

### FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### MEET OUR DREAM TEAM CAPTAINS 2024/25!

May we present to you, the 2024/25 DREAM team captains. After strong campaigns and our whole-school election, these individuals were voted into their positions by the pupils and staff. The election winners were announced in our celebration assembly and the children are so eager to get started in their new roles. Next week, they will meet Mr Leach and agree their priorities for the new academic year. What a great way to bring democracy alive and allow the children to experience how this fundamental British Value works in action in real life!

#### **Author Ross Montgomery visiting our school!**

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome acclaimed children's author, Ross Montgomery, into school. Every child in the school had the opportunity to meet Ross and learn a little bit about his life as a writer. Ross delivered engaging workshops for Nest, EYFS, KS1 and KS2, which were all extremely well received. We particularly loved hearing about where Ross finds his character and plot inspiration and listening to him read snippets from many of his brilliant stories. Some lucky children even went home with signed copies of Ross' books to enjoy over and over again.

#### 'The First Chapter' - Meet and Greet Sessions!

In order to improve communication with our parents/carers, we have developed a couple of different approaches which will be piloted this year. One of those is a 'book look' which will take place after the half-term and new class assemblies to look forward to! How exciting! Earlier this week however, Year 4 welcomed parents/carers into school as part of our annual 'meet and greet' sessions. These have been in place for a couple of years now and they are designed to provide the opportunity for parents/carers to get to know their child's new class teacher and teaching assistant, whilst enjoying learning about what the children are getting up to in school. This week it was Year 4's turn and, during their visit, they enjoyed a variety of reading games, completed retrieval tasks and made interesting bookmarks to enhance their reading experience! Every year group will, or already has, offered similar sessions - keep an eye out for when your child's session is!

#### This Week's Book Recommendation...

In honour of our visiting author, this week's book recommendation is Penguin Huddle by Ross Montgomery. The penguin pack play all day long. And when the sun goes down, and the night grows cold and dark..."PENGUIN HUDDLE!" The penguins squeeze and squish together to stay warm and cosy. But one night, there is a freezing gale. And the next morning, the penguins are stuck! They are frozen together like a giant penguin ice pop. What a penguin MUDDLE! Nobody in the Antarctic can figure out how to unstick them. But Pipsqueak, the smallest penguin of them all, has a brilliant idea... This light-hearted tale of jolly penguins - big and small - is a celebration of friendship, community spirit and helping those in trouble. We have plenty of signed copies in our school library for children to borrow and many of you now have your own signed copy to enjoy at home.

#### Check out our social media to see what we've been up to this week!







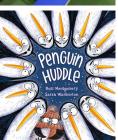












#### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

**04/11/24**NSET Day - school is closed to pupils

**05/11/24**School reopens after the half-term

**05/11/24**Enrichment trip to the Liverpool Ganesh Temple

**08/11/24** KS2 author event at Skyways House

**08/11/24**Enrichment trip to the cinema in New Brighton

11/11/24 EYFS Open Evening

13/11/24 Enrichment trip to the Recycling Discovery Centre

14/11/24 Enrichment trip to the Anglican Cathedral

#### NEXT WEEK'S SCHOOL MENU



After the half-term, our kitchen will be cooking the Week 1 dinner menu for the children.

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# PARENT/CARER UPDATE IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT!





#### End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 25th October 2024

#### Dia de los Muertos - Combining Spanish and Cultural Capital

Earlier this week, pupils from across the school had the exciting opportunity to dive into the vibrant traditions and culture of Spain and Latin America. The highlight of the day was learning about D de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), a celebration honouring loved ones who have passed. Pupils explored the history and significance of this colourful festival and created some traditional decorations. Some year groups made their own calavera skulls and marigold flowers. Throughout the day, the children learned essential Spanish keywords and phrases, enriching their language skills. To top it all off, they tasted delicious Spanish and Latin-inspired foods, generously provided by our friends at Apple of My Eye, giving us a flavourful taste of authentic cuisine.

At Flo Melly we love it when our strong curriculum drivers combine to enhance the learning experiences for our pupils. This is a perfect example of how Spanish and our cultural capital curriculum worked in harmony!

#### New Menus for after the half-term

Don't forget, the school lunch menu change after the half-term break, for more details, please click the following link: <a href="https://florencemelly.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Liverpool-AW-menu-Primary-schools-1.pdf">https://florencemelly.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Liverpool-AW-menu-Primary-schools-1.pdf</a>.

#### Wake Up Wednesday - Keeping our Children Safe Online!

Facing unpleasant feelings can be a challenge, even for adults - let alone for children and young people, whose minds are still developing. To many youngsters, a mistake in an exam, a hurtful word or even losing in a game can sometimes feel like the worst thing in the world, causing them to react accordingly. However, this isn't always an effective way to deal with difficult emotions or life's setbacks, so it's important that parents/carers and educators are able impress a healthy approach to these feelings on the children in their care. This free guide offers you expert tips on how to instil emotional resilience in young people, helping them to learn from unexpected feelings and situations - and to process them in a mature, effective manner: <a href="https://florencemelly.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/build-emotional-resilience.pdf">https://florencemelly.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/build-emotional-resilience.pdf</a>

#### **Thank You! Our ASDA Cashpot**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents/carers for their contributions to our ASDA Cashpot fund! When we last looked, there was over £1000 in the pot, which will be spent directly on the children! That's amazing and down to you all! We cannot thank you enough!

Have an amazing weekend and we look forward to seeing you all after the half-term holidays, bright and early on Tuesday 5th November.

Mr Leach Headteacher













# FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT!



### IN SCHOOL, ON TIME, EVERY DAY!

### WEEKLY PRIZE WINNERS!

Every week we announce five attendance prize winners in our celebration assembly.











## CLASS ATTENDANCE TROPHY WINNERS!



Every week, the class with the best weekly attendance wins the famous 'Flo Melly Attendance Trophy'.

# DREAM TEAM DAILY WINNERS!

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Every day, we see which DREAM team had the best attendance. The winning team receives 10 tokens!

## GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE!

At the end of every week we celebrate those classes who finish in gold, silver and bronze place. These classes receive a certificate to hang proudly in their classrooms! The winning class also get to keep the famous Flo Melly trophy in their classroom for the week.

