



FLORA NEWS

Head's Blog

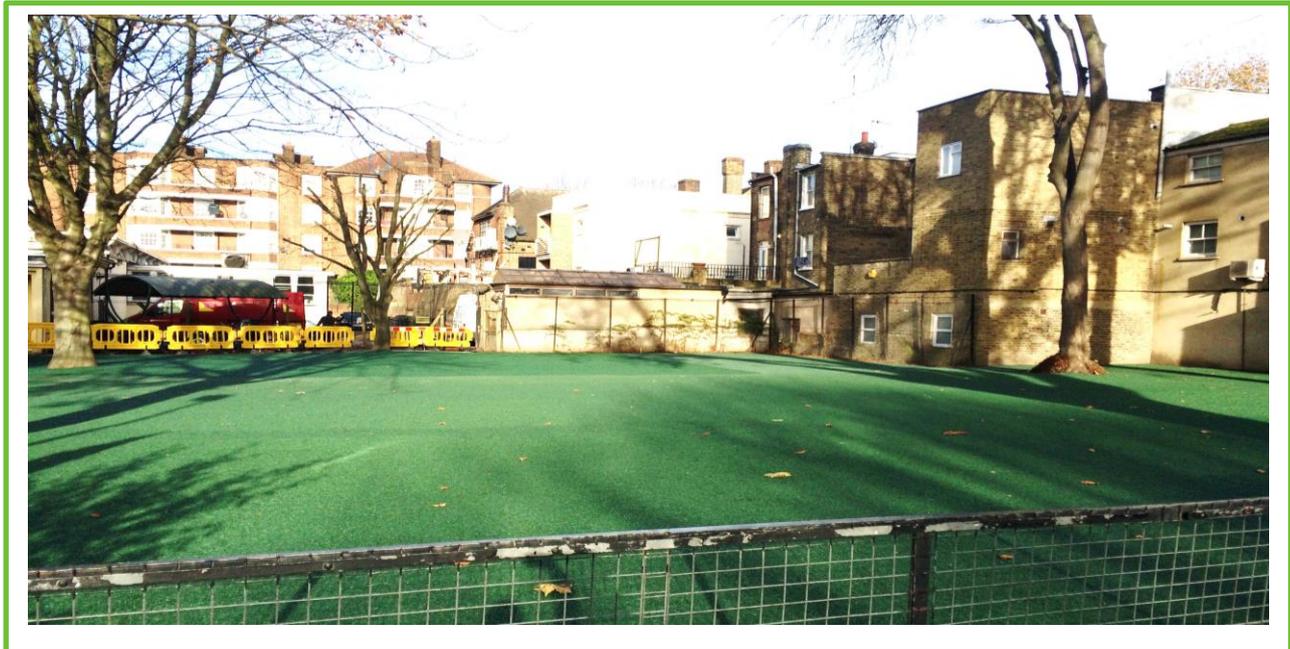
The most important thing this week is an appeal! A group of Y6 pupils need jam jars and other glass containers with lids - if you have any please send or bring them into the main reception area, thank you.

Work on the mulch area was completed this afternoon and the children will be able to use it from Monday. Benches around three of the tress have been ordered to provide a reading or social area and the walls will be softened with planting and decoration over the next few months. I hope you are as happy with this development as I am. Aaron was drawn out of a hat during Friday's assembly and he will be performing the "cutting of the ribbon" on Monday at 9.30, immediately after assembly - you are all most welcome to attend.

I received an email this week titled "every school should have one". The email talked about staff at schools that have been 'part of the furniture' for a long time, know the workings of the school, the history, go about their job in a professional manner and are always found putting the interest of the pupils and school first. Typically these people are the 'go-to' people if you need information or a job done. As I read this email I was taken aback by the truth in front of me; Flora does not have one of these members of staff!

Now let me clarify that. Typically I arrive at work between 6.15 and 6.45 and the first thing I am greeted with is a smile and a slice of toast. The heating is on, the lights are on and the school is ready for its daily business. Mr Moges has done some of this but there is an all knowing **presence** behind him. About 8am another one turns up; she goes to the office, greets everyone, knows everyone by name, including parents, aunts, uncles and of course every pupil. She is the 'Face of Flora". At break and lunchtime these two creatures are still doing their job of greeting, looking after children/staff/parents, making sure that all is safe and ensuring that the school is running smoothly. No Flora does not have one of these beings but at least two - **Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Hobman** - where would we be without you? I wonder how often you get thanked by the people whose lives you ease, support and find solutions for? Every one of us that comes into contact with these fabulous ladies should take the time to say thank you; it really is very easy to do. I am delighted that they will be joining Aaron in opening our rubber mulch area on Monday. Of course by mentioning two I run the risk of leaving out other members of staff and apologise for that - the team at Flora really is very special - THANK YOU!

Have a wonderful weekend.



The PTA had a very productive meeting this morning, preparing for the Christmas Bazaar which is on Friday 4th December. Any help you can offer would be much appreciated. Also, donations of prizes for the raffle and toys for the second hand stall would be really useful! Please drop them into the school office. Thank you.

Houses



This afternoon, all pupils and staff attended assemblies in their Houses. Pupils came up with a motto and an anthem and have been given the task of designing their coat of arms. Everyone received a free water bottle which are in different colours to represent each House. It is fair to say that the children are very excited to be developing the ethos around our House system.

Walk Once a Week (WoW)

The Walk Once a Week scheme encourages children to walk to school once a week (ideally on a Wednesday) and those who achieve it will receive a special badge at the end of the half term.



Superstars

Nursery – Mohammed A
Reception - Ayaan
Year 1 – Jamillah
Year 2 – Katie
Year 3 – Maria
Year 4A – Alisha
Year 4S – Lacey
Year 5F – Nurdin
Year 5G – Samaan
Year 6 – Molly
Well done!

