



FLORA NEWS



Head's Blog

Mission Statement

12 months ago we set about writing our new mission statement. Pupils, parents, staff and governors all had input into the statement and this is what we settled on:

At Flora Gardens every pupil comes first and we aim to inspire them to fulfil their potential in each stage of their life. Our school is about far more than academic results: it is about community, respect, honesty and family. We deliver multi-cultural learning experiences for every individual that are innovative, creative, purposeful and fun, set in our unique, spacious green grounds that give children outstanding opportunities to explore, flourish and succeed.

You will, no doubt, remember the amount of times that I have stressed that education is about far more than the SATs results; it's about educating the whole child. Imagine my delight when Amanda Spielman, HM Chief Inspector of Education, made the following statements this week:

"A good curriculum should lead to good results," she says.

"However, good examination results in and of themselves don't always mean that the pupil received rich and full knowledge from the curriculum."

"In the worst cases, teaching to the test, rather than teaching the full curriculum, leaves a pupil with a hollowed-out and flimsy understanding."

.....she is encouraging schools in England to focus less on drilling pupils through past papers and more on widening their knowledge and horizons.

"The regular taking of test papers does little to increase a child's ability to comprehend," she says.

"A much better use of time is to teach and help children to read and read more."

Very encouraging! The full article is here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-41580550>

Have a good weekend.

Harvest Festival is the celebration of the food grown on the land.

Thanksgiving ceremonies and celebrations for a successful harvest are both worldwide and very ancient. In Britain, we have given thanks for successful harvests since pagan times. Some celebrate this day by singing, praying and decorating churches with baskets of fruit and food in a festival known as 'Harvest Festival'.

In schools around the UK, people bring food from home to a Harvest Festival Service. After the assembly, the food that has been put on display is usually made into parcels and given to people in need.

We are asking our pupils to bring in tinned or dried food that we will be donating to those who are not so fortunate.

Mrs Asserati will be leading a special Harvest Festival assembly on Tuesday at 9.05am in the hall.

Year 5 & 6 were so fortunate to visit the Royal Albert Hall for the Primary Proms this week



Today is the last day to vote for us to win a grant. Please help us by using this link and voting for Flora <https://www.skiptongrg.co.uk/apply-for-funding/2017-shortlisted-groups/>

Mr Finney's PE Blog

Please have a look at the website below:

<https://www.yourschoolgames.com/schools/flora-gardens-primary-school/>

Information on all competitions and inter-house sports competitions for the whole academic year will go up on this website, where you can read blogs and match reports as well.

There is also a direct link on our website so you can easily keep up-to-date.

My superstar of the week goes to Ruby in Y2 in for continued improvement in PE lessons.

Attendance

This week: 9th – 13th October 2017

Class	Attendance
Reception	95.7%
Year 1	93.2%
Year 2	99.2%
Year 3	98.8%
Year 4	93.9%
Year 5	93.5%
Year 6F	100%
Year 6G	94.1%
Totals	95.8%

A very good week Flora Gardens – well done!

An outstanding effort from Year 6F.

Superstars!

**Nursery – Suraya
Reception – Jaida
Year 1 – Rashid
Year 2 – Maram
Year 3 – Kimarla
Year 4 – Zara
Year 5 – Aaliya I
Year 6F – Georgie
Year 6G – Liam**

Superstar certificates are presented in Tuesday assemblies.

Well done!