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# FLORA NEWS



# Deputy Head's Blog

This week the nation, and Flora Gardens, celebrated 'Anti-Bullying Week - United Against Bullying'. Last year 75% of schools in the country took part, reaching over 7 million young people all across the country. This annual event is a great opportunity to celebrate the consistently outstanding behaviour we have at Flora Gardens, while also providing an opportunity to alert children to the dangers and strategies around being bullied.

Most people understand bullying as behaviour by an individual or group, repeated over time, that is intended to hurt another individual or group either physically or emotionally. But what might that look like? Bulling may appear as:

- Being called names, teased, put down or threatened face to face or online.
  - Being hit, tripped, pushed or kicked.
  - Having belongings taken or damaged.
  - Being ignored, left out or having rumours spread about you.
- Sending abusive messages, pictures or images on social media, online gaming platforms, mobile phone or other devices.
- Behaviour which makes people feel like they are not in control of themselves or their lives or that they have lost their personal power.
  - Being targeted because of who you are or who you are perceived to be.

If you need help or advice, please contact us at school or call the National Bullying Helpline on: 0300 323 0169 or 0845 22 55 787 (Open 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday) https://www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/

We know that bullying has a long-lasting effect on those experience and witness it. Therefore, as a school we aim to channel our collective power, through shared School values and special events such as Anti-Bullying Week, to tackle it. From parents and carers, to teachers and politicians, we all have a part to play in coming together to make a positive difference.

Have a wonderful weekend.



Year 6 celebrated Anti-Bullying Week by showing we are all unique but all equal.

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Year 3 have been learning about the different bones in their bodies during CPE lessons this week.







Reception have been learning about Diwali this week. We made rangoli patterns and ended the week by learning some Diwali dances!



On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December millions of people in the UK, including staff and pupils at Flora Gardens, will be putting on a Christmas jumper to raise money for a great cause.

You don't even need a new jumper. Dig out last year's, take an old sweater and add some tinsel, or buy a second hand one.

You can click here to donate to Save the Children: <a href="https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate/single/donation-eventpay-00080">https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate/single/donation-eventpay-00080</a>

#### **Important Reminders**

After school clubs should currently only be used if you need childcare whilst working or attending higher education. This is part of the current lockdown enforced by the Government.

Please ensure that you book all clubs your child wants to attend via Sims Pay.

We would also like to remind you that school meals must be paid for via Sims Pay. It is important to keep up-to-date with payments in order for your child to keep receiving school meals.

### Value Award Winners

Nursery: Abdullah Reception: Livvie Year 1: Lou Year 2: Nylan Year 3: Adrianna Year 4: Younes Year 5: Ania Year 6: Suhaila PE: Rashid Y4 Spanish: Tadeo Music: Y3

## Santa is coming to Flora!

Pupils will have the opportunity to visit Santa's grotto and receive a wonderful Christmas present during the week of 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 (this will be Covid secure).

It will cost £2.50 per child and will need to be paid in advance via Sims Pay (you will find it in 'Events'). If you have any questions please email office@fgschool.uk This is a reminder for Nursery parents who have a child starting Reception in September 2021.

You must apply online by 15<sup>th</sup>
January to secure a place. Visit <a href="https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/">https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/</a> to apply.