



FLORA NEWS

Head's Blog

There was some wonderful singing this morning from the whole school - "You raise me up" - arranged beautifully by Mr Smith and it really did lift the whole school up. I think the end of term assembly will include this and some of the other songs we have learnt this year.

More great news this week to report with the FGPTA achieving charitable status. This is quite a gruelling process and now allows us to access further funds from external sources and continues professionalising our PTA. Thank you to Jemima and her team for the dedicated work on this and all the other aspects the PTA does. The vast majority of the PTA committee come from the upper school and it would be great to have more parents involved from Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2 & Y3; please consider this - your help is needed!

Monday is Pi Day - please help your child remember as many digits after the decimal point as possible - Monday's assembly will be a "Pi Off" ... competition is likely to be fierce!

Finally, a thank you to all the parents and grandparents that attended the Mother's Day lunch, it is always nice to have parents attending the school. We had some very positive feedback!



Lateness

If your child arrives after 9am they are late for school. During the autumn term we had 224 incidents of lateness, totalling 3714 minutes (nearly 62 hours). For the first half of the spring term we had 85 incidents, totalling 1411 minutes (nearly 24 hours). Every minute of learning time is vital to your child's progress. It is important that your child arrives at school ready for the 8:55am start and if they are late they must sign in at the school office before entering their class in order to be marked as present.





On Thursday 24th March we break up for the Easter holiday at 1.30pm. Children will need to be collected from school at **1.30pm.**

At Flora Gardens we believe that our pupils should always take pride in the presentation of their work. That is why this week a special mention must go to Naden & Ilaf in Y6, Shuayb & Auguste in Y3 and Mikayla in Y2, as the handwriting in all of their books is beautifully presented. Mr Naismith is so impressed. Keep up the good work! If you take pride in the presentation of your work, you may receive a special mention in next week's newsletter!

Creative Writing

As part of World Book Day last week, pupils from every class were asked to write a story for extra homework. They were told that the winner from each class would win a prize, which really upped the competition!

The winners were chosen by the class teacher –

Nursery – Whole class

Reception – Sofia

Year 1 – Xela

Year 2 – Zorawar

Year 3 – Sameera

Year 4A – Ruka

Year 4S – Mark

Year 5F – Louise

Year 5G – Zakariya

Year 6 – Noah

Well done to all pupils for producing some amazing stories!



On Thursday, the Irish community will be celebrating Saint Patrick's Day and to support this, one of our Flora parents will be playing the Irish drum known as the Bodhran in assembly. We are very excited to welcome Bobby, father of Saoirse (who can also play the Bodhran!) in Reception class. There will also be a special rendition of the classic Irish song 'Danny Boy' from Flora Gardens pupils.

★ Superstars! ★

Nursery – Younes

Reception – Maram

Year 1 – Deka

Year 2 – Millie & Vania

Year 3 – Leyla & Auguste

Year 4A – Aisha M

Year 4S – Mark

Year 5F – Alex

Year 5G – Eva

Year 6 – Sakina

Well done!

