

Thursday 26th October 2023

FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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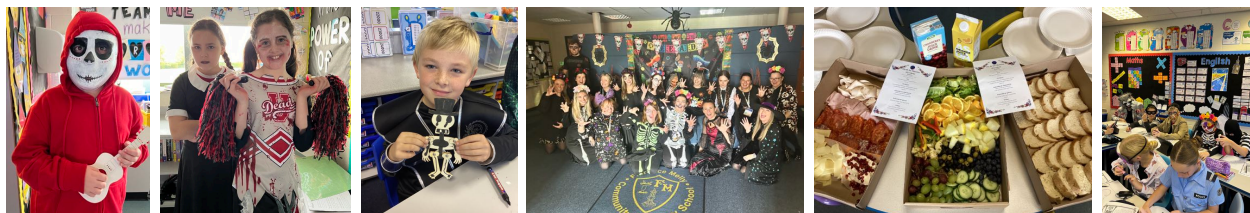


## DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

### CELEBRATING THE DAY OF THE DEAD!



This week, our pupils and staff embraced the Mexican celebration of 'Dia de los Muertos' (the Day of the Dead) and enjoyed a whole host of exciting activities linked to this wonderful event. Dia de los Muertos is a multi-day holiday involving family and friends gathering to pay their respects and to remember friends and family members who have died. Every class enjoyed a Spanish tasting platter, some designed their own calaveras (decorative skulls) and everyone had a blast researching this wonderful celebration! Best of all - everyone got to dress up! Some of the costumes were so SCARY! The day was organised by Mrs Matthews, our MFL (Modern Foreign Languages) Lead and she was supported by the amazing team at Apple of my Eye.



### IMPORTANT DATES!

**27/10/23**  
School is closed for a staff INSET Day!

**31/10/23**  
Closing date for Year 6 secondary applications!

**06/11/23**  
Children return to school after the half-term holidays.

For more important dates, please visit the 'parent zone' of our school website!

### Saving the Planet and Celebrating UK Recycling Week!

Recently, for UK Recycling Week 2023, the LFC Foundation, supported by LFC club partner SC Johnson, visited schools across the city to educate over 1,400 children and young people about recycling. Pupils learned about 'missed capture' - discussing what can and can't be recycled at home, and addressing a number of recycling misconceptions. At Flo Melly, we want our children to be recycling champions at home, so please continue to discuss this issue at home with all of your friends and families! Happy UK Recycling Week 2023!



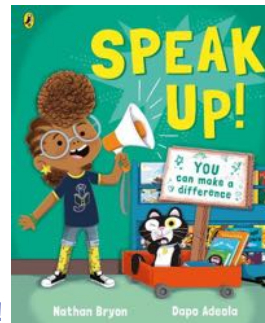
### Book Character Pumpkins as Design Technology meets Reading!

A HUGE Flo Melly shout out to those children who participated in the 'spooktacular' design a pumpkin competition. Miss McCarrick and Miss Burnett challenged our pupils to create a pumpkin of their favourite book characters! WOW, what an amazing response we received - from Mr Bump to Diary of a Wimpy Kid - the creations were amazing! Every child who submitted an entry was treated to a book from our book vending machine and the winners, book vouchers to spend on wonderful new books to enjoy!



### Weekly Book Recommendation for Children...

This week's book recommendation, [Speak Out by Nathan Bryon](#), has been chosen to complement our celebration of Black History Month. Join the brilliantly passionate and instantly loveable Rocket as she organises a peaceful protest to save her local library! Bookworm Rocket loves to collect new books on her weekly visit to the library, and to read all about inspirational figures like Rosa Parks. So, she is heartbroken when she discovers the library will be closing down! Can she use what she's learnt from Rosa to speak up to save the day? Grab a copy and find out!



Head over to our [Twitter](#) and [Flickr](#) feeds for more updates, news and photos!



### ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Year 4 (96.7%)

Year 1 (96.5%)

Nursery (96.4%)

Year 3 (95.4%)

Year 6 (94.0%)

Reception (92.5%)

Year 2 (91.5%)

Year 5 (89.8%)

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Whole-school attendance this week!

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### End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Thursday 26th October 2023

#### Year 5 - Writing - Newspaper Reports!

This half-term, Year 5 have been reading their gripping class novel, 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. The children have been using the captivating plot of the story to write their very own newspaper reports. They began the week by identifying the features of a newspaper report which they used to assist their planning, and explored adventurous vocabulary to bring their writing to life! Year 5 have also been perfecting their use of alliteration to create headlines that jump off the page. This week has allowed the children to become journalists and they have enjoyed every minute!



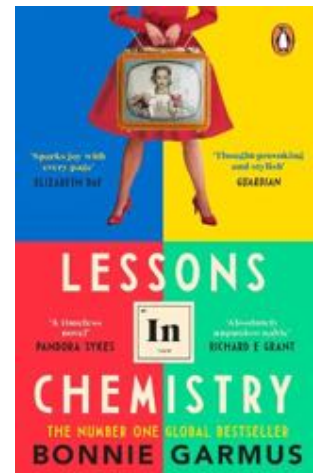
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CURRICULUM

#### Date reminders

- Friday 27th October 2023 - School is closed - Staff INSET day!
- Tuesday 31st October 2023 - The closing date for Year 7 applications!
- Monday 6th November 2023 - The children return to school after the half-term holidays.
- Monday 6th November 2023 - Parents' evening for parents/carers of pupils in Mrs Dentith's class.
- Tuesday 14th November 2023 - SEND coffee morning with the ASD Training Team.
- Friday 17th November 2023 - Children in Need SPOTacular party.
- Monday 20th November 2023 - Parents' evening.
- Friday 1st December 2023 - Mental Health Drop Down - Give (your time, your words, your presence).
- Monday 4th December 2023 - School nurses in school to administer the flu immunisation.
- Tuesday 12th December 2023 - Safeguarding coffee morning with Mr Baillie exploring online safety.
- Thursday 21st December 2023 - The children finish for Christmas at 1:30pm.
- Friday 22nd October 2023 - School is closed - Staff INSET day!
- Monday 8th January 2023 - The children return to school after the Christmas holidays.

#### Parent/Carer Book Recommendation

This week's book recommendation for adults is [Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus](#). Chemist, Elizabeth Zott, is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind. True chemistry results...but like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later, Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show *Supper at Six*. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking ("combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride") proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook...she's daring them to change the status quo.



#### Vouchers

Just to let you know, those parents/carers who are in receipt of means tested free school meals (not the universal free school meals for EYFS and infant pupils) will receive a £15 ASDA voucher for the half-term holidays. You should receive these from the office shortly. If you do not receive yours, please get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support and have a relaxing half-term break.