



# FLORA NEWS



## Head's Blog

I had the pleasure of attending the Y3 and Y4 indoor athletics tournament on Thursday. Eighteen pupils represented the school with great integrity and vigour. This follows on from both the boys and girls teams beating John Betts last Friday at Football in the Mayor's Cup, with the boys reaching the knockout stages. Well done to all involved and wonderful to see our sporting prowess and reputation growing rapidly.

It has been a busy half term with trips to Somerset House for Ice Skating, The Wetlands Centre, St. Paul's Cathedral, The Science Museum, The BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, as well as many sports competitions. There will be many more trips next half-term and there is also an exciting trip up for grabs for the class with the highest attendance.

Y6 and Y2 are closing in on their SATs and I know that there will be plenty of preparation between now and May when the tests take place. Keep the hard work going.

As we all get tired and are still suffering the dark nights and mornings, it is worth a quick reminder about the behaviour we all model to the children. Education is like a three-legged stool - you the parents, us the teachers and of course the pupils. If one is not working with the others then the whole thing collapses. Behaviour in the playground should match our values - Trust, Respect, Adventure, Fulfilment and Choosing the Right Attitude. Our website clearly states my expectations of appropriate behaviour.

I have had to write to a number of parents regarding attendance. Our target is 97% attendance across the school; unfortunately we are not hitting that level at present. Look at the effect different levels of attendance has on children's education and therefore their future opportunities:

<b>Effects of non-attendance</b>			
<b>Attendance during school year</b>	<b>Equates to days absent</b>	<b>Which is approximately</b>	<b>Which means the number of lessons missed</b>
<b>94%</b>	10 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
<b>90%</b>	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
<b>85%</b>	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
<b>80%</b>	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
<b>75%</b>	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
<b>70%</b>	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
<b>65%</b>	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

So, half a year to go and I am really looking forward to a fantastic second half of this academic year. Let's get the attendance back where it should be.

I hope you all have a lovely half term.

Year 5 designed and created up-cycled moving toys this term as their topic was Dragons Den. The aim was to create a moving toy that had a unique selling point - which all children successfully managed to do. Well done to Joel as his moving toy was the first to reach the finish line!



### Mr Finney's PE Blog

Yesterday we attended the first ever Year 3 & 4 sport hall athletics at Burlington Danes Academy.

18 pupils were selected and all participated in a variety of track and field events.

A special mention goes to Dwell and Mikayla in Y4 who finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the girls 2x2 lap relay.

PE Superstar of the week is Mikayla for all round achievement in PE and clubs outside of school.

### School Disco

Thank you to those who attended our school disco this week – we could tell you really enjoyed yourselves!

A very big thank you goes to all of the staff who stayed to help and also to our wonderful PTA, especially Siobhan, Samyia, Lindsey, Raani and Caroline.

None of these special events would be possible without Miss Kelly's hard work, creativity and dedication to creating magical experiences for our pupils.

The PTA raised £475 and this money goes straight back into making special events for our pupils.

### Attendance

5<sup>th</sup> Feb – 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018

Class	Attendance
Reception	93%
Year 1	95.5%
Year 2	92%
Year 3	81.7%
Year 4	86.4%
Year 5	100%
Year 6F	100%
Year 6G	91.4%
Totals	92.1%

60 attendance letters were sent home this week. This is a much higher amount than this time last year. Well done to those who have not missed any school so far this year and also to those who have tried hard to improve their attendance from last term.

Nursery	93.6%
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### Superstars!

Nursery – Safiya S  
 Reception – Kree  
 Year 1 – Zakariya M  
 Year 2 – Whole Class  
 Year 3 – Deka  
 Year 4 – David  
 Year 5 – Aaliyah O  
 Year 6F – Declan  
 Year 6G – Amin