



CHICK, CHICK, CHICK, CHICK, CHICKEN...

Lay a little egg for me! The egg-citement in our school this week has been palpable! On Monday, Mr Mullin (our Science Lead) arranged a very special treat for the children as an incubator and eggs were delivered to our school. The children (and staff) watched and waited with bated breath as the eggs hatched revealing the chicks inside! The children have enjoyed learning all about the process and playing with the chicks in class. Children in Reception even took part in a virtual visit to the farm where the eggs came from. What a brilliant way to bring science alive through first-hand scientific experiences.

More Chester Zoo Workshops at Flo Melly!

A big shout out to Leon from the Conservation Team at Chester Zoo, who visited our school this week to work with Year 2 and Year 3. We have been working closely with the team at the zoo to educate the children in important issues relating to conservation. This week, the children made seed bombs to grow wild flowers to build habitats for our native animals and insects and used technology to identify plants and animals in our meadow. Next week, they will be treated to a trip to the zoo to see the great work they do with their own eyes! We just love providing unforgettable learning experiences for our children - that is what we are all about!

Core Values Award Trip to Birkenhead Park

What a wonderful time our very lucky Core Values award winners had on Friday as Mr Doyle and Miss Campbell whisked them off for an afternoon in Birkenhead Park. These children have epitomised our core values this week and they were over the moon to be out in the warm, sunny weather! They basked in the sunshine, enjoyed ice-creams and a play on the park. Is there a better way to celebrate the achievements of these amazing pupils? We don't think so and judging by the giant smiles on their faces...the children agree too! Check back next week when we restart our legendary core values trips to West Kirby, crabbing in the marine lake.

This Week's Book Recommendation...

This week's book recommendation is [Snails of the Unexpected by Terrie Chilvers](#). Snail friends, Fergus and Shelby live happily in Angela Miller's garden. Fergus is a planner and likes to be in control of every situation, whereas Shelby takes a much more laid-back approach to life. But both are baffled by the sudden surge in popularity of slugs and are horrified to discover that Angela's garden is to be bulldozed in three days' time to make way for a fancy new slug salad bar. Determined to save their home, the pair decide to take their complaint to the very top: the Prime Minister. But how will they reach Downing Street in time when their top speed is literally a snail's pace? When Shelby casually suggests they utilise their mega-morphing skills, Fergus is flabbergasted, as he had no idea they had developed superpowers when a puddle they were sitting in was struck by lightning. The snails transform into a range of objects and uncover a dastardly gastropod plot to eradicate the human race using poisoned lemon drizzle cake. With wacky characters, a bonkers plot and amusing black-and-white illustrations, this laugh-out-loud chapter book is extremely entertaining and perfect for independent younger readers.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

05/05/25

Bank Holiday - School is Closed!

06/05/25

Reception - School Health Screening

08/05/25

VE Day Celebrations

09/05/25

Years 2 and 3 Trip to Chester Zoo

12/05/25

Year 6 SATs Week

15/05/25

Special School Menu Day

23/05/25

Year 6 Robinwood Residential

23/05/25

School Closes for Half-Term

NEXT WEEK'S SCHOOL MENU

WEEK 3	
Day	Menu
Monday	Spaghetti Bolognese, Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad, Dessert
Tuesday	Chicken Curry, Rice, Naan Bread, Dessert
Wednesday	Beef and Potato Pie, Peas, Dessert
Thursday	Salmon Fillets, Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert
Friday	Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Dessert

Next week, our brilliant dinner staff team will be serving the 'Week 3' menu!



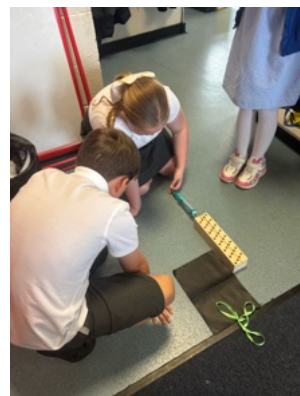


SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM

End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 2nd May 2025

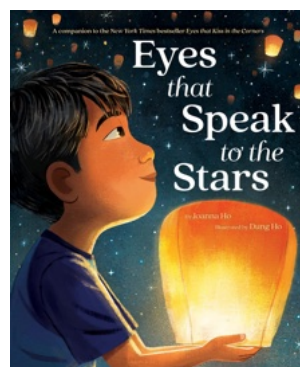
This week's 'Spotlight on Curriculum' takes us to Year 5 and their Science lessons exploring Forces...

This week, Year 5 were introduced to their new science topic and learnt all about forces. The children were excited to become scientists by carrying out investigations and exploring equipment that they haven't used before. The children were asked to investigate materials and to use their skills and understanding to find out which one has the least friction. They conducted fair tests, changing the type of material each time while other variables remained the same. The children confidently used force meters to measure the force needed to move different materials and read the measurements accurately. Through their hands-on experiments, they developed a deeper understanding of how forces work and the importance of fair testing in scientific investigations.



Next week, as part of our Cultural Capital curriculum, the children will be exploring...

- Motivation, as this is our Core Value theme for this half-term.
- Coping with Change, as our Relationships and Health Education theme. This topic explores how people grow and change from babies, through puberty to adulthood.
- Children's Book Week during their weekly 'Cultural Capital' assembly and using the picture book ['Eyes that Speak to the Stars' by Joanna Ho](#) in order to immerse them in the theme. You can buy the book by clicking on the link above or alternatively, you can watch/listen to it using YouTube here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C42zzXMoh_4.
- Children will be treated to a trip to the Liverpool Central Library as part of our enrichment trip programme. We build cultural capital by enriching pupils' lives through memorable and unforgettable experiences, trips and visits to special places of interest. We do this by using the vibrancy of our great city.



Wake Up Wednesday - Top Tips for Parents & Educators: Safety on the Road

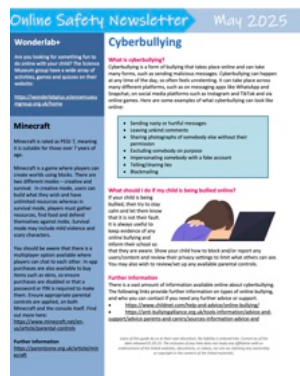
This free guide shares essential advice for keeping children safe around roads, highlighting practical steps like staying visible, reducing distractions and recognising hidden dangers: <https://florencemelly.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/safety-on-the-road.pdf>.



Staying safe on our roads isn't just a skill - it's a lifelong habit. It is crucial to learn key strategies for helping children navigate streets safely and confidently, from practising journeys together to teaching them how to choose the safest crossing points. We've collaborated with THINK! to offer real-world advice on issues like the dangers of parked vehicles, reversing cars and mobile phone distractions - it's an invaluable tool for parents and educators who want to help young people travel independently without compromising their safety. For more information, please click the following link: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>.

Online Safety Newsletter

We have joined forces with Knowsley City Learning Centres so that we can publish exciting and informative online safety newsletters each and every month. These provide tips and hints for parents/carers to help you keep your child safe online. The latest instalment of our newsletter looks at cyberbullying, Minecraft and Roblox. Check it out by clicking here: <https://florencemelly.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Online-Safety-Newsletter-Primary-May-2025> Florence-Melly 30-04-2025.pdf.



VE Day Celebrations

To celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day, staff and pupil will come together for a whole-school drop down day on Thursday 8th May. We have planned workshops for classes and lots of wonderful lessons and activities to mark this special day. This includes coming into school dressed wearing red, white and blue or war/1940's themed clothing and enjoying a garden party. More details will be sent out shortly by Mr Derbyshire (our History Lead) and Miss Batt (Our Cultural Capital Lead).



Have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend; enjoy time with your families and the sunshine. See you all bright and early on Tuesday morning.

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! COMPETITION TIME!

To help improve our school attendance this half-term we have decided to hold an exciting competition! Starting next week, all pupils who have an attendance of 97% or above for the remaining three weeks of half-term will be entered into a draw to win one of three amazing prizes! Top prize is a family annual pass for Knowsley Safari Park, second place prize is a family day trip pass to Gulliver's World in Warrington and third place prize is a £50 Just Eat voucher! This is just one initiative to help improve attendance and celebrate those children and families who are **IN SCHOOL, ON TIME, EVERY DAY!** Good luck everyone!

WEEKLY PRIZE WINNERS!



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

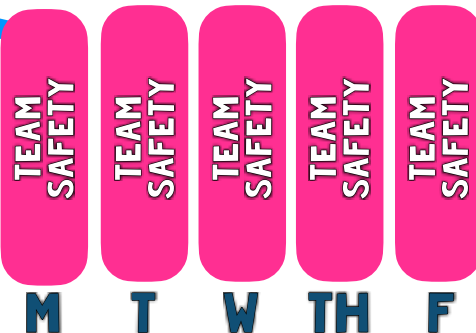
CLASS ATTENDANCE TROPHY WINNERS!



100%

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

DREAM TEAM DAILY WINNERS!



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

WHOLE-SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR!

93.9%

WHOLE-SCHOOL PERSISTENT ABSENTEEISM

16.1%

NUMBER OF 100% ATTENDEES THIS WEEK

344

NUMBER OF 100% ATTENDEES THIS YEAR

29

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!



One Class beat our 97% target this week, and earned themselves an extra play. Well done to 6W - 100%, that's AMAZING!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS LOST DAYS = LOST LEARNING!

Think 90% attendance is good? Think again! This is what lost days really looks like! Now do you think 90% attendance is good?

IN SCHOOL, ON TIME, EVERY DAY!

	Days missed	Lessons missed	School weeks missed
95%	10 days missed	40 lessons missed	2 weeks missed
90%	19 days missed	76 lessons missed	3 weeks and 4 days missed
85%	28 days missed	112 lessons missed	5 weeks and 3 days missed
80%	37 days missed	148 lessons missed	7 weeks and 2 days missed