

FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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OUR WEEKLY CORE VALUES ENRICHMENT TRIP!

Recently, we started a relaunch of our behaviour policy and our expectations for behaviour across the school. As part of this relaunch, we changed our 'Student of the Week' certificates to new 'Core Values' Awards! These awards have had a very positive impact and the children not only get to enjoy being presented with a certificate in assembly but they are also rewarded with a trip out with Mr Leach, our Headteacher. What an amazing way to celebrate the achievements of our children and promote our core values at the same time. The last trip, a visit to West Kirby marine lake and beach, proved to be a real hit with the children. They capped off an amazing term by enjoying crabbing in the lake and eating lolly ices on the beach! It is important to us to show our children how much we appreciate them (one of our DREAMS core values).



What a wonderful time Years 4 and 5 had, courtesy of our friends at MyBnk: https://www.mybnk.org. The children have enjoyed a series of financial education workshops led by expert Peter Atkinson, designed to empower them to take charge of their financial future. The innovative, high-impact and high-energy financial education programme helps to build young people's money knowledge, skills, mindsets and habits at key transitional moments. Bringing maths alive is a key part of our Florence Melly curriculum.

Year 1 Enrichment trip to the WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre

Year 1 visited Martin Mere recently where they 'touched nature', observed wildlife and experienced being a wetland explorer! The children took part in the 'Generation Wild' project where they met Ava the Osprey who, in a magic nest at Martin Mere, discovered that she was half human, half Osprey and could talk to people and other animals. The children enjoyed carrying out a series of activities to prove to Ava that they loved nature and wanted to look after the natural world. Each activity involved animals speaking to the children and earning the animal's trust, like Ava wanted. Observing the natural world and viewing 'animal' Lego sculptures inspired the children to carry out art work and baking when they returned back to school.

Weekly Book Recommendation for Children...

This week's book recommendation, by Ms Silvano in the office, is Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure by Alex T Smith. Mr Penguin is an adventurer, and after placing an advert for his services in the newspaper, he is delighted when he is contacted by Miss Boudicca Bones. She is in dire need of funds to repair her Museum of Extraordinary Objects and desperately needs Mr Penguin's help to locate the hidden treasure somewhere in the museum. Where is the hidden treasure, can they escape from the hungry alligators and will Mr Penguin get to eat his lunch? With short chapters, clear text and comical black-and-orange illustrations, this riproaring adventure will be a big hit with newly independent readers who are looking for more challenging stories.

Head over to our **Twitter** and **Flickr** feeds for more updates, news and photos!



















IMPORTANT DATES!

08/05/23Bank Holiday
Monday - King's
Coronation.

15/05/23 Whole-school Eurovision Celebration Day

25/05/23 Whole-school King's Coronation Celebration Day

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Year 1 (96.4%)

Nursery (96.2%)

Year 2 (96.1%)

Year 5 (94.4%)

Year 3 (93.3%)

Reception (92.9%)

Year 6 (92.6%)

Year 4 (92.4%)

94.1% Whole-school attendance this week!

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End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 5th May 2023

Date Updates

There are guite a few important dates coming up. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with them.

- Monday 8th May Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation.
- Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May Year 6 SATs tests.
- Tuesday 9th May to Tuesday 23rd May Year 2 SATs tests.
- Monday 15th May Whole-school Eurovision Party (children can attend school in non-school uniform/ dress up in Eurovision attire). More details to follow.
- Thursday 25th May Whole-school Coronation Party (children can attend school in non-school uniform/dress up in red, white and blue or as a Royal). More details to follow

Coronation Party

We will holding our very own Coronation Party on Thursday 25th May 2023. This will give us a little bit more time to put our plans together. Both the Coronation and Eurovision take place during the Year 6 SATs week - which is far from ideal; hence why we have moved both dates to suit. Staff are in the process of finalising the arrangements and it is sure to be a great way to finish the half-term. This will be a non-school uniform day/dress up in red, white and blue or as a Royal.

Bereavement Support

I want you all to know that in the days, weeks and months ahead, we will continue to do everything we can to provide support for your children and the wider school community with the loss of Charlie Lowe. We continue to put plans in place to support our pupils with bereavement and loss; working with specialist counsellors. If your child is struggling, please do let us know. We cannot support them in the best ways possible if we are not aware of how they are coping. Please contact Mr Doyle, our Mental Health Lead, if you feel that your child needs some additional support.

We have put together some resources for parents/carers to support you with any challenging or upsetting conversations you may have to have at home. The golden message is to reassure the children that it is ok not to be ok:

https://www.childbereavementuk.org/supporting-bereaved-children-and-young-people

https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/day-of-reflection/grief-resources

https://www.winstonswish.org/supporting-you/

https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/children-and-bereavement/

Weekly Book Recommendation for Parents/Carers...

This week's book recommendation is <u>The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce</u>. This beautifully written story, soon to be made into a film, tells the tale of an ordinary man's extraordinary cross-country walk to make amends with an old friend. When Harold Fry nips out one morning to post a letter, leaving his wife hoovering upstairs, he has no idea that he is about to walk from one end of the country to the other. He has no hiking boots or map, let alone a compass, waterproof coat or mobile phone. All he knows is that he must keep walking. Harold Fry, the most ordinary of men, might just be a hero! This subtle yet moving tale about the search for meaning in life will stay with you long after you've read the last page.

