



ENRICHMENT TRIP TO THE BEACH!

This week we welcomed back our legendary Core Values Award trips to West Kirby! This is most certainly the children's favourite trip destination. After having their names proudly announced in our celebration assembly, our weekly winners were whisked of to West Kirby for an afternoon of crabbing, ice-creams and fun on the beach - the perfect way to celebrate the children's achievements! Well done!

Year 6 SATs Week...COMPLETED!

A HUGE Flo Melly well done to our amazing Year 6 pupils who have worked their socks off this week as they sat their end of Key Stage tests. The effort and hard work they have demonstrated these last few months has been tremendous and everyone at the school is super proud of them. It's a big deal sitting the SATs and for many it can often become too much but nevertheless, they rose to the challenge, demonstrated our DREAMS core values and gave them their very best shot...and that's all we can ask for. Well done to Year 6 (and their teachers - who have also worked their socks off to get the children ready and prepared).

Our DREAM TEAM Captains present to our Full Governing Body!

Earlier this week our DREAM Team Captains were invited to our Full Governing Body meeting where they met many of our Governors and chatted about our school, their roles and what life is like on our Junior Leadership Team. The children were super excited to be invited to such an important meeting. Our Governors were blown away with how articulate and confident the children were and how marvellous their exercise books were - they represented our school magnificently!

Year 3 Cookery Club

What a fabulous time our Cookery Club pupils had earlier this week as they enjoyed making tropical fruit crumbles! How delicious! A massive thank you to our friends at Apple of my Eye, who help us provide such amazing opportunities for our pupils in and beyond the classroom. We value the importance of cooking and nutrition highly and the support and expertise from Michaela and her team helps ensure that our children develop this vital life skill. Why not have a go at making it yourself: https://emmaduckworthbakes.com/wprm_print/mango-coconut-crumble-recipe.

This Week's Book Recommendation...

This week's book recommendation is [The Egg Incident written by Ziggy Hanaur](#). Humphrey the egg has a list of rules to follow - no running, no jumping and NO sitting on walls! He knows full well what happened to his poor uncle Humpty. One day, he walks very carefully to the park (leaving his worried parents at home), where he meets the energetic and friendly PJ. Together, they play games like hide and seek and catch, but they chat for so long, they're locked in the park. And oh no, to escape, they'll have to climb over the wall! Is Humphrey brave enough? This is a very funny graphic novel that will have children giggling out loud. Humphrey's caution is delightfully cute, but he learns that excessive caution can prevent you living your life. There are many funny details to spot in the illustrations - Daisy Wynter characterises these eggs brilliantly - and some eggcellent puns. This would be a delight to share one on one, or to curl up with.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

19/05/25

LFC Foundation Workshop at Anfield

23/05/25

Year 6 Robinwood Residential

23/05/25

School Closes for Half-Term

02/06/25

School Re-Opens after half-Term

02/06/25

Year 4 Multiplication Check

09/06/25

Phonics Screening Check for Year 1

13/06/25

Years 1-6 Sports Day at Wavertree Athletics Track

10/06/25

Year 6 Prom

NEXT WEEK'S SCHOOL MENU

Next week, our brilliant dinner staff team will be serving the 'Week 2' menu!



End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 16th May 2025

This week's 'Spotlight on Curriculum' takes us to...Year 5 and their English topic on report writing!

This term, Year 5 have been hard at work writing newspaper reports inspired by their class novel 'The Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen'. Taking on the role of journalists, pupils crafted attention-grabbing headlines using alliteration and delved into theories about where the deadly Bluchers may have come from and what caused them to appear. To bring their reports to life, pupils included dramatic eyewitness quotes from staff and classmates describing the terrifying day Florence Melly was "attacked" by these mysterious creatures. Each report concluded with an urgent warning to readers: if you spot a Blucher—stay calm, keep your distance, and report it immediately! Year 5's writing was gripping, imaginative, and full of journalistic flair.

SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM

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

- In My Liverpool Home - Local History Month during their weekly 'Cultural Capital' assembly and using the picture book ['Liverpool, Baby! Our Kid about Town - Sophie Green'](#) in order to immerse them in the theme. You can buy the book by clicking on the link above.
- The Albert Dock as part of our strong enrichment programme, using the vibrancy of our great city to bring learning alive and give our pupils first hand experiences.
- World Bee Day in Reception by participating in an exciting cookery and nutrition lesson. They will carry out a 'Bee Friendly Audit' around the school grounds and taste different types of honey and combinations with different foods.

Wake Up Wednesday - What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Minecraft

This free guide explores Minecraft - a gaming favourite! It highlights the potential risks, including online strangers, in-game bullying and unintended spending: <https://florencemelly.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/minecraft-2025.pdf>.

Reminder - Lines of Communication!

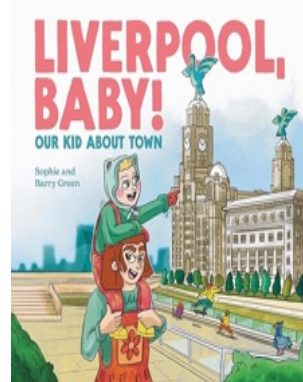
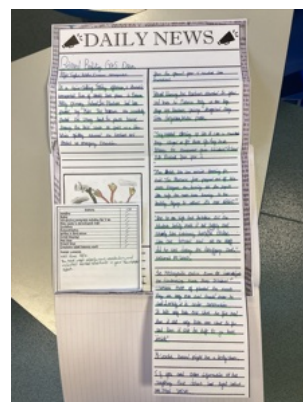
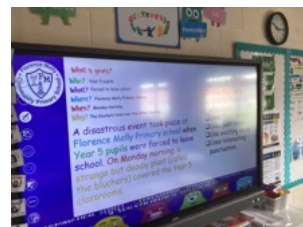
Just a little reminder about the avenues we have in place for you, as parents/carers, to communicate with members of our team.

- **Class Dojo** - this is a brilliant messaging service and for many of our team, this is the preferred platform but some use it more than others. Staff often post activities and key messages on School and Class Stories for you to stay in touch with what is going on. Sometimes parents/carers message staff late into the evening using Dojo and assume that these messages are read - this is not always the case.
- **Email** - Mr Leach's preferred method of communication. The email addresses of class teachers are available on the class pages of the school website.
- **Telephone** - calling the school is the fastest way to get a response and the Office Team will often be able to answer any questions that you may have.
- **Speaking to staff before school** - at the start of the day, our Teaching Assistants welcome the children into school and the Teachers are in class to set the children off on their morning tasks and challenges. Pastoral Staff and Senior Leaders are also present on the yard and are available should you have any concerns.
- **Speaking to staff after school** - at the end of the day, the Teachers see the children out and can be approached should you have any questions or concerns. You may need to wait to speak with them because their number one priority at this point is to safely dismiss the children - which is a very important and challenging job; but stick around and they will be able to have a chat and support.
- **Twitter/X/Flickr** - we have vibrant social media feeds which show off some of the amazing activities that go on in school each and every day. Staff do not normally respond to posts and questions on this platform, as it is a public account.
- **Our Weekly Newsletter** - I often joke about no one reading my newsletter but this is a brilliant way for us to celebrate what goes on in Flo Melly and deliver important messages and updates. The newsletter is posted out on Dojo, the website and social media at the end of the week (normally on a Friday).
- **Studybugs** - we use this app to communicate all things 'attendance'. You receive automated updates about absence rates and you can use it to let us know when your child is too unwell to attend school. If you haven't already, sign up today!

No more tears! Supporting parents with easier drop offs - a free webinar by Triple P!

We would like to make you aware of a free webinar on supporting parents with easier drop offs. This webinar will provide practical simple ideas from research, that can ease those difficult transitions, helping children to settle more quickly, and parents to feel more confident. It takes place on Tuesday 20th May 14:00 - 15:00 and you can book your place here: [No more tears! Event Booking Form](#)

Have a wonderful weekend and see you all bright and early on Monday morning.



FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT!



IN SCHOOL, ON TIME, EVERY DAY!

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE MESSAGE...

We are delighted to see an increase in the number of children attending school this week - particularly after a couple of weeks of much lower attendance. We have been hit hard with Chicken Pox this half-term and it is vital that you are extra vigilant for any spots that show up on your child. If you are unsure if your child has chicken pox or not, pharmacies can confirm this for you. Earlier this week, we posted some advice and guidance about Chicken Pox on our Class Dojo page - check it out! Lastly, a BIG SHOUT OUT to the 297 children who are still in the running for our half-termly attendance prizes! They will be drawn next week and the winners announced; how exciting! You have to be IN SCHOOL, ON TIME, EVERY DAY to be in with a chance!

WEEKLY PRIZE WINNERS!



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

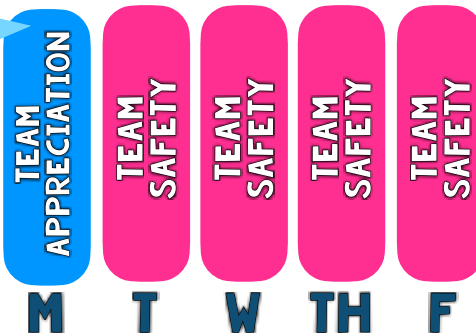
CLASS ATTENDANCE TROPHY WINNERS!



99%

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!

93.7%

WHOLE-SCHOOL PERSISTENT ABSENTEEISM

16.1%

NUMBER OF 100% ATTENDEES THIS WEEK

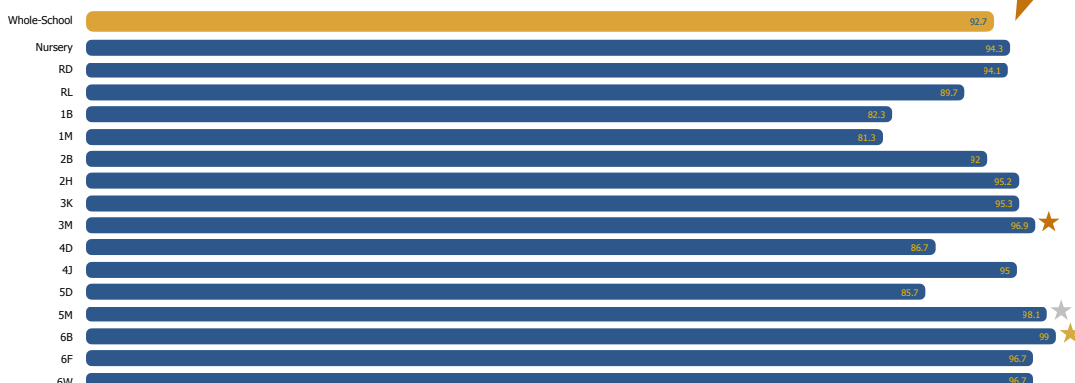
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NUMBER OF 100% ATTENDEES THIS YEAR

28

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!



Well done to 6B and 5M who beat our 97% target this week, and earned themselves an extra play!

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