



FLORA NEWS

Head's blog

Homework was one of the key areas of development that Ofsted brought up with us 12 months ago and we have made great progress with this; once again I would like to thank those parents involved with our external advisor, Peter Camping, for the time you gave.

We have revamped our homework policy, which you can find on the policy page of the school website. On Wednesday, as part of our staff meeting, we discussed in detail the ways in which the school can provide appropriately differentiated homework and offer more support through after school clubs. We will be reporting back on this to parents by the end of this term.

Homework links will be posted on the school website, and here you will be able to find the work for your child as it is set and we will continue to stick work in the books in addition. You will notice that as well as minimum tasks there are additional tasks, which you may choose to do with your child as additional learning.



World Book Day

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day. Pupils and staff came to school dressed as their favourite book characters. We saw some extraordinarily creative costumes!

In assembly we welcomed our local librarian. We discussed our favourite books and characters and all of the pupils became really involved. Overall, a fantastically creative day at Flora Gardens!

Lateness

If your child arrives after 9am they are late for school. During the autumn term we had 224 incidents of lateness, totalling 3714 minutes (nearly 62 hours). For the first half of the spring term we had 85 incidents, totalling 1411 minutes (nearly 24 hours). Every minute of learning time is vital to your child's progress. It is important that your child arrives at school ready for the 8:55am start and if they are late they must sign in at the school office before entering their class in order to be marked as present.





On Thursday 24th March we break up for the Easter holiday at 1.30pm. Children will need to be collected from school at **1.30pm.**

At Flora Gardens we believe that our pupils should always take pride in the presentation of their work. That is why this week a special mention must go to Molly & Noah in Y6, Olga in Y5G, Alesha in Y4A & Iqra in Y1, as their handwriting in all of their books is beautifully presented. Mr Naismith is so impressed. Keep up the good work! If you take pride in the presentation of your work, you may receive a special mention in next week's newsletter!

Mr Naismith & Eden Foodservices would like to invite you to join your child for a Mother's & Grandmother's Day Lunch on Wednesday 9th March

To make a reservation and to find out more information, please log in to Sims Agora and pay the adult price of £3.15.

You must book by Monday morning



Life Bus

This week we welcomed the Life Bus into the playground. Each class had the opportunity to visit the bus team who educated them about the damaging effects of obesity, smoking, binge drinking and drug abuse, thereby helping them make informed choices for a healthy future.



Sarah from the Life Bus said: 'It has been such a lovely visit. The classes have been fabulous – full of enthusiasm, great ideas, curious questions and so well behaved. They have been a real pleasure to teach.'

★ Superstars! ★

- Nursery – Nazim
- Reception – Hibo
- Year 1 – Samia
- Year 2 – Ciham
- Year 3 – Samira & Reemas
- Year 4A – Kaspian
- Year 4S – Adam
- Year 5F – Leah
- Year 5G – Radia
- Year 6 – Molly

Well done!

