



FLORA NEWS



Head's Blog

It's a good news Friday!

As Head I am delighted that Hammersmith and Fulham has remained under Labour control with an increased majority. This allows for continuity in policies that support the education system and opens the door for increased opportunities for Flora Gardens and our children over the next few years. I am expecting some real progress now on the development of the school as we continue to grow in numbers and confidence. Congratulations to one of our Governors, Alex Sanderson, who was elected in the Addison Ward.

More good news greeted me this morning when it was announced that the Department for Education is removing the unnecessary and confusing system that designates a school as failing. A common sense system that "will be based on the progress made by pupils, and is likely to resemble the floor standard rather than the coasting measure, identifying a smaller group of schools more in need of help." All great as long as the starting points are taken into account and not a National standard that all schools are expected to attain. The full article can be read here: <https://www.tes.com/news/hinds-replace-confusing-floor-standards-and-coasting-school-measures> We will wait for the details and will be involved in the consultation the DfE is undertaking.

The third bit of great news today was that following Flora Gardens achieving the Gold quality mark for our Sport by the Youth Sports Trust (one of only 25 Schools in England), we have been short listed for the Community Education Awards - The Outstanding Sports Award! This award is open to all schools including primary, junior and secondary schools, academies and PRUs.

Sports provide a way for all students to maintain physical fitness, build confidence and develop teamwork skills. Sport provides a positive opportunity and outlet for young people's growth and development. Exercise is now recognised as not only being important in improving both the physical and emotional well-being of school children, but their social development too. Sport can be a powerful tool for educational establishments to use. It can have a positive impact on young people in areas such as attendance and behaviour as well as helping to raise self-esteem and improve confidence.

You can read more about the awards here: <https://www.communityeducationawards.co.uk>

Have a lovely, long weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

We know it's a little while away, but we just want to make sure that you have the date of our beach themed **Summer Fete** in your diaries – **Saturday 7th July – 12- 5pm**. Every class will be performing and so please ensure that your child does not miss out.

Mr Finney's PE Blog

- ✚ We have a really exciting Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball tournament next Thursday - the first of its kind in Hammersmith and Fulham. It's something which all of our pupils really enjoy and it is a fantastic opportunity for the selected pupils.
- ✚ There are still some spaces left for our after-school clubs, and to really maximise the impact our sport provision is having on our pupils, we would like every club to be fully subscribed. Please log on to Sims Agora to book your child's space. If you are having any trouble booking then Mrs Hobman in the school office is always happy to help.
- ✚ **Please can you ensure your child has the correct PE kit!** We have very high standards at Flora Gardens and presentation is something that we pride ourselves on.

My superstar of the week is Tayon in Y5

Attendance

This Week: 30 th April – 4 th May 2018	
Class	Attendance
Reception	91%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	97.8%
Year 4	94.3%
Year 5	96%
Year 6F	95.2%
Year 6G	98.1%
Totals	95.7%

Well done Year 6G!

Nursery	83.6%
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Year 1 have been adventurous in the nice weather. We have been using our imaginations to make shapes out of the clouds! We saw dinosaurs, whales, trains and even tornadoes!

Superstars!

- Nursery – Shahad
- Reception – Arel
- Year 1 – Iqlas
- Year 2 – Aisha
- Year 3 – Ann & Raya
- Year 4 – Waheed
- Year 5 – Kristian
- Year 6F – Adam
- Year 6G – Thurrayia