

Friday 22nd November 2024

FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT!



## AN IMPORTANT CHANGE TO OUR INSET DAY!

Earlier this week, we wrote to parents/carers about a proposed change to our up and coming INSET day. We appreciate the feedback we received and we are now in position to inform you that the date will be moved. The INSET day will move from Monday 6th January to Friday 20th December. This means that the children will break up for the Christmas holidays one day earlier at 1:30pm on Thursday 19th December and will return to school one day earlier on Monday 6th January. We believe that this is the best decision moving forwards. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. As always, we appreciate your support, cooperation and patience!

### Celebrating our Vibrant Art and Design Curriculum

Art and Design appears to be the flavour of the week recently with so many classes reaching for their easels and paintbrushes and taking inspiration from some great artists of past and present. Year 1, inspired by Van Gogh, Picasso and John Charles, take self-portraits. Similarly, Year 4 were inspired by Rembrandt, Da Vinci and local artist Rob Hefferan to create portraits of Mr Leach as their masterpieces. We really do have some incredibly talented artists in our school and Mrs Doyle, our Art Lead, has inspired everyone to showcase their talents!

### An Enrichment Trip Using Public Transport

To mark Road Safety Awareness Week, Mr Doyle arranged an enrichment trip for some of our Year 6 children to introduce them to using public transport. This is going to be a really important skill for them as they move to secondary school next year. Sadly, they didn't actually get to ride the bus, in good old fashioned Bristol style - it never turned up! An important life lesson taught anyway!

### In School, On Time, Every Day!

We have decided to run an exciting attendance initiative for pupils across the school and to be in with a chance of winning a trip to the cinema, we are encouraging the children to make sure that they are in school on Friday and Monday. Every child that is in school on these days, will have their name in the prize draw to win a place on the trip next week. You've got to be in school to be in with a chance! The draw will be made on Monday afternoon.

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

This week's book recommendation is '[The Book With No Pictures by B. J. Novak](#)'. You might think a book with no pictures would be boring and serious. Except... here's how this book works: Everything written on the page *has* to be said by the person reading it aloud. Even if the words say **BLORK**. Or **BLUURF**. And even if they have to say things like **BLAGGITY BLAGGITY** and **MY HEAD IS MADE OF BLUEBERRY PIZZA!** That's the rule. That's the deal. B. J. Novak's brilliantly irreverent and very, very silly *The Book With No Pictures* will delight kids and grownups alike!

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



MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

The Book With No Pictures

B.J. Novak

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

**26/11/24**  
Nursery Maths Stay and Play Session

**26/11/24**  
Lancashire Library Poetry Sessions for EYFS & KS1

**26/11/24**  
Pupil Librarian Training Session

**26/11/24**  
KS1 Attendance Cinema Trip

**28/11/24**  
KS2 Attendance Cinema Trip

**28/11/24**  
Enrichment Trip to the Salvation Army

**10/12/24**  
Mental Health Support Team Coffee Afternoon

**12/12/24**  
Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

## NEXT WEEK'S SCHOOL MENU

WEEK 1			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Spaghetti Bolognese	Chicken Curry	Beef and Peas	Chicken and Potato
Spaghetti	Chicken	Beef	Chicken
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After the half-term, our kitchen will be cooking the Week 1 dinner menu for the children.



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## End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 22nd November 2024

### Design Technology - Years 3 and 4 - Bridge Structures and Hinges

Years 3 and 4 have been working hard in DT this week exploring 'bridge structures' and 'hinges' respectively. In Year 4, pupils spent time designing and making their very own Christmas Eve box (with a hinge). They were introduced to their learning question 'How many ways can you open a door?' which they will investigate before designing and making their box. The children also identified the design criteria they will use ready for the next stage of the design process. We can't wait to see the final design projects!



**SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM**

### Studybugs – Report absence securely and help improve children’s health!

If you missed it last week, we're pleased to announce that our school is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs. If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school: <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>.



Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence. A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.

Available on Google Play and the App Store.

### FREE Parent Webinar - County Lines in Merseyside!

Keeping our children safe is undoubtedly our number one priority! We are delighted to promote Ivison Trust's up and coming interactive webinar where they will share what criminal exploitation is, with a focus on county lines. They will talk to parents/carers about how to spot signs that it may be happening to their child or a child they know. They cover trends in our local area and where to get advice and support if you are concerned.



Parent webinar County Lines in Merseyside. Hosted by Ivison Trust. i feel so much more confident to talk to my child.

The interactive webinar will also provide the opportunity to ask questions, share concerns and connect with others. The sessions are delivered with a parent whose child has been a victim of exploitation and they will share their experiences and advice on responding to the risks. For further details and to book a place for the webinar on Thursday 5th December (6-8pm), please visit: <http://ivisontrust.org.uk/webinars/> or see Mrs Sainsbury who will be able to help.



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

- 1. PROMOTE POCKET MONEY
- 2. USE A PREPAID CARD
- 3. PRACTISE BUDGETING
- 4. ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION
- 5. PROTECT THE PRESSEER TO SPEND
- 6. TEACH MONEY FROM WANT
- 7. ENCOURAGE SAVING
- 8. SPEAK HONESTLY IN INTEREST
- 9. PARENT FOR CHOICES
- 10. PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

### Wake Up Wednesday

Here is the latest instalment of our 'Wake Up Wednesday' bulletin. This week's edition looks at educating children on saving and spending: <https://florencemelly.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/spending-and-saving.pdf>.

### Welcome to the Flo Melly Family!

We have another new member of our Flo Melly family start their new role this week, Mrs Connolly. She has joined our Office Team replacing Mrs Cosgrove (Marie) who, after many years of service, decided to retire to spend more time with her wonderful family. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming Mrs Connolly to our team - I'm confident she will be a real asset! In the coming weeks, I will write to you again about Mrs Cosgrove's retirement and a plan around how we want to mark and celebrate her time at our school and the incredible service she provided to our community. I'll keep you all posted!



Have an amazing weekend.

Mr Leach



# 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!



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

## DREAM TEAM DAILY WINNERS!

TEAM MOTIVATION

TEAM SAFETY

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TEAM EMPOWERMENT

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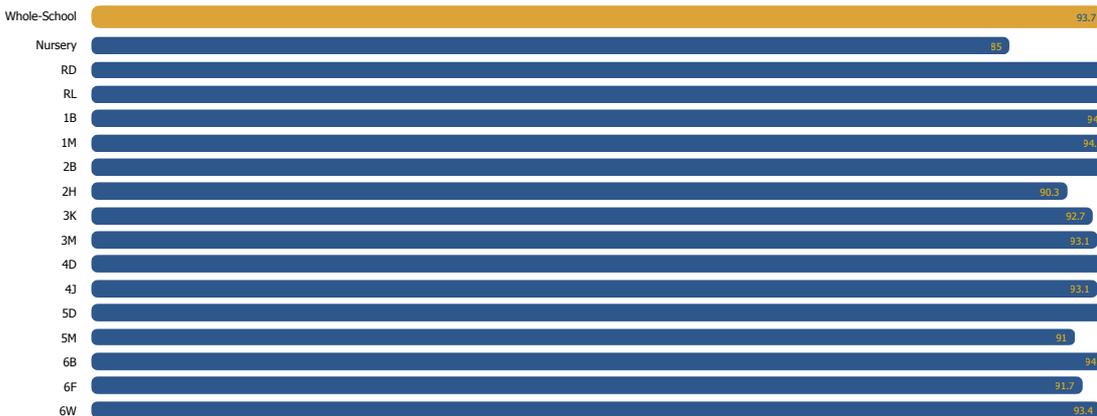
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Every day, we see which DREAM team had the best attendance. The winning team receives 10 tokens!

## 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.



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