



# FLORA NEWS



## HEAD'S BLOG

***“This is a School where we discover a love for learning and build values that last.”***

Two weeks ago I said that we have been looking at our school values and the vision for what we want Flora Gardens to be about. This work is continuing and the five values have now been chosen through a process of INSET training with all staff and a project group. I will be sharing these values over the next few weeks and we will be sharing these with the pupils in assemblies. Superstars will refer to the core values, House points will be awarded when we witness the core values and badges of achievement will be awarded when a value is embedded in an individual.

The overriding vision is of where we want to be, what we want to be known as and what we want all children that come through our school, all staff that work here, all parents that have children through the school and all Governors understand is: ***“This is a School where we discover a love for learning and build values that last.”***

I hope that these values are lasting; that they are taken on and part of each individuals makeup when they finish their journey at Flora Gardens; be that children, staff, parents or Governors. Insisting on values, putting them up on the walls will not achieve the goal; we must all model, believe and live these values. We must remind each other when transgressions occur and take a moment to reflect on our behaviours that may have not adhered to the values. It is easy to be defensive, to snap back at someone when they give us a message we do not like but if we want to be better, reflection is vital.

A man and his son were going through the forest hills. Suddenly, the boy fell down on the trail and screamed with a pain, “AHH!” Surprisingly, he heard the same voice from the mountain, “AHH!” Curiously, the boy shouted, “Who is this?” But the voice replied the same, “Who is this?” He got angry, and shouted again, “You are stupid!” And again the voice replied the same, “You are stupid!”

Annoyed by this, the boy asked his father, “Father, what is going on? Who is this?” The Father replied, “Son, pay attention.” The father shouted, “You are very nice.” And the voice responded the same, “You are very nice!” The father again shouted, “Thank you.” And the voice again responded the same, “Thank you!” The son was very surprised but he still could not understand what was happening.

The father explained, “Son, people call it resonance, but this is the truth of the life. The life is a reflection of your actions. What you will give to others, you will receive the same in return.”

### Christmas Fair

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm**

Tickets for our lifesized, inflatable Santa's Grotto go on sale on Monday. Tickets are £2.50 each and every child will get to meet Santa and receive a present.

Tickets for the Raffle also go on sale on Monday – they are 50p each or 5 for £2.00.

Both can be purchased from Miss Kelly by the tuck shop, before and after school.

We still need bottles of anything for the tombola. Anything from bubble bath to adult drinks! Please bring them into the school office. Your donations are really appreciated.

We are asking pupils to make Christmas themed cakes and the best cake will win an amazing prize. Bring them along on Friday.

Please note the final dates of clubs for this term:

#### Monday

Choir – 11<sup>th</sup> Decemeber  
 Netball – 11<sup>th</sup> December  
 Homework – 11<sup>th</sup> December

#### Tuesday

Dodgeball – 28<sup>th</sup> November  
 Basketball – 12<sup>th</sup> December

#### Wednesday

Football – 29<sup>th</sup> November  
 Taekwondo – 13<sup>th</sup> December

#### Thursday

Lyric Theatre Drama – 30<sup>th</sup> November  
 Basketball – 14<sup>th</sup> December

#### Friday

Football – 15<sup>th</sup> December

### Attendance

This week: 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2017	
Class	Attendance
Reception	92.9%
Year 1	93.5%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	96.1%
Year 5	90%
Year 6F	96.8
Year 6G	97.6
Totals	95.1%

A great improvement – let's keep this up!

Nursery	83.7%
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**School finishes at 1.30pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Please ensure your child is collected promptly as there will not be any staff members available to supervise pupils from this time. Thank you.**

### Early Years & KS1 Nativity

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm - Tickets can be purchased on the door for £1, which includes tea/coffee and a mince pie!

### KS2 Music Showcase

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm - Tickets can be purchased on the door for £1, which includes tea/coffee and a mince pie!

### Christmas Dinner for Pupils

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, our wonderful kitchen staff will be making our pupils a delicious Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. If your child usually has packed lunch, but would like to have a school dinner as a one off, please see Mrs Hobman in the school office, who will be happy to arrange this for you.

### Superstars!

**Nursery – Sam**  
**Reception – Alaa**  
**Year 1 – Zakaria M**  
**Year 2 – Hibo**  
**Year 3 – Rania**  
**Year 4 – Engracia**  
**Year 5 – Samira**  
**Year 6F – Alesha**  
**Year 6G – Sean**  
**PE - Stella**

Superstar certificates are presented in Tuesday assemblies at 9.05am in the hall – parents are welcome to attend.