



# FLORA NEWS

## Head's Blog

Another quite amazing week in the life of Flora Gardens!! Today the children and staff are all dressed for bed - Mr Walker and Mr Etan look particularly impressive. All for a great cause, that being Children in Need. There are plenty of examples of how the money raised helps children and I was particularly taken by this one:

"Five-year-old Joe has Barth Syndrome, which weakens his muscles, including his heart. Aged just two and a half years old, he spent a record breaking 251 days being kept alive by an artificial heart until a suitable donor was found. Two years after his transplant, he's still very fragile. But thanks to your donations, mum Rachel regularly gets a break while a nurse called Andy entertains and looks after Joe. Andy's role at the Jessie May Trust in Bristol is funded by a grant from BBC Children in Need, made possible by your donations".

You can see his full story at this link:  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02bx5qv>

Our Assembly on Armistice Day was very moving and was made by a wonderful reading of John McCrae's "In Flanders Fields" by Y6 pupil Maliha. The pupils observed the two minutes silence impeccably and it was lovely to see the Reception and Nursery classes with their hand made poppies. Thank you to all those that attended. We have also had Assemblies raising awareness of the effect that bullying can have on pupils in preparation for Anti-Bullying week, which starts on Monday. This follows on from the safeguarding workshops and assembly in KS2 that took place last week.

We were joined by Peter Campling who met with lots of parents regarding homework and marking. Thank you for all that took part in those meetings; actions will be implemented once his report is received. On Monday I am expecting the final part of the work on the rubber mulch area to be completed. This will provide a much needed play area suitable all the year round for everyone at the school. I have received some great suggestions for this area, please keep them coming in.

Enjoy the weekend.



Reception are making a music wall in their outdoor environment. To help make this they would really appreciate any donations of pots, saucepans, frying pans or baking trays that you no longer need. Thank you!

### Anti Bullying Week assembly



### Dates for your diary

**PTA host our annual Christmas Bazaar – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

**Children's Christmas lunch – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas concert - Thursdays 17<sup>th</sup> December - KS1-9.10am & KS2 – 5pm**

**Christmas assembly – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**The Movie Night was a great success. We would like to thank Maddie and Georgie's mum Siobhan and Frankie and Lacey's mum Cheryl, for all of their hard work in arranging the event.**

**The students had a fantastic time and these parents managed to raise approximately £300 for the school.**

### **\*Superstars\***

**Nursery – Zara  
Reception - Mia  
Year 1 – Xela  
Year 2 – Zara  
Year 3 – Sam  
Year 4A – Kaspian  
Year 4S – Genc  
Year 5F – Ayo  
Year 5G – Raimon  
Year 6 – Safaa  
**Well done!****

