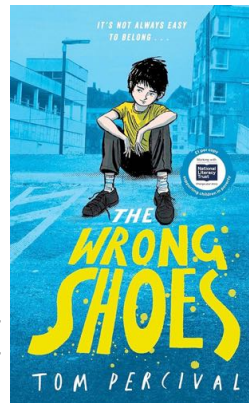




WATER SAFETY WITH THE RNLI

A big thank you to our friends at the [@RNLI](#) for taking the time to come over to our school and speak to our children about being safe at our beaches and around water! This is particularly important as we approach the holiday season and the likelihood of the children spending more time around these types of dangerous situations. Pupils from across the school were shown the different types of flags used to indicate how dangerous the water is at times and they asked questions which were answered by the lifeguards from Formby and Southport beaches. The children dressed up in lifeguard outfits and enjoyed trying some of the equipment they use. A big thank you to Mrs Sainsbury and our Safeguarding Team for organising the event.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

25/06/24
Reception trip to Speke Hall

26/06/24
Year 6 Baseball Festival

28/06/24
Rainbow Flag whole school drop down day

01/07/24
The Nest Sports Day

NEXT WEEK'S SCHOOL MENU



Next week, our kitchen will be cooking the Week 2 dinner menu for the children.

Enrichment Extra-Curricular Club - Paddle Boarding

Sadly, this week saw our last paddle boarding extra-curricular club! Thankfully though, the sun came out and provided the perfect backdrop for the session. Subjecting our children to new, memorable experiences and sports/activities is a big part of our vibrant curriculum offer. I wonder what club Mr Doyle will come up with next?

Welcoming our New EYFS Children - Our Teddy Bear Picnic!

Earlier this week, staff in our EYFS organised a wonderful event for our newest arrivals... a teddy bear picnic for our 2024 Reception intake and their parents/carers. Visitors were introduced to the school and our environment for the very first time. They were welcomed into our Flo Melly family and had a taste of what life will be like in September. We cannot wait for them all to start their journey with us.

If you haven't already, please give us a follow on X (formally Twitter). We regularly post about the memorable learning experiences we provide for our pupils, many of which do not make the cut for our weekly newsletter. You're missing out if you don't!

This Week's Book Recommendation...

This week's book recommendation is [The Wrong Shoes by Tom Percival](#). At Flo Melly, we love Tom's picture books, so we were all really excited to read his first novel...it didn't disappoint! Will has the wrong shoes – he's always known it but doesn't know how to change it. Navigating the difficulties of home and school when you feel you stick out is tough, but finding confidence with the help and empathy of friends can be all you need to see the way. A beautiful and sensitive exploration of the experience of child poverty. Our recent visiting author, Phil Earle, describes the story as, 'full of empathy, and most importantly, heart.'

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

Attendance Matters at Florence Melly Community Primary School!



92.9%
Whole-school attendance this year!

CLASSES ABOVE 97% THIS WEEK...

1H 👍

100% ATTENDEES...

This week: 361 pupils
Year to date: 31 pupils

Be in school, on time, for 9:00am! That's when learning starts!



**SPOTLIGHT
ON
CURRICULUM**

End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 21st June 2024

Year 1 - Design Technology - Food & Nutrition - Vitamins in food Why are vegetables the best?

This week in Year 1, the children explored the book 'Meerkat Mail' by Emily Gravett with Miss Jen; the text features a Meerkat named Sunny and he taught the children the importance of family relationships. They then practised their fine motor and culinary skills by making sandwiches for a picnic with Sunny and his family! The children buttered the bread, chose their fillings to go in each sandwich and they may have had a sneaky bite or two too!



Complete School Closure for Election Day - Thursday 4th July 2024

Earlier this week, I wrote to all EYFS parents/carers to let them know of our decision to close our Nursery, Reception and Nest classes due to the General Election. After much deliberation with the Governing Body, the Local Authority and other local Headteachers - we have decided to close the whole-school for the General Election on Thursday 4th July 2024.

This has been a very difficult decision to make and not one that has been taken lightly. After completing a comprehensive risk assessment, we have come to the conclusion that we cannot guarantee the safety of the children - which is absolutely our number one priority! Thousands of members of the public will access our school site on that day and there are too many unknowns to be able to safely coordinate the day with the children on site. Many other local schools, that are also polling stations, have come to the same conclusion and will be closing like ourselves.

For more information, please access the letter sent out to parents/carers, here: [General Election Closure Letter](#).

Wear a Splash of Colour with Pride Day

Our children have expressed an interest in positively celebrating LGBT+ inclusion through a 'Wear a Splash of Colour with Pride Day'. June is Pride Month so we would like to celebrate this through a whole school drop down day on Friday 28th June, so that we can take time to explore the significance of this commemoration for the LGBT+ community.



On this day, children are invited to wear bright, colourful clothing for school. Within classes, we will be researching the history of the Pride Flag, learning about inspirational members of the LGBT+ community, creating colourful pieces of artwork and engaging in our very own Pride March.

For more information, please see the letter attached: <https://florencemelly.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Rainbow-FlagPride-Celebration-Letter-to-ParentsCarers-180624.pdf>.

You can also visit our school website, for further details about our RSHE curriculum: <https://florencemelly.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Relationships-Education-Policy-February-2024.pdf>.

Have an amazing weekend and we look forward to seeing you all bright and early on Monday morning!

Mr Leach