



FLORA NEWS

Head's Blog

Not so long ago, my daughter trailed into the sitting room and thrust her iPod Touch into my hands. "What is it now?" I demanded wearily. "Do you want me to update it or reboot it or pay for more apps involving panicky little men pursued by angry monkeys? Because, really, you spend far too much time –" And then I caught sight of her pale face and noticed her air of despondency. "Please take it away," she said. "It's making me anxious. If I'm on it for too long, I feel really sad. I don't know why, but I do."

This week we completed our annual ICT safety audit. We looked at how the pupils at Flora Gardens use the internet. Key findings were:

- A high percentage of pupils use the internet for more than 3 hours a day.
- A high number of children use social media, for example Facebook. It is illegal to use most social media sites/apps under the age of 13...
- A number of pupils take and send pictures of themselves over the internet.

I think it's worth a reminder that it is important to monitor the usage of this wonderful resource and remind children about the dangers and how to stay safe online. I found the below article on this and it is well worth a read.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/health/children/10010478/Computer-kids-Does-your-child-need-a-digital-detox.html>

On another note, I am delighted that the school and PTA will be holding our New Summer Fete on **Saturday 16th July** - please keep this date free! All children will be taking part in a display based around our theme of "The Wild West". More information will follow in the coming weeks.

I hope you all have a restful Bank Holiday.



The Big Pedal!

Flora pupils were challenged to cycle or scoot to school – the healthier, cleaner and cheaper way to travel! Once arriving at school they enjoyed smoothie bike fun thanks to our friends at Sustrans.



@floragardensw6 Wow, what a lot of bikes and scooters. Good work :)



Mr Finney ran the London Marathon!



On Sunday 23rd April, Mr Finney, our Sports Coordinator, stunned us all by completing the 42.195 kilometre (26 mile) race in just 4 hours and 10 minutes.

What an achievement! All of his training and hard work paid off as with your help,

Mr Finney managed to raise an astonishing £1,575 for the charity 'Children with Cancer UK'. Every penny that was donated will make a huge difference to the life-saving work this charity undertakes. Well done Mr Finney, we are very proud of you!



Reminder!

Monday 2nd May is a Bank Holiday – there is no school on Monday. The next day of school is Tuesday 3rd May and pupils should be in the playground at the usual time of 8.45am

In Year 1 we have started a new project. We will be learning about vegetables (and fruit) and how they grow. To do this we will be producing growing charts, learning about the growing process, using our senses, creating fruit and vegetable art and understanding the history of different fruits and vegetables. This week we started by planting cress, spinach and pea seeds and we are very excited to check them every day to see how they've grown.



★ Superstars! ★

- Nursery – Maher
- Reception – Eloise
- Year 1 – Lina
- Year 2 – Ciham, DD & Alex
- Year 3 – Joel
- Year 4A – Yusra
- Year 4S – Lacey
- Year 5F – Lila
- Year 5G – Eva
- Year 6 – Zakaria

Well done!

