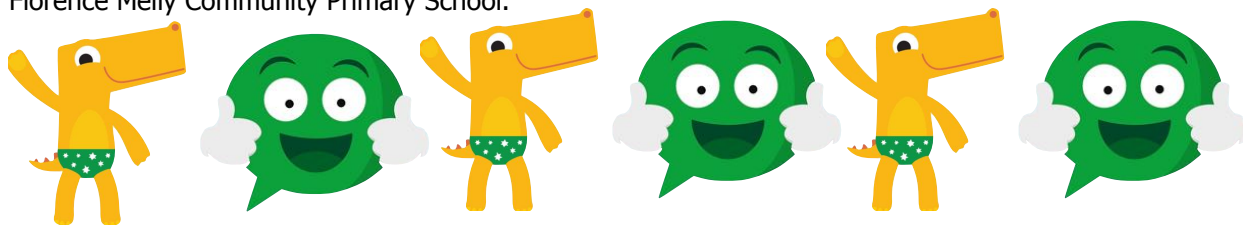




## NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK

As part of the Literacy Trust's National Storytelling Week 2023 (<https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/national-storytelling-week/>), our Year 3 pupils had the opportunity to meet acclaimed children's author Sue Ellis for an exciting storytelling workshop at Anfield. Sue, the author of 'Gorgeous Gwendolen Goose', 'Proud Patrick Peacock' and 'The Lost Coat' (which are stories that help children to be the best version of themselves), engaged, enthused and enthralled the children; inspiring them to be storytellers themselves! We cannot thank the LFC Foundation enough for the memorable experiences they help provide for our children. Bringing books and storytelling alive is a key priority for us here at Florence Melly Community Primary School.



### Speak Out, Stay Safe and PANTS - This week's Cultural Capital Theme!

To kick start our whole-school cultural capital theme around the NSPCC initiatives of 'speak out, stay safe' and 'Talk PANTS', staff led fabulously informative assemblies to raise awareness of these really important safety messages! Children were challenged by Mr Leach to remember what the acronym 'PANTS' stood for and to design posters for his office. The children rose to the challenge and have enthusiastically been chanting and singing the words to the Pantasaurus song all week! Keeping our children safe and educating them for life beyond our school is our number one priority!

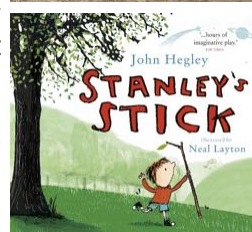
### Enrichment Trip to Crosby Beach - Children's Mental Health!

In preparation for next week's 'Children's Mental Health Week 2023', a group of Year 6 children were whisked off to Crosby Beach for an afternoon of fresh air, connecting with nature and a quick beach clean to boot! 'Connecting' is our whole-school mental health and well being theme for this half term and the children thoroughly enjoyed connecting with their local environment, taking the time to appreciate just how wonderful Merseyside is and how lucky we all are to have what we have on our doorstep!



### Miss Silvano's Weekly Book Recommendation...

This week's book recommendation comes from Mrs Silvano from our school office. She has chosen [Stanley's Stick](#) which is written by John Hegley and illustrated by Neal Layton. Stanley's Stick is a fabulous EYFS or KS1 story about imaginative play and children using their imagination to create new worlds. Stanley's stick is not just a stick. With a stick in hand, Stanley's options are endless - he flies to the moon, writes in the sand, goes fishing, plays a whistle and even rides a dinosaur! Stanley's imagination takes over and the magic begins. This is a great story to share at home as inspiration for creating imaginative play without cost.



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



## IMPORTANT DATES!

**08/02/23**  
Coffee morning  
with OSSME  
and MHST

**10/02/23**  
Flo Melly  
Spring Sale  
(3:15 -  
4:15pm)

**10/02/23**  
Children finish  
for half-term

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

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Year 3 (97.5%)

Year 2 (95.8%)

Nursery (95.7%)

Year 5 (95.4%)

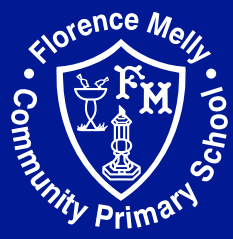
Year 6 (95.2%)

Year 4 (92.6%)

Year 1 (90.7%)

Reception (87.9%)

**93.7%**  
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 3rd February 2023

### Coffee Morning - Wednesday at 9:00am

On Wednesday 8th February, Mr Doyle and Mrs O'Keefe will be leading a coffee morning for parents and carers. Kate Maddocks from OSSME (Autism initiatives) and Steve Gordon from MHST (Mental Health Support Team) will also be attending. Parents/carers will have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have or speak to these specialists on a 1:1 basis. The morning is absolutely free of charge and we would love to see you all there!

### The Flo Melly Spring Sale

Next Friday (the last day of the half term), we will be holding a small community event for all parents/carers after-school in our school hall. The event will start at 3:15 and finish at 4:15pm. We will be selling:

- brand new, high street branded baby and children's clothes (most of which will be £5 and under).
- pre-loved clothes, books and toys.
- refreshments (tea, coffee, biscuits and cakes).

Mr Doyle will also have a 'Flo Melly Pantry' stall and there will be pre-loved school uniform available to purchase for a very small fee (£1 a bag of items). We would like to invite you all to come along, have a cuppa, browse what is on offer and support this new initiative. This is the first time we have held an event like this and we are very keen to arrange lots of community events, fetes and fayres in the future. Please pop your head in and support our school. All proceeds will go straight back into resources for the children.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Woodhouse, who is leading the event: [a.woodhouse@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:a.woodhouse@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk)

### Parent Governor Election

We are seeking to appoint a new parent governor to our dedicated Governing Body. We are inviting all prospective parents to submit a nomination for the post. For further details, click here: [Parent Governor Information](#). If you are interested, please complete this online nomination form. Once we have collected all nomination forms, I will announce the next steps: [Nomination Form](#). The closing date for nominations is Monday 20th February 2023 (that's the Monday after the half-term holiday). If you have any questions, please get in touch.

### World Book Day 2023 - Date for your diary!

World Book Day 2023 is fast approaching and we are finalising our plans for how we are going to make this year's celebration the most spectacular yet! On Thursday 2nd March, the whole school will be celebrating this wonderful event. Miss Foley (our Reading Lead) and Mrs Cotter (our Writing Lead) will write to all parents/carers next week with further details.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Leach  
Headteacher

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