



FLORA NEWS

Head's Blog

Thank you to all who ran and attended the Eid celebration last Friday. It is the first time we have held such an event and it was wonderfully attended by the community. Over £700 was raised for the PTA and they will be ploughing those funds into the school on projects that enhance the opportunities for our pupils.

The next big event is the Summer Fete on Saturday 15th July (next Saturday) - I hope to see you all there supporting one of the final events of the year. It is promising to be bigger and better than last year!

SATs

We all know how important SATs are - to the Government at least. *Flora Gardens is about far more than just academic results; it is about community, respect, honesty and family. We aim to deliver multi-cultural learning experiences for every individual that are innovative, creative, purposeful and fun.* And it will remain so as long as I am Head.

I received a text at 1.23am from Miss Woodcock on Tuesday morning with our SATs results. I used to wait up until the wee hours on New Year's Eve and sometimes my birthday, but now it's for the SATs results! What fun...there were lots of tweets about the results and connected bits:

"BIG boundary shift in reading, and 2 of mine missed it by one mark each. Grrr." said one contributor.

"Looking at everyone else who has posted, our results look rubbish. Then again, I felt the same last year and we were above national in maths, reading and combined, so there is hope I guess..." said another.

And my favourite:

"If the government really felt strongly about teacher workload, they would stop releasing KS2 SATs results at midnight on a week day!"

So how did we do in Y6?

Since the start of the academic year, there has been:	Reading: 78% up from 56%
· 26% improvement in Reading	Grammar, punctuation and spelling: 85% up from 84%
· 33% improvement in GPS	Writing: 78% up from 76%
· 41% improvement in Writing	Mathematics: 74%
· 22% improvement in Maths	

Greater depth is significantly up in all areas which is great news because this was an area that Ofsted were interested in. All the children have done us proud in what remains a test about the school and not the children. Perhaps one day we will have a fairly and appropriately funded education system that allows children to be children and not statistical data!

In **Y2** results were up 4% on last year in Reading and Writing and a massive 7% in Writing. In **Y1 - Phonics** we have seen a 5% improvement from last year and finally in **Reception** we are up significantly in each area. This is a Good school, with Outstanding features! Well done to all the children and a big thank you to all the staff for their incredible hard work that continues to improve the outcomes for our children.

But it's not about Government targets, it's about the extended curriculum. Yesterday I had the privilege of attending the Wigmore Hall end of year performance, celebrating our partnership with Wigmore Hall and the Tri-Borough Music Hub. The pupils played, and led, the famous Heath Quartet and performed with gusto, energy and accuracy. Many a wet eye was witnessed in the audience and what an amazing opportunity for our pupils to perform at such a great venue. Thanks again to the staff that have made this possible.

Finally, I am in my office preparing for Sports Day today. Mr Finney has been running around since 7am getting everything ready and I am sure we are going to witness stiff competition between the Houses as they try to close in on the Champion House Cup but also fair play and sportsmanship. I will report on the outcomes next week.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Our talented Chamber Ensemble performed on the world famous Wigmore Hall stage.



FGPTA – Annual General Meeting
Friday 14th July at 9.30am in the Library

Summer Concert

Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5F & Y5G will be performing in the Summer Concert for parents, next Wednesday at 2pm in the hall. Due to limited space in the hall, we are asking for just parent to attend per pupil.

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the animal workshops at the Summer Fete. They can be purchased from Miss Kelly at the start or end of school at the tuck shop. Just £2.50 for a 30 minute workshop. Tickets are selling fast!

Tennis Club pupils got to attend Wimbledon this week. What a fantastic opportunity!



Well done to our Dodgeball Team who came 1st against other schools!



Attendance

Monday 3rd – Friday 7th July 2017

Class	Attendance
Nursery	84.8
Reception	85.6
Year 1	91.3
Year 2	92.7
Year 3	95.7
Year 4	98.0
Year 5F	94.2
Year 5G	90.0
Year 6	92.9
Totals	91.3

Not a good week. What happened Flora Gardens?
Well done Y4!

Superstars!

- Nursery – Salwa & Nazim
 - Reception – Ali
 - Year 1 – Mila
 - Year 2 – Ava
 - Year 3 – Dwell
 - Year 4 – Reemas
 - Year 5F – Whole class
 - Year 5G – Francine & Mkali
 - Year 6 – Luay
 - Music – Chamber Ensemble
 - PE – Dodgeball Team
- Well done!*