

FLORA NEWS

Mr Carter's Blog

It was so amazing to welcome everyone back after the Easter break and what a surprise the children came back to! This week we have based all of our learning on the wonderful story 'Here we are: Notes for living on planet earth' by Oliver Jeffers. In the story Oliver Jeffers explains that our world can be a bewildering place, especially if you've only just got here or haven't been here long. Children's heads are filled with questions, so we explored what makes our planet and how we live on it. From land and sky, to people and time, these notes can be our guide and start us on our journeys



At Flora Gardens will feel it is vital to teach children about issues that are prominent in the world today. One issue that our children will be the ones to fix is **CLIMATE CHANGE**. 'Here we are: Notes for living on planet earth' shares many of the values we feel our important in school. Respect, adventure, fulfilment, personal wellbeing, trust and choosing the right attitude are just a few of the values the book promotes.



As Sir David Attenborough said himself, "Right now we are facing a man-made disaster of global scale, our greatest threat in thousands of years: climate change. If we don't take action, the collapse of our civilization and the extinction of much of the natural world is on the horizon."

This creation of an 'Earth man' by a child in year 3 echoes the important part we play in the daily rotation of our Earth. We only have one planet and it is important we help to heal its wounds. After a week of amazing Earth work and eye opening questions, we believe that our children at Flora Gardens will make a positive impact throughout their lives to help improve the destruction and heal the wounds created by others. Have a good weekend.



Ms Woodcock, Ms Okolie and all the teachers worked hard getting the school ready.





Year One have had a great week celebrating Earth Day and the environment. We've re-used old materials to make musical instruments and bird feeders, have re-cycled the display celebrating 'Here We Are' and have talked about reducing our waste. We had a fabulous trip to the park where we fed geese, ducks and pigeons and even fit in a game of duck duck goose!



Dear Mother Earth,

Thank you for the vast jagged mountains and delightful weather. Thank you for the exquisite places to explore and the tall trees that stretch up to the sky. We love the oceans and the life that lives inside. Thank you for the air we breathe and the food we eat. Thank you for everything.

We did not listen when you warned us by dramatic weather, animals becoming extinct, earthquakes and hurricanes. We should have stopped damaging your heart.

We are sorry for letting greenhouse gasses out into the atmosphere. We are sorry for burning fossil fuels and deforestation. We are sorry for polluting the oceans. We are sorry for all the things we did wrong.

Please forgive us and give us a second chance. We will restore your beauty and heal all the scars we have created.

Happy Earth Day,
Your son Jacob.



Letters to Mother Earth from Year 5

*Dear Mother Earth,
Thank you for the delicious food. Thank you for the water. Thank you for the fresh air. Thank you for the mountains. We did not listen when you warned us by volcanoes and tornadoes and the big waves. We are sorry for stealing all the fish and the beautiful animals from the ocean. We promise never throw plastic in the ocean. We promise not to drive cars. We will make you feel better.
Sorry Earth.
Love Jumana*

Dear Mother Earth,

Thank you for the beautiful view out my window.

Thank you for the fresh water and the food you provide.

Thank you for the forests and the cooling ocean tides.

Thank you for the seasons and the weather.

But your children have committed crimes we cannot take back. Your offsprings destroy the ocean and at the trees we hack.

We fill the atmosphere with harmful greenhouse gases. We fill your oceans with pollution and overfish until the ocean is filled with plastic.

I am sorry.

She is sorry.

He is sorry.

They are sorry.

We are filled with grief at lands we destroyed. We want to revive your beautiful landscape--
NO WE NEED TO REVIVE YOUR LANDS!

We live in uncertainty, worried if this will be our last breaths.

Our guilty conscience drives us to take actions.

Take a breath, heal and we will do our best.

Your children, The Human Race

In the Easter holidays Flora's students & West London Zone stars - Aaron (y4), Maddie (y5) and Kaidon (y5) got the exciting chance to tear up the BMX track! They learnt some key techniques of BMX riding and were able to tackle some pretty scary slopes and steep bends at high speeds! A big shout out to our brilliant & brave BMX riders!



Maleek (y2), Adelice (y4), & Nadine (y6) also had the chance to show off their football skills working with top instructors from QPRs football academy. You all did a great job!



Nursery Applications

We are now accepting Nursery applications for September 2021. If your child was born between 1st September 2017 – 31st August 2018 you will be entitled to a minimum of 15 hours per week for free, and possibly 30 hours if you meet the criteria. Please email Miss O'Donnell at admissions@fgschool.uk to request an application form or for more information.

Bike to School Week 3rd – 6th May



Pupils and parents are welcome to either **bike**, **scoot** or **walk** to work as part of our aim to get as many of our pupils exploring environmentally friendly ways of travelling to school and the health and wellbeing benefits of doing so.



We will be providing free lunchtime bike activities. If you would like your child to attend please let the class teachers know ASAP.



Value Award Winners

Nursery - Natnicha, Meba & Rana
 Reception - Daniel
 Y1 - Asmaa & Amiyah
 Y2 - Dalal
 Y3 - Whole class
 Y4 - Kiyah
 Y5 - Mila, Sabrin & Aaliyah
 Y6 - Mohammed
 PE - Madison Y5
 Spanish - Zak A, Fahad & Sa'ad in Y4

