

FLORA NEWS

Important Dates

There is no school on Bank Holiday Monday 4th May

Head's Drop-in sessions:

A number of parents have asked that these alternate between mornings and after school due to work commitments. Please don't forget that the Head is available at other times to suit...

Tuesday 5 May - 3pm - 4pm

Tuesday 12 May - 8am - 9.30am

Tuesday 19 May - 3pm - 4pm

Parent meeting regarding the inspection and the plan moving forward - Monday 11 May at 3pm



Head's Blog

It is wonderful sitting in my office on Thursday afternoon, with the sun shining, watching the Year 2's playing in the playground; George's hoola hoop skills are something to behold! It is great to see so many happy children!

I am so pleased that the Governors have backed my request to introduce Halal meat into the school; I know it is something that the children and the vast majority of you have been wishing to see. I am hoping that the kitchen will be able to start this service on Tuesday, but it will definitely begin next week by Wednesday at the latest.

I said last week that I expect to be able to announce that we are fully staffed for next year, I can confirm this. A very thorough interview process has seen three staff appointed last week, meaning that from September we will have a full complement of permanent staff. The advantage of this is that the children get consistent teaching over a sustained period of time and the Leadership Group can work with the stable staff to improve the outcomes and education for all classes. I am sure in the next few weeks there will be interviews with our new staff and you will be able to meet all the teachers at our "move up morning" which will be held in June - date to be announced next week.

Breaking News

Halal is here!

The Governors unanimously backed my request to offer Halal meat alongside non-Halal meat and vegetarian options at the Governors meeting on Wednesday! I expect it to start on Tuesday 5th May

Flora Gardens - welcome to the 21st Century!!!!

New Staff

The school is fully and permanently staffed from September. Welcome to:

Miss Dee - Y1

Mr Etan - Y5

Miss Muir - Y4





School Council interview

Each week, the School Council will be interviewing a member of staff. The chosen one this week is our Learning Mentor, Mr. Birch

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in a place called Greenwich, which is in South East London.

How tall are you?

I am 6"2

Who did you admire / look up to when you were younger?

I have always liked the actor Will Smith, I think he is great! I looked up to my mother when I was younger...I still do now!

What football team do you support?

Tottenham!!!

What is your favourite

Food: Steak and chips

Colour: Blue and grey

Animal: Horses and dogs

Number: 2

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It was fantastic to see that Y5 and Y3 Spring had 100% attendance last week - the Zoo trip is still a prize that can be won by any class, so keep up that fantastic effort.

I am looking at improvements to the grounds and facilities at the school and am currently receiving quotes for an Astroturf Sports area and an Amphitheatre in the sunken garden - providing a reading area at lunch time and also a place to teach externally and to hold plays. I am aiming to make the front and rear playgrounds soft play areas making them safer and incorporating activity markings. In all likelihood these will be phased in and I will produce the plans and phasing as soon as possible in the front of the school.

The communication TV's in the school are now operational and have rolling information about the school, events that are taking place, identifying staff and Governors and their roles within the school. Any suggestions that you would like to see included on this please let Jeanette Elven, Business Manager, know and we will try to incorporate your ideas.

Twitter: @floragardensw6 now has 12 followers - follow us for instant news and pictures – let's get to 25 by next week!

I wrote to you with our photograph policy, if you do not want your child's picture appearing in school publications or social media, please return the form as soon as possible or let the office know.

I hope you agree that we have made so many strides forward at Flora and with your continued support, will continue to do so. We operate an open door policy - please take advantage of this and let me know how we are doing or any concerns that you have.

