



FLORA NEWS

Head's blog

Another busy half term comes to a close! It has been a productive one, with many highlights and increased communications with parents regarding the attainment of children. SATs will soon be upon us, so it is important to have a good rest, but also do a little work every day so that all children reach their potential come May and June.

I was one of the "dragons" for the Y5 Gardens 'Dragons' Den' on Wednesday, although my other dragons were far more fierce than me! Some wonderful ideas were presented but the winner was the Coke and Mentos propelled car...very exciting! Culminating visits for next half term are well planned and I am also hoping to have the revised reports produced before Easter. The marking and homework reports were positive, but both are key areas for development next half term. Your feedback is always most welcome.

I am told that the school disco was a great success and enjoyed by all; thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising this.

I would like to share with you a story from the excellent Jatakas collection:

The Penny Wise Monkey

Once upon a time, there lived the King of a big and affluent country. The King was quite fond of travelling. Usually, he didn't like to visit his own country; instead he went to other countries. One day, he assembled his army to move out for a holiday to some distant country. The King and his soldiers walked for the whole morning in the forest. After this, they went into the camp to take some rest.

The horses were also tired, so they were fed with peas. One of the Monkeys, who lived in the forest, was keeping a track of the things done by the King's men from a distance. When he saw peas offered to the horses, he jumped down from the tree at once to get some of them. He quickly gobbled some peas, also filling his mouth and hands with them. Then, he went up the tree and sat down to eat the peas.

As and when, he sat there to eat peas; one pea fell from his hand to the ground. The greedy monkey dropped all the peas he had in his hands and ran down to look for the lost pea at once. Unluckily, he could not find that one pea. He climbed up the tree again and sat at rest. He was looking very sad. He said to himself, "To get one pea, I threw away what I had".

The King was watching the monkey from the camp and said to himself, "I would not be like this stupid monkey, who lost much to gain a little. I will go back to my own country and enjoy what I have". Thus, the King and his army marched back to their own country.

Moral: Value the things you have.

I hope you have a wonderful break.





Attendance

The attendance across the whole school currently stands at 95.5%. You are ALL doing really well, but wouldn't it be amazing if we beat our target of 96%? As you know, the class with the highest attendance for a term wins an amazing trip, along with every pupil with 100% attendance at the end of the year. We are offering an incentive to every pupil who has 100% attendance for the next half term - an award of **10 House points!** The next half term is a short one, so this is a more than achievable target for all.

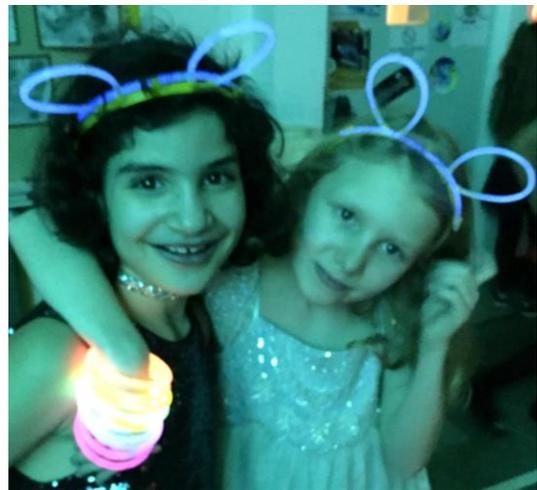
FGPTA Disco – 11th February 2016

A DJ, soft drinks, snacks, neon ears and bracelets, strobe lights, balloons, an incredible atmosphere and A LOT of dancing! What more could our pupils have asked for?

Last night the FGPTA put on a fantastically fun-filled disco for Flora pupils. They undoubtedly had an amazing time!

A massive thank you to Miss Kelly for the time and effort she put into organising this event. Thank you to all of the parents and staff who helped make the disco so special.

Thank you to DJ Sian from Bop Along Tots for providing the music - <http://bopalongtots.com>



★ Superstars! ★

Nursery – Nazim
 Reception – Saoirse
 Year 1 – Raya
 Year 2 – Gabriel
 Year 3 – Tayon
 Year 4A – Zouhair
 Year 4S – Genc
 Year 5F – Zafrie
 Year 5G – Raimon
 Year 6 – Nathaniel

Well done!

