



# FLORA NEWS



## Head's Blog

### A letter to Year 6 from Mr Naismith and the Year 6 teaching team.

The week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May is an important week in your educational journey when you will sit your SATs for maths, reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation. We know how hard you have worked and that you will try your absolute best in every test but there is something very important you must know:

The SATs do not assess all of what makes each of you special and unique. The people who create these tests and mark them do not know each of you the way that we do and certainly not the way your families do.

They do not know that some of you speak two languages or that you love to sing or draw. They have not seen your natural talent for playing sports or playing a musical instrument. They do not know that your friends can count on you to be there for them; that your laughter can brighten up our classroom or that your face turns red when you feel shy. They do not know that you wonder about your future, or that you are so patient and caring towards your classmates. They do not know that you are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful and that every day you try to be your very best.

The results that you will receive from the tests will give a snapshot of your academic abilities in English and mathematics under test conditions but they will not tell you everything about all your learning and achievements throughout primary school or how much more growth you will make in your learning after the tests and in secondary school. There are many ways of being smart. You are smart! So while you are preparing for the tests, in the midst of it all, remember that we think you are great and there is no way to 'test' all of the amazing and awesome things that make you - YOU!

***'Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all'***

***Aristotle***

Sleep, Rest, Believe!

Good Luck!

Reception have been very busy making jam sandwiches this week, and because the weather was so lovely we went to the park for a picnic! We had lots of fun with our friends and the sandwiches were yummy!



## Mr Finney's PE Blog



Our Dodgeball team came third in the inter-school tournament this week.

They really enjoyed themselves and represented their school admirably.

My superstars of the week is **Elise** in Y3 and **Cameron** in Y4.



On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00am, Year 5 will be leading a whole school assembly based on their topic, 'The Victorians'. Parents are welcome to come along and watch.

We have had some glorious weather for the last couple of weeks, and whilst we all enjoy it, we must not forget the damaging effects the sun can have on our skin. We strongly recommend that children wear sun screen and sun hats during break and lunchtimes, however hats should be soft brimmed and not hard brimmed, like baseball caps, as there is a risk of injury when children are playing.

### A message to parents of Nursery and Reception pupils:

Evidence has shown that children who have a smooth and positive start at school remain high achievers throughout their primary education and beyond.

If your children do not attend their nursery class or school regularly they may lose their places. If they cannot attend for any reason, always let staff know.

Once a child reaches the age of five, regular attendance and punctuality at school become a legal requirement, enforceable by the local authority.

You can help your children to have a positive time at school by making sure they attend their Nursery/Reception provision regularly and on time.

### Attendance

This Week: 7 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	
Class	Attendance
Reception	83.1%
Year 1	97.4%
Year 2	97.1%
Year 3	94.9%
Year 4	96.2%
Year 5	93.4%
Year 6F	92.9%
Year 6G	95.3%
Totals	93.8%

This has not been a good week. Nursery & Reception are really letting the rest of the school down.

Nursery	75.6%
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**Superstars!**  
**Nursery – Deeqa**  
**Reception – Rahima**  
**Year 1 – Ali**  
**Year 2 – Mariam**  
**Year 3 – Safa**  
**Year 4 – Dafina & Cameron**  
**Year 5 – Ihombek**  
**Year 6F – Whole class**  
**Year 6G – Whole class**