



FLORA NEWS



HEAD'S BLOG

The two values we have discussed with everyone at Flora Gardens are:

1. Choose your Attitude
2. Respect

The third value that we will look at in more detail in January is "**Adventure**". Our goal is for us all to choose to be curious, to take risks and to create our own paths. The flower that represents this value is the dandelion. Dandelions symbolise courage (the name comes from 'lion's tooth) and freedom. They grow on every continent of the world and fluffy seeds are dispersed by floating on the wind. The leaves can be eaten, turned into wine or a coffee substitute and have medicinal properties. Being adventurous, taking calculated risks challenges us all to do more, try more and to grow. It develops creativity a key ingredient in all our lives.

In a small Italian town, hundreds of years ago, a small business owner owed a large sum of money to a loan-shark. The loan-shark was a very old man that just so happened to like the business owner's daughter.

He decided to offer the businessman a deal that would completely wipe out the debt he owed him. However, the catch was that we would only wipe out the debt if he could marry the businessman's daughter. Needless to say, this proposal was met with a look of disgust.

The loan-shark said that he would place two pebbles into a bag, one white and one grey.

The daughter would then have to reach into the bag and pick out a pebble. If it was white, the debt would be wiped, but the loan-shark would then marry her. If it was grey, the debt would also be wiped, but the daughter wouldn't have to marry the loan-shark.

Standing on a pebble strewn path in the businessman's garden, the loan-shark bent over and picked up two pebbles. Whilst he was picking them up, the daughter noticed that he'd picked up two white pebbles and placed them both into the bag. He then asked the daughter to reach into the bag and pick one.

The daughter naturally had three choices as to what she could have done:

1. Refuse to pick a pebble from the bag.
2. Take both pebbles out of the bag and expose the loan-shark for cheating.
3. Pick a pebble from the bag fully well knowing it was white and sacrifice herself for her father's freedom.

She drew out a pebble from the bag, and before looking at it 'accidentally' dropped it into the midst of the other pebbles. She said to the loan-shark;

"Oh, how clumsy of me. Never mind, if you look into the bag for the one that is left, you will be able to tell which pebble I picked."

The pebble left in the bag is obviously white, and seeing as the loan-shark didn't want to be exposed, he had to play along as if the pebble the daughter dropped was grey, and clear her father's debt.

It's always possible to overcome a tough situation through out of the box thinking, and not give in to the only options you think you have to pick from.

Have a wonderful and adventurous weekend!

On Wednesday, Year 3 and Year 6 went on the attendance winner's trip to ice skating at Somerset House. Our staff were so impressed by the impeccable behaviour of our pupils, and clearly so were the public, as we received this tweet from a fellow ice skater!

So impressed by the brilliant children of [@floragardensw6](#) on the ice [@SomersetHouse](#) today. Brave and bold and polite. We were all very much in it together

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Pupil Absence

If you are reporting your child's absence please select **option 1** from the phone menu and state your child's name, class and reason for absence. This option is available before the office is open on a daily basis – it is not necessary for you to speak to the office staff as messages are checked regularly throughout the day.

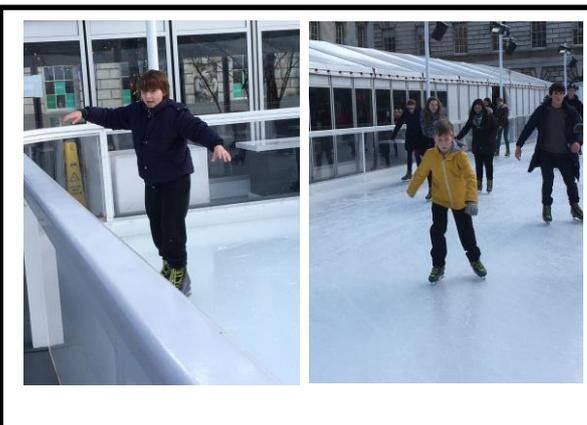
Mr Finney's PE Blog

We have had a great response to after school clubs so far this term, but we are still aiming to get all pupils into at least one club per week.

We have spaces at football club on a Wednesday for pupils across Y1-Y6, as well as Dodgeball club on Thursdays, also for pupils across Y1-Y6.

The cost for each of these clubs is £25.00 for the term (10 weeks), and feedback from last term was that these clubs were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Please sign up and pay on SIMS Agora as soon as possible.

My superstar of the week is Maisie in Year 3, for choosing the right attitude in PE lessons.



Attendance

This week: 9 th Jan – 12 th Jan 2018	
Class	Attendance
Reception	88.9%
Year 1	84.8%
Year 2	95.1%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	84%
Year 6F	94.3%
Year 6G	95.8%
Totals	91.9%

Not a good start to the year – this must improve quickly.

Nursery	81.3%
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Superstars!

Nursery – Deeqa
 Reception – Donika
 Year 1 – Lujain
 Year 2 – Mia
 Year 3 – Rania
 Year 4 – Talha
 Year 5 – Joel
 Year 6F – Lucas
 Year 6G – Adna

Superstars are based on our School values. Certificates are presented in Tuesday assemblies at 9.05am in the hall – parents are welcome to attend.