



# FLORA NEWS



## HEAD'S BLOG

"What you want  
 Baby, I got it  
 What you need  
 Do you know I got it  
 All I'm askin'  
 Is for a little respect when you get home."

Aretha Franklin

You will remember the first core value at Flora Gardens is "Choose your Attitude." I am delighted that most people are taking it on board and acting on it! This week Mrs Asserati led assembly on all the values. We have linked them to flowers and Choose your Attitude is linked to Wisteria. Wisteria is known for its beauty and for climbing to great heights with a supportive structure. A very hardy plant - can grow in even the poorest quality soil – and fast growing. Wisteria can become immensely strong.

The second core value at Flora Gardens is **RESPECT**.

The goal is "To create an environment where people feel valued and flourish." The flower associated with Respect is the Forget-me-not. Firstly because we should never forget to show each other respect but also because they symbolise caring for others, loyalty and connections between people that last through time. They are humble plants and grow wildly but need regular watering to thrive.

After the Christmas break we will be launching our values reward system where children can earn House points and special badges for each of the values. The school council will be deciding the criteria for the award of these special badges and I am looking forward to presenting them in Assemblies in the future. I wonder who will be the first to gain all 5 badges?

I know as parents we all talk to our children about respect and now it should be slightly easier with it being a core value at Flora Gardens. Please take some time with your child to talk about respect and choosing your attitude.

Once upon a time, there was a small town. There lived a man by himself who couldn't see. He was blind. Yet, he carried a lighted lamp with him whenever he went out at night.

One night as he was coming home after having a dinner outside, he came across a group of young travellers. They saw that he was blind, yet carrying a lighted lamp. They started passing comments on him and made fun of him. One of them asked him, "Hey Man! You are blind and can't see anything! Why do you carry the lamp then?!"

The blind man replied, "Yes, unfortunately, I am blind and I can't see anything but a lighted lamp which I am carrying is for the people like you who can see. You may not see the blind man coming and end up pushing me. That is why I carry a lighted lamp".

The group of travellers felt ashamed and apologized for their behaviour.

We should all think before judging others. Always be polite, respectful and learn to see things from others point of view.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Pupils and staff will be wearing festive jumpers in support of the charity Text Santa. There is no minimum donation – anything that you can spare will be going to a good cause.

**End of Term Class Parties**

Each class will be having their own little party on the afternoon of Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. We are asking parents to bring a food contribution – teachers will have a list with them in the playground in the lead up to the party and you can pick something to bring in. Pupils really enjoy these parties as they get to celebrate all of their hardwork throughout the term with their teachers and friends!



Year 5 were invited to a National Tunelling day event that was part of our Thames Tideway project this term.

**Attendance**

This week: 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec – 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2017	
Class	Attendance
Reception	92.9%
Year 1	97.8%
Year 2	93.6%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	96.5%
Year 5	93.9%
Year 6F	98.2%
Year 6G	97.1%
Totals	96.1%

A fantastic improvement – well done Flora!

Nursery		77.9%
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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!

**Parent/Teacher Meetings**

If you have not yet made an appointment to see your child's teacher next week, please see them in the playground before or after school to arrange a time. These 10 minute teacher/parents meetings will give you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress Reports will be sent home on the last day of term.

**Superstars!**

- Nursery – Ethiopia
- Reception – Chelsea
- Year 1 – Samira
- Year 2 – Balgis
- Year 3 – Nadir
- Year 4 – Joshua
- Year 5 – Sara
- Year 6F – Calum & Ignacio
- Year 6G – Maia
- PE - Nasra

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