



# FLORA NEWS

## Head's Blog

A (borrowed) review of Y6 SATs....

There's always the chance that you'll get a visitor on the day of a test. If you do, it will most likely be someone who has come to observe you administer the papers. Not to judge your integrity, they just get a kick out of observing heightened security measures. Watch how their breathing quickens as you reveal the safe key from the secret compartment in your shoe! See how they quiver with excitement as you complete the retina scan in order to release the papers from their titanium cell. Hear how they squeal and giggle with pleasure as you slice off the top of the plastic bag and pull out the untouched papers. It is a bit creepy but, if they don't say that they're coming back the next day, then you're doing it wrong.

As soon as the reading paper had been completed news began to spread about the nature of the reading material. The bar had been raised. The opening paragraph was appropriate in word length for 15 year-olds only. Every child cried at some point during the test. Nobody finished it.

The texts were elitist and suitable for white middle class English children born in 1823.

The Maths Reasoning paper had been going well up until page 18. From then on in it all got rather strange. Pupils were faced with a box at the bottom of a blank page that said 'This page is blank'. When they turned over to get to the next question they were faced with another blank page. However, this time the box at the bottom read 'Is this page blank'. Gradually more and more hands went up to ask for help and the adults administering the test had no choice but to pause the test and hold an impromptu meeting in the corner of the room. The only conclusion that could be made was that this was a new type of cross-curricular test that the government had decided to spring on schools without warning. The administrators turned to the children and said that they should treat the text in the box like a punctuation and grammar question. So, all the children began dutifully adding a question mark to the writing in the box, in order for it to be grammatically correct: Is this page blank? Satisfied, the administrators re-started the test and instructed the children to continue. To everyone's dismay the next page was also blank. In the box at the bottom of this page read the words: 'Blank page this is.' Everyone looked at each other, not knowing quite what to do. Finally, someone suggested that if you read it out loud, it sounded a bit like the sort of thing Yoda from Star Wars would say. This didn't really help but a few children decided to draw a Yoda anyway just to be sure.

A funny old year for SATs!

Have a great weekend.



Lila, Anshu and Louise from Year 5 Flora will be taking part in the 5K Race For The Kids this Sunday - to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Please help the girls reach their target! You can donate by clicking <http://bit.ly/sponsor-our-team> or typing in

[http://events.gosh.org/site/TR?team\\_id=20466&pg=team&fr\\_id=1160&et=PcSC7PX61yMIEZx6xdCi7A&s\\_tafld=7906](http://events.gosh.org/site/TR?team_id=20466&pg=team&fr_id=1160&et=PcSC7PX61yMIEZx6xdCi7A&s_tafld=7906)



Year 4 Autumn have been practicing using money in real life, becoming shopkeepers and writing receipts, and going shopping and checking they received the right amount of change.

**Year 6 have finished their SATs! Well done!**

**To celebrate they went on a trip to KidZania! They have been trying out a variety of jobs inc. police, paramedic, stock manager and newspaper editor.**



Flora Gardens pupils must wear Flora Gardens uniform. We have been quite lenient on this matter, but we have noticed that a number of our pupils are wearing items of clothing that are not on our uniform list.

If you have any doubts as to what is on our uniform list, please look on the schools website.

You can buy school uniform on this website -

<https://www.schooluniformdirect.co.uk/schools/131/flora-gardens> or just go to school uniform direct's website & search our name.

**Year 2 also went to KidZania! They had a fantastic time trying out different professions.**



★ **Superstars!** ★

**Nursery – Iqlas  
Reception – Michelle  
Year 1 – Hamza  
Year 2 – Hodan  
Year 3 – Sameera  
Year 4A – Mia  
Year 4S – Calum  
Year 5F – Renee  
Year 5G – Aaron  
Year 6 – Whole class!**

**Well done!**

Last week, Sapphire House put their fundraising skills to practise & managed to raise an impressive £252 for our School Fund. Head of House, Miss Cenac, would like to thank all of the pupils who helped and all of the parents who showed their support. Congratulations to the winners of the sweetie jars- Mia, Masyam, Anshu and Mr Ruggins!