



FLORA NEWS

Head's blog

A very Happy New Year to you all. In 1997 Nelson Mandela wrote:
"The new year (for us all) must be one in which each and every one of us shares the responsibilities for building on the foundation that has been laid."

This seems particularly apt for Flora Gardens as we enter 2016. I have always believed that education is like a three legged stool; one leg being the teaching at the school, another being the pupil and the third being you, the parents. If one leg is not working then the stool will not work. I am confident that the teaching is in place to enable all children to excel at Flora.

On the whole, the pupils work hard and try their best, but we must both remind them to work hard and persevere. I think with continued support from you, as a parent, that the pupils' education will flourish. Help with reading, writing and maths is fundamental to our pupils' progress and we are looking at ways that we can work closer with you to support the learning that goes on at school. With your vigilance in this area, I am sure the children will be outstanding this year.

As part of us working collaboratively with you, we are revising the report system to parents regarding pupils' progress and would like to put together a working group of a maximum of 8 parents to work with myself and members of the Senior Leadership Team. If you're interested, please contact my PA, Miss O'Donnell, as soon as possible. Meetings will be arranged as best fit with those that volunteer. If oversubscribed with people wishing to be on this working group, names will be drawn out of a hat.

Additionally, we have begun the work to revise our mission statement and I would like to work with a similar sized group, made up of different parents who will work with the school on developing this. The staff and the school council have begun this process. Again, please contact my PA if you are interested – Pa@floragardens.lbhf.sch.uk.

Miss Dattani, our additional adult in Year 4 Autumn, who has been with the school for over 2 years, informed me just before Christmas that she is going to take a year out to travel around the world! I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her tremendous work and wishing her a wonderful time. Miss Dattani will be leaving us next Friday, 15th January.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.



There's no doubt that running a mile each day is a step in the right direction towards overall health. It also helps to improve concentration. So this week, our pupils began the challenge of running a mile a day around the playground. We are already seeing the benefits of improved concentration in the classroom, this is great for our students' education.



What a fantastic assembly Y4S. We learnt so much about Boudica.

- All classes and the school library now have copies of the latest edition of the Guinness Book of World Records. These books have been kindly donated by one of our governors, Sam McAlister.
- Year 6 SATs revision sessions are now on Wednesdays instead of Mondays
- Mr Finney is busy preparing the after school programme which will start on Monday 18th January. This will be sent home to you next week. Clubs should be booked on SIMS Agora, even those that are free

Important reminder

If you have a child that was born between 1st September 2011 - 31st August 2012, the deadline for application to our Reception class is 15th January 2016. If you need assistance with your application then please contact the school office.

★ **Superstars!** ★

- Nursery – Ioana
- Reception – Habiba
- Year 1 – Kaycee
- Year 2 – Millie and Mustafa
- Year 3 – Shuayb
- Year 4A – Aisha B
- Year 4S – Waleed
- Year 5F – Kes
- Year 5G – Yusrah
- Year 6 - Habon

