



# FLORA NEWS



## Head's Blog

It's all about... Celebrations and Cricket

I was told on Monday that the Y6 girls, Habon, Ilaf, Maliha, Molly and Ruweyda, who took part in Stride (a competition where they design a product, pitch the idea to the 'Dragons' and then sell their product), won £400 for the school! Massive congratulations to you all and the staff that took them. A visit to a book shop to pick your prizes will take place very soon.

A couple of weeks ago our boys and girls took part in the Borough cricket tournaments for the first time in many years. The boys had a very tough group and, although they pushed two teams very close, just failed to win. However, after receiving instructions about how to represent the school, Mr Finney reported how pleased he was to be commended by the organisers on the behaviour and courtesy of the boys - well done! The girls were tremendous winning two of their four games and just missing out on the semi-finals. I'm sure they will improve on this next year.

I'm reading a book called "Stiff Upper Lips and Baggy Green Caps" by Simon Briggs at the moment. It's a cricket book that looks at the best moments of Ashes Cricket with a comical edge. This link shows "the ball of the Century", bowled by Shane Warne to Mike Gatting <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Y1hl2t8F8>

It led to this great quote by then captain of England, Graham Gooch, "If it had been a cheese roll, it would never have got past hi.m"

The Y1's did extremely well in their Phonics with 82% achieving the pass mark from last year - once again this year's pass mark is yet to be published by the Government...

And talking of all things SATs, I was sent this wonderful poem about the Y6 tests:

**Michel Rosen**

### Writing at the Expected Level

If you can write and make sense  
remember, it's not enough  
If you can write and make people laugh  
remember, it's not enough  
If you can write and make people cry  
remember, it's not enough  
If you can write and make people desperate to know what happens next,  
remember, it's not enough  
If you can write and make people feel good,  
remember, it's not enough  
If you can write and make people think and wonder,  
remember, it's not enough  
If you can write and make people want to be where you went,  
remember, it's not enough  
If you can write and make people want to be some of the people  
you've written about  
remember, it's not enough  
If you can write and make people want to read more and more and more  
remember, it's not enough  
But:  
if you can write something  
that no one is particularly interested in,  
no one is desperate to read more and more,  
no one laughed or cried or wanted to be where you went  
or wanted to know what happened next,  
no one wondered about what you had written,  
yet,  
you included commas, semi-colons, colons,  
expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, and  
embedded relative clauses  
over and over and over again  
that's enough.

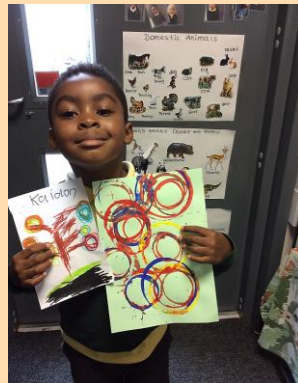
Michael's Blog is well worth a read: <http://michaelrosenblog.blogspot.co.uk>

Have a good weekend.

# Maths and Art Week Superstars



**Nursery – Whole Class**  
showing off their beautiful art work influenced by the Painter/Artist, Wassily Kandinsky.



**Kaidon – Reception**  
produced some fantastic work.



**Suhaila & Rhys – Year 1**  
Suhaila made a spinning sundial decorated with repeating patterns & Rhys made a poster with shapes, numbers and a clock.

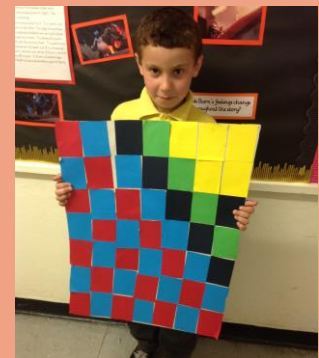
## Year 2



**Talha & Vania – Year 2**  
for producing amazing symmetrical aliens!



**Auguste – Year 3**  
used the golden ratio to paint a fantastic self portrait.



**Zouhair - Year 4A**  
produced some fantastic Maths/Art work.



**Georgie – Year 4S**  
for attempting and completing the tasks given to her, even when she found them challenging.



**Siham - Year 5 Flora**  
for excellent participation during the Maths/Art workshop.



**Yusrah - Year 5G**  
worked so hard creating her mythical creature...even with her broken wrist!



**Noah & Mohamed – Year 6**  
Noah used coordinates to create a fantastic cross stitch design and Mohamed used a compass to create a beautiful pattern.

