



# FLORA NEWS



## Head's Blog

It has been a wonderful return after Easter and as usual a very hectic start to the term...

I must let you know that I am very concerned about the use of social media and the conversations that some of the children are having with each other in 'groups'. Whilst the internet opens up tremendous learning opportunities it also presents great dangers. Do we know what our children are doing and do they know who they are talking to? Even at 18, I do not allow my daughter on her phone after she goes to bed - it must be left downstairs so that she gets the rest and sleep children need. I regularly check her internet activity to make sure she is safe. As parents we have a responsibility to check what our children are doing online, be that on a computer, tablet or mobile phone. The issue this week surrounded the app "Musical.ly" and there was some quite appalling language used by some of our pupils.

The age restrictions are very clear for these apps:

- Musical.ly **13 years +**
- Facebook **13 years +**
- Snapchat **13 years +**
- YouTube **13 years +**
- Instagram **13 years +**
- Facebook Messenger **13 years +**
- WhatsApp **16 years +**

These seem to be the most popular apps used and clearly no children at Flora Gardens should be using them. I am in contact with the police about the language used as is expected from me as Head.

Moving forward we will be offering more classes after school for parents on the use of social media and the dangers of being online. Please be vigilant and let's keep our children safe.

Your child has been given a Data Collection sheet which we need you to check and return to the school office by Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May. It is important that the school holds up to date and accurate information regarding your child for Health and Safety reasons.

Our friends at Godolphin and Latymer School kindly invited both of our Y5 classes to enjoy wall climbing and trampolining.



They had a really great time!

Year 6 have a very important week next week and we ask parents to ensure children get plenty of sleep so they can perform to the best of their ability.

Thank you for inviting us!



Year 1 were very lucky to have some Year 4 pupils read to them.

## Superstars!

- Nursery – Donika
- Reception – Samira
- Year 1 – Aaliyah
- Year 2 – Mujtaba
- Year 3 – Nicole & Zara
- Year 4 – Ilhombek
- Year 5F – Kaspian
- Year 5G – Hopi & Rumaiyah
- Year 6 – Luay

## Well done!

A reminder to parents that Superstars of the week are rewarded a certificate during Mondays whole school assembly at 9.05am. We also have a wonderful singing assembly led by Miss Nicklen, every Friday at 9.05am. Parents are very welcome to attend.

## Attendance

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Class	Attendance
Nursery	85%
Reception	93.5%
Year 1	90.6%
Year 2	93.5%
Year 3	93.5%
Year 4	79.7%
Year 5F	97.9%
Year 5G	96.9%
Year 6	97.3%
Totals	92.4%

Oh dear, this has not been a good week for attendance. Nursery and Year 4 are really falling behind. Next week has to be better.