

### FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### OUR CHARLIE LOWE SPORTS DAY!

What an amazing way to remember such a wonderful boy! This week marked the anniversary of our school sports day, which we hold in honour of our beloved Charlie Lowe. The children and staff headed down to Wavertree Athletics Track for an actionpacked and fun-filled day of athletics. The children, grouped in their DREAM Teams, competed in a host of different events from sprints, to hurdles and obstacle races. The event culminated in our parent/carer race (some of whom actually treated it like an Olympic event). A brilliant day was had by all and it was the perfect way to remember our Charlie; he loved competing and racing and today would've brought a smile to his face! Thank you to all of the parents/carers for attending and a big shout out to Miss Bear and Mrs Dentith for organising the whole event!



#### 16/06/25 Author visit - Claire Powell

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR** 

YOUR DIARY!



#### 16/06/25 National Sports Week activities across the week

Special School Menu Day

- Picnic Party

### 19/06/25

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### 24/06/25

Knife Crime Relay Event

Athletics competition at

Wavertree



27/06/25 Break the Rules Day!

27/06/25 Nursery Stay & Play for

#### **Our Inclusion Quality Mark Assessment**

This week, as part of our journey to become the most inclusive school in Liverpool, we welcomed in a representative from the Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) team, who spent two days assessing the inclusivity of all aspects of school life. No stone was left unturned, and our assessor conducted learning walks, met with staff, governors, parents and children to learn as much as she could about our ethos and approaches. We are delighted to share that the findings were overwhelmingly positive and that the inclusivity of our school shone out in all areas. We will share our full report with you all soon but are proud to announce that we have been recommended as an IOM Centre of Excellence!



#### **Freestyle Football Showcase and Workshops**

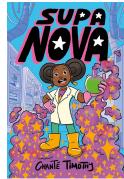
As part of our PE and Sport Premium Strategy, we are always looking for new ways to inspire our children into wanting to do more exercise and participate in sport. This week, as part of this strong commitment, we invited Rebaz into school to deliver freestyle football sessions for the children. Rebaz, a Guinness World Record holder, wowed the children with his silky skills and gave them tips and the tricks of the trade as they attempted to become freestylers themselves. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions, with many staying behind after-school to participate in extra curricular sessions!



New Starters

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

This week's book recommendation is Supa Nova by Chante Timothy. Young scientist Nova loves nothing more than conducting experiments in her secret laboratory. After watching a documentary about islands of plastic waste, Nova is sure she can come up with a solution and is delighted when she creates a plastic-eating organism named Chomp! Chomp gets bigger and escapes into town looking for more things to eat. Unfortunately, Nova hadn't appreciated just how many objects contain plastic, and Chomp causes havoc by munching through them all. With the help of her big sister and some highly inventive gadgets - Nova attempts to stop Chomp before it's too late. This lively, science-fiction graphic novel is the first book in a series. Full of humour, wacky inventions and vibrant artwork, it would particularly appeal to reluctant readers. Information about the science behind the story can be found at the end of the book; perfect for your little scientists at home!



#### **NEXT WEEK'S** SCHOOL MENU



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









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#### End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 13th June 2025

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

Year 5 have been reading the captivating book 'Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen as part of their reading and writing curriculum. To inspire their creativity, the class engaged in shared writing activities, working together to develop their understanding of the story. During these sessions, they explored new vocabulary, discussed different ideas, and collaborated to craft their own creative pieces of writing. This approach helped deepen their comprehension of the text while also encouraging them to express their own ideas confidently and imaginatively. The children used a range of figurative language to entice the reader and focused on their sentence structure to allow their writing to flow and entertain the reader.

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

- Empowerment, as this is our Core Value theme for this half-term.
- Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds as our Relationships and Health Education theme. This topic
  explores how to stay healthy, both physically and mentally. It explores ways to maintain
  wellbeing and prevent illness; how to develop a healthy, balanced lifestyle; and the
  consequences and effects of different habits and choices.
- World Refugee Week during their weekly 'Cultural Capital' assembly and using the picture book 'Saving The Butterfly - Helen Cooper' in order to immerse them in the theme. You can buy the book by clicking on the link above or watch it on Youtube by clicking here: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ut1wNAlCeAQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ut1wNAlCeAQ</a>.



This free guide explores the risks and rewards of children using generative AI tools, highlighting dangers such as misinformation, privacy breaches, and reduced critical thinking, while offering essential tips for safe, positive use. The remarkable growth of generative AI tools like ChatGPT has opened up exciting new opportunities for young learners. Used wisely, AI can be a powerful ally in boosting creativity, learning and problem-solving skills. However, without proper guidance, young people may stumble into challenges including inaccurate information, data security risks, and a growing reliance on AI over their own critical thinking. Check out this useful guide for more information, tips and hints: What Parents Need to Know about Generative AI Safety.

#### Contacting Me - My Preferred Method of Communication

In recent newsletter editions, I have outlined the multiple platforms we use to communicate with parents/carers. We have a whole host of ways to keep in touch; through Class Dojo, telephone, email, social media and Studybugs to name just a few. I have spoken to lots of parents/carers and reminded them that my preferred method is via email. Many of you message me on Class Dojo but I do not always pick these up. Sometimes I do not receive notifications and parents/carers wait for a response to their message and I have not seen it. The best way to reach me is via email. You can email me at: <a href="mailto:a.leach@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk">a.leach@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk</a>. I will do my very best to respond to emails as quickly as possible, no longer than 48 hours after they have been sent.

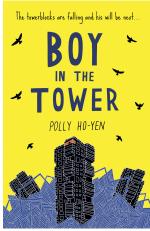
#### A BIG Flo Melly welcome to our new Designated Safeguarding Lead!

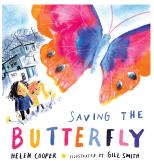
Please join me in welcoming the newest edition of our Flo Melly Family - Mrs Byrne. As our new Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Byrne will be joining our Senior Leadership Team and we are very excited with her arrival. She joins us from another local school and brings with her a vast amount of safeguarding experience and expertise. She has already made headway connecting with parents/carers and children outside on the yard and I encourage you to approach her, say hello and start to build a positive relationship. Should you want to make an appointment to speak with her privately, you can also contact her via email: <a href="mailto:s.byrne@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk">s.byrne@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk</a>.

#### Drowning Prevention Week (DPW) Information and Resources for Parents/Carers

Drowning Prevention Week (DPW) is one of the largest summer water safety campaigns across the UK and Ireland; targeting families, carers, teachers and instructors of children aged five to fifteen years old with the aim of educating them about water safety. No child should drown, and with the right water safety education – such as knowledge of the Water Safety Code – accidental drownings are preventable. Drowning Prevention Week is deliberately timed ahead of the school summer holidays when children spend more time outdoors and when vital water safety skills can help keep children safe. For more information and resources, please visit: <a href="https://www.rlss.org.uk">https://www.rlss.org.uk</a>.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend with your families and loved ones and we will see you all bright and early on Monday morning.















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

### This week's key attendance message...

We are almost at the end of a very long and busy school year, so we fully appreciate how tired all staff members, families and children are. As a result of this, our whole school attendance has dipped over the past few weeks, so we are reaching out to parents and carers to encourage you to send your children into school every day possible over the final five weeks of term. To support with this, we have arranged lots of enrichment opportunities, sporting events, class trips and drop-down days to ensure that the final half term is an extra special one! Children need to be in school, on time, every day to enjoy each of these. We really appreciate your support!

#### WEEKLY PRIZE WINNERS!











Each 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'.

WHOLE-SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR!

93.5%

WHOLE-SCHOOL PERSISTENT ABSENTEEISM

18.4%

# DREAM TEAM DAILY WINNERS!

TEAM EMPOWERMENT

TEAM

TEAM DETERMINATI

TEAM APPRECIATION

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

NUMBER OF 100% ATTENDEES THIS WEEK

329

NUMBER OF 100% ATTENDEES THIS YEAR

25

## 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 6W 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?

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