



# FLORA NEWS



## Mr Finney's Blog

In 2015, I arrived at Flora Gardens Primary School as the Physical Education Coordinator and still remember the warm, welcoming smiles that the pupils greeted me with. That year, we had such lovely weather in the summer term which allowed us to spend a lot of time outdoors in our wonderful grounds for PE lessons. At this stage, we only had 2 after school clubs running, with only 30 pupils signed up for the extended programme.

Fast forward two years to 2017 and look at us now! We have 15 after school clubs a week with a wide range of activities including all different sports, computer coding and arts and crafts, as well as the very popular homework club. I think it is fair to say that Flora Gardens now offers a broad, balanced and engaging extra curricular opportunity for all of our pupils. I am so pleased that we are on course to achieve the target set at the start of the year, to have 70% of pupils participating in an extra curricular club by the end of the year. This would not have been possible without the Sports Premium Funding we receive, as this has really catapulted the growth of our PE and after school clubs provision.

Last academic year, our pupils took part in three local sports competitions. The Sports Premium Funding we received has allowed us to attend four competitions so far this year, with 5 still to come this term. I have organised a borough-wide Year 5/6 dodgeball tournament, which will be held at Ark Burlington Danes Academy on 5<sup>th</sup> July. I have also entered our pupils into tennis and basketball competitions, which will take place in the coming weeks.

Our kwik cricket teams will also be vying for semi-final places, which we narrowly missed out on last year. So far, from the hard work that our pupils have been putting in at cricket club on Thursdays and Fridays, our opponents will have their work cut out to beat us!

Finally, the annual Flora Gardens Sports Day has been scheduled for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July in Ravenscourt Park and parents are invited to come along and watch or join in, as we continue to teach our pupils that we can keep fit whilst enjoying a some healthy competition!

Year 1 had a visit from a fairy! She wrote them a letter and sent a huge package of fairy doors for them to decorate so her and her fairy friends can visit!



As most of you will have noticed, we are having our very own amphitheatre built in the playground! This very unique space will be used for performances, as well as outdoor learning. We are all eagerly awaiting the finished product!



Needed for projects next week:

- Cardboard boxes for Year 4
- Plastic bottles for Reception

Miss Woodcock, Mrs Brand, Miss Kelly and Mr Naismith would like to share with you all how very proud they are of Year 6 for the maturity and resilience that they showed during their SATs and for all of the hard work they put in.

As a special reward, Year 6 will be going on a trip to KidZania next week.



### Attendance

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Class	Attendance
Nursery	88.8%
Reception	89.3%
Year 1	91.3%
Year 2	91.9%
Year 3	98.1%
Year 4	90.6%
Year 5F	97.2%
Year 5G	97.5%
Year 6	100.0%
Totals	93.8%

Year 6 have had 100% attendance for the last 2 weeks...very impressive! Year 3 and both Year 5 classes are not far behind. The competition is going to be tight for the prize trip at the end of term!

### Superstars!

Nursery – Maher  
 Reception – Rashid  
 Year 1 – Jamioure  
 Year 2 – Anna  
 Year 3 – Amal  
 Year 4 – Adanni and Sara  
 Year 5F – Yusra  
 Year 5G – Mark  
 Year 6 – Whole class  
 Well done!