



FLORA NEWS

Head's Blog

It's all about...Compromise

"It's not always rainbows and butterflies. It's compromise that moves us along."

We had a scheduled visit from the safeguarding officer for Hammersmith and Fulham on Tuesday. I have never felt so proud of our pupils and how they spoke about our school. Ibrahim Y2, Joshua Y3, Aaliyah Y4, Lucas Y5 and Jasmin Y5 were full of praise for the school, the journey we have taken and all spoke with authority and intelligence. It was very moving to hear first-hand how the pupils feel about Flora Gardens; it fills me with great pride.

I am sure that we all share the horror, sadness and disgust following Wednesday's terrorist attack in Westminster. Thoughts are with the victims and their families of this senseless act. Although not much is known about the motivation of the attack, we do know that it was terrorism and so there are ways that as a school we have and will be approaching it.

Conversations and conjecture will be taking place in and out of school amongst the pupils and people of all ages.

We have:

- Brought the topic up with pupils, including an assembly for KS2, in an age-appropriate way. This attack goes against the values of the UK and that of our school. We need to ensure the school is the safest space to talk, debate and learn about significant political and news events, including horrendous acts like the one that took place on Wednesday.
- Reassured pupils (particularly with the younger pupils). The chance of being harmed by a terrorist attack is still very, very low. There will also be a heightened police presence over the course of the next few days and weeks. This is a result of the ongoing efforts to protect people rather than a reaction to intelligence or a specific known risk.
- If the attack does turn out to be Islamist, we all know how far away this kind of act is from Islam and is absolutely not an accurate reflection of what Islam teaches.

Our thoughts are with the victims and their families of this senseless act.

A Reminder

All children are due in school by 8.55am to line up and enter the building with their teacher. After the door closes, all pupils must go to the main entrance and sign in there. They will then receive a late pass and go straight to their class. It is very important that at this point teachers are allowed to teach and there should only be parents in the school at the office or if they have a prior arranged meeting. Please do not go down the school corridor - it disrupts learning time and is a safeguarding issue. Teachers are available from 8.45am in the playground to discuss any aspects regarding your child and more time will be made available at a convenient time to both you and the teacher, should this be required. Thank you for helping us with this.

Finally, as I write this, all pupils are going into assembly to celebrate Red Nose Day and we have a full day of Comic Relief. The Y6's are at The Bush Theatre, you really should visit this amazing place, to write, prepare and perform a "Play in a Day". I am sure it will be a wonderful experience for them.

And that's one of the best things about Flora Gardens - life goes on and our community and family atmosphere are still very strong.



Who wore it best?
Staff vote goes to Ava (except Mr Naismith's)





Flora Gardens Easter Fair

Thursday 30th March 2017

Nursery/Reception 3.00pm onwards

KS1 & KS2 3.30pm onwards

Please join us for lots of fun activities including an Easter egg hunt, face painting, arts and crafts, cake competition, 'Guess the Square' game and lots more.

All activities will be individually priced.



**Last day of term:
We break up for the
Easter holiday on
Friday 31st March at
1.30pm.**

**There will be no
clubs or After School
Service on this day
and we ask that you
collect your children
on time at 1.30pm.**

The class with the highest attendance and winner of the trip this term is...

Year 5 Flora

who will be visiting



on Wednesday 29th March. Well done Year 5 Flora! Don't forget there will be another fantastic prize for the class with the highest attendance at the end of the summer term!

It's Competition Time!

We are asking pupils from all classes to decorate an egg (hard boiled is a lot less messy!) as a character of their choice and bring it in to school by Wednesday 29th March. Pupils may wish to decorate their egg with paint or pens, it is their choice, we just want them to show their creativity!

Miss Woodcock will be judging the competition and there will be an exciting prize awarded to the winner!

(You can Google search examples!)



Attendance

This week: 20th March – 24th March 2017

Class	Attendance	Minutes Late
Nursery	96.3%	123 minutes
Reception	98.1%	14 minutes
Year 1	98.8%	60 minutes
Year 2	96.1%	44 minutes
Year 3	100.0%	66 minutes
Year 4	98.1%	61 minutes
Year 5F	98.9%	37 minutes
Year 5G	98.3%	33 minutes
Year 6	88.6%	12 minutes
Totals	96.7%	7 hours & 30 minutes

Well done Y3 – Absolutely fantastic!

Superstars!

- Nursery – Tobias
- Reception – Samira
- Year 1 – Teniesha
- Year 2 – Hamza
- Year 3 – Cameron
- Year 4 – Sameera
- Year 5F – Irma
- Year 5G – Rafael
- Year 6 – Hassan

Well done!