



FLORA NEWS

Head's blog

Thank you to the parents who have offered to work with the school on reporting to parents and the mission statement. I realise that time is *under pressure*, but there are still some places available for more parents to be involved in both of these important meetings. Dates and times are as follows:

Reporting to Parents meeting: Tuesday 19th January at 8am in Head's office
Mission Statement meeting: Wednesday 20th January at 9am in Head's office

Rather than going *around and around*, please let my PA know if you would like to be involved in these meetings as soon as possible. You can email my PA, Miss O'Donnell, at pa@floragardens.lbhf.sch.uk.

I saw our girls' football team play last Friday and, whilst they came second, it was fantastic to see their determination and endeavour - I am sure results will soon begin to improve; it's worth remembering that at the beginning of the year they were *absolute beginners*. Parents are invited to watch these matches on a Friday afternoon, details later in the newsletter, please take advantage of these *golden years*. Staying with enrichment to the academic education, training has taken place and preparations are underway for our 'Chamber Tots' musical workshops that our *heroes* in Reception and Nursery will soon be taking part in. This will culminate in a performance on 23rd May to which all parents and relatives are invited - details to follow.

On Monday 1st February and Wednesday 3rd February we are holding initial parent meetings for Y6 and Y5, if you did not receive a letter about this then please see your child's class teacher. These meetings will give every parent the opportunity to sit down with their child's teacher, and myself in the case of Y6, to hear about progress and receive personalised advice on how best to support their child at home. If the feedback from this is positive, we will be looking to do this across the school in the next few terms.

Today, *starman* Tim Peake continues his *space oddity* with his first 'spacewalk'. We will attempt to show it at school if there is a live broadcast; otherwise it is on TV tonight. Tim Peake exemplifies Emerald House's motto, 'Anything is possible'.

Finally, I read with interest on the BBC website that "School grades are linked to where you live". The suggestion is that here in London we are better off than our Northern friends. At a time when the Government is suggesting *changes*, with a reduction to the finances to schools in London, this is very worrying. The additional costs of living in London and the difficulties in recruiting staff because of that must continue to be reflected in the funding that schools receive. I am sure we will be *dancing in the street* with the knowledge that our relationship with St Mary's University Twickenham is becoming stronger and thus recruitment and staff training at Flora Gardens is in a strong position. The article can be found here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-35282236>

Have a great weekend - I will be spending mine listening to the fabulous tones of David Bowie, *Ashes to Ashes*.



Reception class very much enjoyed their trip to the library this week. We would like to say a special thank you to our very supportive parents who came along on the trip. The librarians are encouraging all children in our school to join the library.



Flora Gardens football teams are playing in the Mayor's Cup, the primary school football tournament in Hammersmith & Fulham which is supported by both Fulham FC and QPR who lend coaches to referee matches. This competition aims to improve footballing skills and give children a chance to have fun and enjoy sport. Parents are encouraged to attend the matches in Ravenscourt park.

Boys	Girls
29.01.2016 - 1.00pm	29.01.2016 - 1.30pm
12.02.2016 - 1.30pm	12.02.2016 - 1.00pm

Flora Gardens girls team playing against Brackenbury girls team



Farewell Miss Dattani!
You will be missed. We hope you enjoy your travels.

★ Superstars! ★

- Nursery – Madiha
- Reception – Abubakar
- Year 1 – Nadir
- Year 2 – Mohammed
- Year 3 – Tayon
- Year 4A – Irma
- Year 4S – Mark
- Year 5F – Alex
- Year 5G – Bukhari
- Year 6 – Maliha

