



HARVEST FESTIVAL-FLO MELLY STYLE!

What a wonderful time pupils from across the school had during our whole-school harvest celebration week and assemblies. A big shout out to Mrs Findell and Miss Batt for organising the festival, which was packed full of singing, poetry and prayers. Thank you to our generous families for donating so much food - it was packaged up and sent to such a worthwhile cause. The theme of harvest was reinforced through a high-quality picture book (Handa's Surprise by Eileen Brown) and an enrichment trip to Claremont Farm in Bebington - to see, first hand, where the magic happens!

Meet our Newest Eco Councillors!

At Florence Melly, we are committed to empowering our children to take on additional roles and have a say in what we get up to - it is their school after all! This week, our Eco Council held their first meeting with Miss Jen. During the meeting they discussed their priorities for the year, including their intentions to secure a Green Flag Award!

Eco Council visit the Museum for the Bees: A Story Of Survival Exhibit!

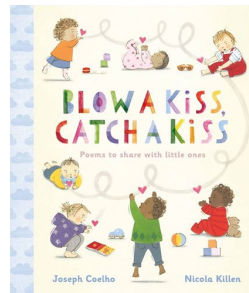
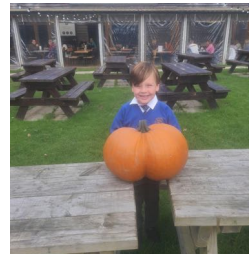
Eco Council members visited a bee exhibition at the World Museum to learn about the link between bee population and the health of the planet's ecosystems. Bees are vital to our survival, but changes to the environment and climate mean their existence is under threat! The exhibition inspired ideas for projects that council members could work on to increase the bee population back in school and in our community.

Author Visits Galore!

This week, we were lucky enough to welcome author, Justyn Edwards, into school. Years 4, 5 and 6 were treated to an immersive presentation, filled with magic tricks and story snippets. Justyn introduced us to his incredible Great Fox series of books which all children are now keen to get their hands on. We have added some of his books into our school library and have managed to get our hands on some signed copies which some lucky children will receive as prizes over the coming weeks. Justyn's passion and enthusiasm were infectious, and staff and children were left inspired to read, write and share stories of all genres.

This Week's Book Recommendation...

To complement National Poetry Day, this week's book recommendation is a poetry anthology - [Blow a Kiss, Catch a Kiss by Joseph Coelho](#). Children's Laureate Joseph Carefully grouped under headings including All About Me, What Do I Feel, and At Home these poems highlight moments familiar to all children and extend them in eloquent words that make them exciting and also safe. Nicola Killen's illustrations match the words perfectly. We're never too young to enjoy poetry so this is anthology is perfect for enjoying as a family at home.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

10/10/24
Enrichment trip to the Slave Museum

11/10/24
Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

21/10/24
Dia de los Muertos (drop down day)

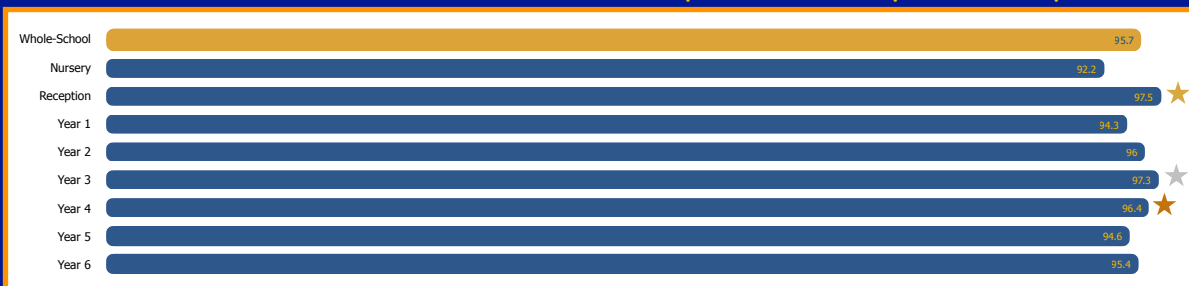
21/10/24
School Discos

NEXT WEEK'S SCHOOL MENU



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

Attendance Matters at Florence Melly Community Primary School!



95.7%
Whole-school attendance this year!

CLASSES ABOVE 97% THIS WEEK...

RL, 3K, 5D, 6B and 6W

100% ATTENDEES...

**This week: 381 pupils
Year to date: 273 pupils**

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



End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 4th October 2024

This week we have been 'poetry mad' at Flo Melly. To celebrate National Poetry Day, we welcomed Craig Bradley, who is known to the kids as 'That Poetry Bloke.' Across the school, children enjoyed an assembly comprising of rhyming and reciting poems in an interactive and humorous manner. The assembly was full of word play, rhyme, turning poems into songs and full of imagination! Poems were brought to life by the use of 'That Poetry Bloke's' guitar which encouraged the children to join in, clap and have lots of fun.

SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM



Year 5 and 6 were lucky enough to take part in a workshop afterwards. The sessions were inspirational, encouraging them to dream big and aim high alongside performing his poems and making everyone laugh. Thank you 'That Poetry Bloke' for helping us celebrate National Poetry Day and making it enjoyable for our pupils. Creating memorable learning experiences is what we are all about!

Our Music Development Plan 2024/25

All schools should have a music development plan from academic year 2023/24. Schools are expected to publish a summary of their plan on their website from academic year 2024/25. The summary should set out how we will deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences, taking into account the key features in the [national plan for music education](#). The summary reflects our school's music provision for the given school year and our plans for subsequent years. For more information, please access our development plan summary by clicking this link: [Florence Melly Music Development Plan](#).

Wake Up Wednesday - Keeping our Children Safe Online!

This week's Wake Up Wednesday instalment is all about chatting to friends when playing games online. Chatting to others in a game can be a great way to connect as you enjoy your hobby together. It's not always quite so wholesome, however. Our newest [#WakeUpWednesday](#) guide offers expert advice on the risks of in-game chat: <https://florencemelly.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/in-game-chat.pdf>.

Online Safety Newsletter - October 2024

Check out our latest Online Safety Newsletter - reminding parents/carers about the risks associated with mobile phones. These newsletters provide helpful tips and hints for parents/carers to help you keep your child safe online! [Online Safety Newsletter - October 2024](#).

Class of 2024 Leavers Videos

Better late than never! The Year 6, Class of 2024, leavers' videos have finally been uploaded to the school website! You can enjoy them by clicking the following link: <https://florencemelly.org/school-videos/>.

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

Mr Leach
Headteacher

