (96.2%)

Year 1 (94.2%)

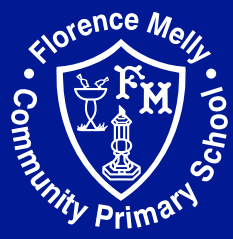
Year 6 (93.2%)

Reception (92.7%)

Nursery (92.3%)

Year 2 (90.5%)

94.3%
Whole-School
attendance this week!



FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENT/CARER UPDATE

IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT!



End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 13th January 2023

Deadline for reception places - If your child is due to start Reception in September 2023, you need to apply online as soon as possible because the closing date for Reception applications for 2023 is: Sunday 15th January 2023. You can do this by clicking the following link: [apply online](#). Even if your child has a place in our school Nursery, you still need to apply for a place in our Reception classes. Places are allocated by Liverpool City Council, not us! **Please apply for your place before Sunday's deadline!**

We are a Healthy School - This is a little reminder to all parents/carers that at Florence Melly we are a healthy school and we aim is to ensure that all food consumed by the children during the school day is healthy, nutritious and complies with the national food standards for schools. We want all children to eat well and enjoy both the food and the social experience of lunchtimes. These healthy eating/healthy living messages are reinforced through our strong Cultural Capital curriculum. We are currently in the process of reviewing and revamping our 'Healthy School, Healthy Eating and Healthy Living' policy with our Junior Leadership Team and a Parent Focus Group, and this will be communicated with all parents/carers shortly.

Recently, we have noticed a huge increase in the number of children bringing energy drinks, sports drinks, and fizzy drinks into school. This not only contradicts what we set out in our 'Healthy School, Healthy Eating and Healthy Living' policy but has created lots of other problems for us too. For example, recently, we had an incident where a bottle of PRIME was sold to a child, by another child, for a ridiculous amount of money and the drink is being used as a symbol of social status with children disparaging others and making them feel inferior because they have not tried the drink/or have a bottle. We simply will not condone this type of peer pressure behaviour, and I am sure that you'll agree that it is not acceptable! To a lesser extent, but this has also been the case with 'air up' bottles as well.

As a result, we have taken the decision as a Senior Leadership Team, to ban all energy, sports and fizzy drinks - particularly PRIME. That means, not only are the drinks banned, but we do not want children bringing the PRIME bottles into school (filled with water). Banned drinks include (but are not limited to); PRIME, Lucozade, Red Bull, Monster (and other energy drinks), Coca-Cola and other fizzy drinks.

Furthermore, we are asking that no 'air up' bottles are brought into school either. Whilst we understand that these are just water bottles, they are very expensive and we do not want them lost or damaged. We hope you understand our rationale for this.

Having spoken to staff and the children, we agree that sugar-free cordial/squash is fine in the children's water bottles and we understand that some children just do not like water.

We really appreciate your co-operation and support with this matter. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me (a.leach@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk).

Have a great weekend. Take care and stay safe.

Mr Leach
Headteacher

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