



# FLORA NEWS

## DEPUTY HEAD'S BLOG

Hello everyone. Mr Naismith has kindly decided to let me have a turn at writing the blog as I have been so thrilled with the learning activities over the last half term.

We have had a fantastically busy start to the year! We kicked it off with a bang as Year 5 visited KidZania as the award for having the highest attendance in the Autumn term. Pupils reported that they had a super time and that they were going to keep up their high attendance to try to win the next attendance prize as well...look out other classes!

Year 1 and 2 visited The Hive in Kew Gardens and put on a spectacular culminating performance for parents alongside musicians from Wigmore Hall. We got a great turnout of parents and carers for the wonderful 'What's the Buzz' event and at one point I may have even had a tear in my eye. I can assuredly say that our Key Stage 1 classes know more about bees than any other in the country!

Year 6 had the opportunity to visit the world famous Royal Albert Hall where they participated in a workshop and got to try out a variety of instruments. There are many more exciting educational trips and activities planned for the second part of spring term, including a workshop with MBots (moving robots) on the first Monday back for Key Stage 2.

It was so encouraging to see such great support for the PTA meeting this morning with around 15 parents attending. Miss Kelly left the meeting feeling very excited and brimming with ideas for the rest of the academic year! The date of Thursday 9th March has now been set for the ever popular annual School Disco. 'Mini Disco', for Nursery and Reception, will be from 3.30 – 4.30pm and the main event, designed for KS1 and KS2, will run from 5.00 – 7.00pm. As always, your support and ideas are much appreciated. More information will follow shortly.

Today we say a very sad 'bon voyage' to Ms Muir, as she sets off on travels of Europe and the US before heading home to New Zealand to get married. Not only has she done a tremendous job during her time with us, but she has also made a real impact on her class and all of the staff at Flora Gardens. We wish her safe travels and every happiness for the future.

I wish you all a restful half term break and we all look forward to seeing you on Monday 20th February at 8.45am in the playground!

Ms Graham



### Attendance

Last week: 30 <sup>th</sup> January – 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2017		
Class	Attendance	Minutes Late
Nursery	<b>82.7%</b>	70 minutes
Reception	97.8%	67 minutes
Year 1	98.3%	41 minutes
Year 2	98.3%	23 minutes
Year 3	94.3%	<b>153 minutes</b>
Year 4	86.3%	103 minutes
Year 5 Flora	95.0%	<b>20 minutes</b>
Year 5 Gardens	<b>99.1%</b>	77 minutes
Year 6	96.1%	37 minutes
Totals	94.7%	<b>9 hours &amp; 11 minutes</b>

This week: 6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2017		
Class	Attendance	Minutes Late
Nursery	<b>81.3%</b>	100 minutes
Reception	93.0%	<b>6 minutes</b>
Year 1	97.8%	<b>125 minutes</b>
Year 2	95.0%	<b>8 minutes</b>
Year 3	93.8%	49 minutes
Year 4	96.9%	34 minutes
Year 5 Flora	<b>98.3%</b>	122 minutes
Year 5 Gardens	94.5%	56 minutes
Year 6	92.5%	36 minutes
Totals	93.5%	<b>8 hours &amp; 56 minutes</b>

Thank you one again to Lucas for using his Maths skills to complete these tables.

It is disappointing to see that the total attendance is 93.5% for this week. We had a couple of really good weeks, let's not let it slip back down.

### Superstars!

**Nursery – Rashane**  
**Reception – Anis**  
**Year 1 – Balgis**  
**Year 2 – San**  
**Year 3 – Amal**  
**Year 4 – Ramiya**  
**Year 5F – Adna**  
**Year 5G – Lucas**  
**Year 6 – Alex**

**Well done!**

### SEN Workshop for parents with Ms Cenac

Parents are invited to attend a meeting where information will be shared about Special Educational Needs, the Code of Practice and support available for those children who have or may have a special educational need, including more able. Children of those attending will be supervised in the Year 4 classroom.

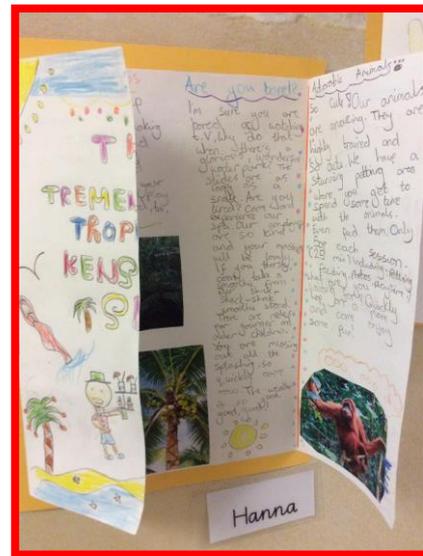
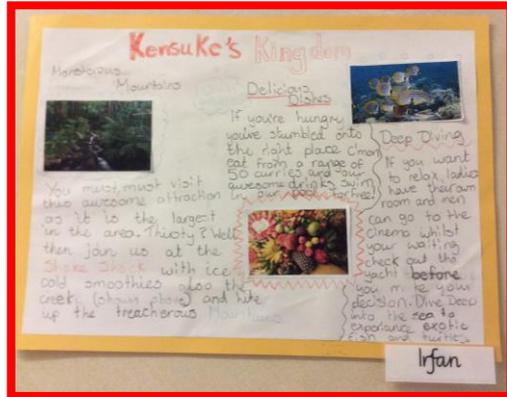
Thursday 23rd at 3:45pm in the library.

### A Message to Parents and Vistors

If you wish to enter the school building, it is important that you use the main door and inform the office staff of your presence. Only pupils and staff are permitted to enter the building via any other door than the main door.

For the safety of our pupils please do not ask them to open any of the doors for you. We teach our pupils not to open the doors for any adults, even staff, as we do not want them to unknowingly let someone in who could be a danger to them and others. We trust that you will respect these rules and thank you for your understanding.

Year 5 have been working on persuasive holiday brochures and produced some fantastic work!



**Reception have had a very busy term!**

- ★ We have had a visit from the School Nurse where we learnt about how they help us, and we learnt how to wash our hands properly.
- ★ We turned our role play corner into a hospital and pretended to be doctors and nurses.
- ★ Every fortnight Chamber Tots have been coming in and we have been learning lots about different instruments.
- ★ We have been learning about the Gingerbread Man and we were lucky enough to catch them on CCTV in our classroom!

