



FLORA NEWS



Head's Blog

It was fantastic to watch the boy's football team play in the quarter final of the Mayor's Cup on Monday. Whilst they came second in the game, it is a major achievement and the first time in a very long time that we have competed against the other local teams so well.

Success is down to a myriad of reasons but the main one is about maximising your potential, be that on the sports field or in life. Trying to succinctly write about what it takes to maximise your potential in a few lines is difficult but here is my effort. Firstly, you have to be the best you can be, and then maintain that standard. I think one of the greatest strengths people can have is to be curious about the world, how it works and why people do what they do. It is not about goal setting or "life plans" it is more important to immerse yourself in your passions, your job, your school work, and then allow the outcomes to evolve. More time should be spent rehearsing what has to be done in order to be successful, than setting life plans and personal progressions.

In sport I have never been able to predict what teams will do during a game, and coaches that think they can are either very gifted or kidding themselves. I usually know what teams can do but can never be sure they can reproduce it in the competitive environment of the game, or indeed a competitive environment of exams. You can never be sure about how you will do in a competition but a thorough knowledge of their past record and behaviours will help.

What I think is true is that your preparation and thoroughness give you the best chance of success. That means reviewing decisions, changing your mind and changing your policy if required. Mostly, if you pay attention to thoroughness you will perform close to your potential. Certainly if you don't have good people, well trained, working together and being resilient you will struggle.

I find it difficult to see how people can be extremely certain about things, and this is what I believe makes me argumentative. Metaphysical certainty (such as belief in a God) really puzzles me, yet I can see the attraction to arguments for some great design. Mostly though, I suppose all we can hope for is to do the best possible job with the gifts we are given, and to make a difference to those around us, that improves their lives.

Pi Day on Wednesday was fantastic, so many children reciting Pi to great lengths but the winner, Dwell in Year 4, who managed to get to an incredible 135 decimal places! Amazing and well done to all. Below is the feedback we received from David who ran Maths workshops throughout the day:

Many thanks for the welcome you and all the staff at Flora Gardens gave to me yesterday. As I said then it is a real pleasure to visit a school where there is such a wonderful atmosphere of calm and positive purpose.

From the moment I arrived at 7.30am until I left at 4.15pm nothing was too much trouble, help from admin to kitchen staff, from teachers to those many parents who attended throughout the day. The children were attentive, listening with interest to all that went on yet fully able to speak up when asking questions. They particularly impressed me when probably half a dozen were able to recite pi to more than 75 decimal places in the school competition with the winner reciting 135. Phenomena!!

Thank you so much for letting me witness such a caring and professional school.

Thank you to Miss Earley and Bobby (Saoirse's Dad) for putting on an AMAZING St. Patrick's Day assembly for the whole school - beautiful singing from Y1, a solo from Saoirse, Irish dancing from Joshua and Mia, a violin piece from Sean and poem recited by Lacey, Liam and Aisha...it really was a treat!



Dwell in Y4 memorised and recited Pi to 135 decimal places!

Thursday 29th March is the last day of term and there will be a special House assembly at 11am. School will finish at 1.30pm and there will be no clubs or after school service, so please plan accordingly.

Mr Finney's Blog

We are set up online to raise money for Sport Relief. Please feel free to donate by following this link: <https://my.sportrelief.com/sponsor/fgps2018>

Throughout the week pupils will have to chance to guess how many keepy-uppies Mr Finney can do, which will cost 50p per guess. The winner, or the closest guess to the correct amount, will win half of the proceeds, with the other half going to Sport Relief.

Friday 23rd March for Diamond House Fundraising Day

Next Friday, all pupils are invited to wear white clothing, in aid of the Diamond House chosen charity, Sport Relief.

Pupils are asked to make a minimum donation of £1.00 towards the cause. Mr Finney's keepy-uppy challenge will be during lunchtime in the KS2 playground.

Pupils will also have the opportunity to Beat the Goalie – for 3 penalties we are asking for a donation of 20p for Sport Relief.

All pupils will be taking part in fun sporting activities throughout the day with Mr Finney and Mr Hakl.

Attendance

Mon 12th March – Fri 16th March 2018

Class	Attendance
Reception	88.3%
Year 1	98.6%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6F	94.3%
Year 6G	94.3%
Totals	96.7%

Three classes with 100% attendance...that's impressive!

Nursery	85%
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Superstars!

- Nursery – Idris
- Reception – Nazim
- Year 1 – Cassie
- Year 2 – Saoirse & Mia
- Year 3 – Xela
- Year 4 – Joshua
- Year 5 – Aaliya I
- Year 6F – Kaspian
- Year 6G – Naiyah
- PE – Younis, Y4