



FLORA NEWS



HEAD'S BLOG

“Often people know the price of things, but not the value... If we do not have value, we have no life” – Satish Kumar.

Satish Kumar is former monk and long-term peace and environment activist. Satish Kumar has been quietly setting the Global Agenda for change for over 50 years. He was just nine when he left his family home to join the wandering Jains and 18 when he decided he could achieve more back in the world, campaigning for land reform in India and working to turn Gandhi's vision of a renewed India and a peaceful world into reality. In 1973 Satish settled in the United Kingdom, taking up the post of editor of Resurgence magazine, a position he has held ever since, making him the UK's longest-serving editor of the same magazine.

This week we have been considering our values. The staff had a training evening about values - where the school is now and where we would like to be in the future. A project group worked for two days looking in detail about the values we have and the ones we want to have. We have begun a process of re-writing our curriculum (hopefully to be launched in September 2018); a curriculum that represents our values and has them as gold threads through all that we do. This is important in a post Ofsted school that is determined to get even better; our aim is to be Outstanding in all we do. Over the next few weeks we will be launching our values with the pupils and staff at the school and I truly hope that as a vital part of our community you, the parents, will also think about the values and embed them in your children.

The first value is “**choose your attitude**”. When we are stuck in a traffic jam and we honk the horn or hit the dash board we are choosing that action, that value. We all know it won't do anything to disperse the traffic in front of us, yet we still do it from time to time. How about choosing not to get frustrated, to think about using the time to relax, meditate on something. When we are finding something difficult do we walk away or do we choose an attitude of perseverance? We have choices in how we react to others and situations. When someone in our community says to another “**choose your attitude**” let's take 30 seconds to think about how we want to be and let's choose an attitude of positivity and support.

An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life:

“A fight is going on inside me,” he said to the boy.

“It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil – he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.”

He continued, “The other is good – he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you – and inside every other person, too.”

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: “Which wolf will win?”

The old Cherokee simply replied, “The one you feed.”

Choosing your attitude feeds the wolf that we all want to be and want to be with.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.



Year 4 are learning all about the Roman Invasion & were shocked when Year 3 invaded their classroom & left them with just one table to work at!

We have had a new electronic system installed in the school office, which can be used to register pupils arriving late or leaving early during the school day. It is important that your child signs in using the screen if they arrive late in morning or leave school before the end of the day so that the register can be updated.

Mr Finney's PE Blog

We attended a dodgeball tournament at Burlington Danes Academy yesterday. Out of 18 teams our 'A' team finished 3rd and our 'B' team finished 2nd. A real great effort from all of our pupils involved and we are very proud of their achievements.

My superstar of the week goes to Kaycee in Y3 for an outstanding attitude to learning in PE. WELL DONE!

Reception love learning!



Attendance

This week: 13th – 17th Nov 2017

Class	Attendance
Reception	91.4%
Year 1	90.4%
Year 2	91.6%
Year 3	95.0%
Year 4	95.2%
Year 5	93.9%
Year 6F	99.1%
Year 6G	92.3%
Totals	93.6%

A very bad week for attendance. Please make sure you leave a message for the office to let us know why your child is missing school. Unauthorised absence may be reported to the local authority.

Nursery	77%
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Superstars!

Nursery – Emily
 Reception – Malachi
 Year 1 – Zakaria I
 Year 2 – Mila
 Year 3 – Rania
 Year 4 – Ciham
 Year 5 – Auguste
 Year 6F – Jehiah & Adna
 Year 6G – Marwa

Well done!

Superstar certificates are presented in Tuesday assemblies at 9.05am in the hall – parents are welcome to attend.