



FLORA NEWS



Head's Blog

"There's more to life than books you know, but not much more"

Smiths' fans will recognise Morrissey's line from 'Handsome Devil'. He was absolutely right. According to research by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, reading for pleasure is a strong factor in determining future social mobility. It was also found to be the most important indicator of the future success of the child. Crucially, the research distinguished between reading for its own sake and reading as a result of external persuasion or for a specific purpose. Recent PISA data shows that reading for enjoyment is associated with reading proficiency: a crucial difference between pupils who perform well in the PISA reading assessment and those who perform poorly lies in whether they read daily for enjoyment, rather than in how much time they spend reading. On average, pupils who read daily for enjoyment score the equivalent of one-and-a-half years of schooling better than those who do not.

All of this suggests that young people who read for pleasure are predisposed, not only to reading but to learning in general - which would probably explain the increased social mobility findings.

The message is clear: we need to encourage young people to read for pleasure. But this is easier said than done. Statistics show a decline in the number of school pupils who read for pleasure. It is an ever-present challenge for parents and teachers to come up with reading materials that are interesting and relevant for young people.

We have some exciting news from the PTA to share with you!

For the first time in Flora Gardens' history, Year 6 leavers will have the option of purchasing their very own personalised Flora Gardens hoodie. Miss Kelly will be sending parents a letter next week with more details of how they can be ordered.

Year 1 have been gardening again! Today we have planted sweetcorn. We have made predictions on how long they will take to grow.



Pupils enjoyed both dance and drama workshops this week.



Mr Finney's PE Blog

Yesterday I had the pleasure of taking out 8 pupils to a Basketball tournament. Both teams displayed an excellent work ethic and teamwork, which was so great to see.

Our 'A' team made it through to the semi-final where they were beaten by All Saints Primary School.

Well done to all pupils who participated.

My superstars of the week are Louis in Y6F and Amin in Y6G.

Attendance

This Week: 23rd – 27th April 2018

Class	Attendance
Reception	94.3%
Year 1	93.8%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	97.8%
Year 4	91.7%
Year 5	97.9%
Year 6F	99%
Year 6G	98%
Totals	96%

It is a relief to see that Y6 are working so hard to be in school every day – let's not forget that there are just 9 school days left until their SATs begin!

Nursery	91.9%
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This week, Year 3 have been exploring literacy through paintings and artefacts! We wonder how old these are...



Superstars!

Nursery – Mason
 Reception – Ebony
 Year 1 – Yusuf & Younis
 Year 2 – Vasil
 Year 3 – Yonis
 Year 4 – David & Zara
 Year 5 – Malika
 Year 6F – Nasra
 Year 6G – Francine