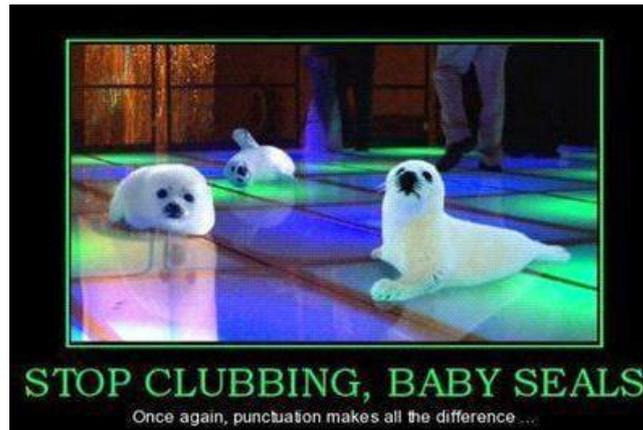


FLORA NEWS

Head's Blog

"Stop clubbing baby seals."
And with a comma added you get this:



I had a very surreal happening this week! A teacher told me "I have had to ban XXX from using semicolons."

"Why?" I asked.

"He uses them all the time and it's all to do with the SATs test that requires pupils to have a 'checklist' of punctuation that is needed to achieve the required level."

It feels a great shame when schools have to teach to a checklist rather than looking after the individual whole education of a child. My wife, also a Headteacher, chief examiner for A Level English and former Head of English, was astounded by the requirements of primary school children in terms of literacy, punctuation and grammar. Her view, like mine, is that we should be teaching pupils to love literacy and love learning, not forcing children to jump through hoops that keep moving and turn children off learning.

I do see the importance of grammar and punctuation - you only need to look at these examples to see how misuse leads to misunderstandings!

Enjoy.

Let's eat grandpa.
Let's eat, grandpa.

**correct punctuation can
save a person`s life.**



Lateness and attendance

We are seeing improvements in our lateness and attendance, but it is still an issue that we are seeing daily.

It is important that your child arrives at school ready for the 8:55am start and, if they are late, that they sign in at the school office before they join their class. Failure to report to the office when late will result in your child being marked as 'absent' for the whole morning session. This will have huge implications on their attendance percentage.

It is very important to not book holidays during the school term. We understand that it can be a lot cheaper than travelling during the school holidays, but you should be aware that you could be fined for this, unless there are exceptional circumstances and it is agreed by the Head in advanced.

Don't forget, the class with the highest attendance will go on a fantastically fun trip at the end of term!

The term dates for the next academic year have now been published. You can find them on the school website by clicking on the 'Quicklinks' drop down menu, or in the 'parents' tab. You can also pick up a hard copy outside the school office.

In nursery we have been learning about space and planets in the Solar System. Look at our spaceship!



On Saturday 16th July we will be hosting our Wild West themed Summer Fete. We are hoping to make this the biggest and best summer fun day that Flora has ever seen!

We have stalls for hire! All you have to do is pay for a pitch and enjoy a fun filled day whilst making money or promoting your business to the local Hammersmith community.

If you are interested in hiring a stall, please email sbm@floragardens.lbhf.sch.uk

★ Superstars! ★

Nursery – Cavan
 Reception – Mila
 Year 1 – Yasin
 Year 2 – Katie
 Year 3 – Addani
 Year 4A – Patri
 Year 4S – Mark
 Year 5F – Nurdin
 Year 5G – Samaan
 Year 6 – Jade

Well done!

