



# FLORA NEWS



## Head's Blog



I am delighted to announce that we are starting a partnership with local organisation, West London Zone for Children and Young People, in September. A West London Zone 'Link Worker' will be based in the school, and will get to know and work with 40 children and their families. The Link Worker will plan and organise activities for them that they will most benefit from, delivered by a range of dedicated delivery partners. We are really looking forward to getting started with them!

It's impossible to escape the Football World Cup at the moment, although now that England has lost a game the news time might reduce....

I thought I would put together eight of the funniest World Cup moments, which can be enjoyed by even those who don't like football.

### 1. The time Gary Lineker relapsed back to Nursery

You know Gary Lineker. The silky smooth BBC host with the silver fox hair, the Ronseal tan and cheeky selection of one-liners? Yeah, him. He once pooped himself on the football pitch during World Cup 1990. Seriously.

You'll never be able to look at him the same way again.

### 2. Diana Ross and the greatest penalty kick of all time

No matter how many times you watch it, it's never not funny.

Diana Ross was a central part of the USA's spectacular opening ceremony for World Cup '94. The US was ready to show the world that they understood "soccer" and that they were ready to join the FIFA party. It was all going really well, until Ross took part in a staged penalty kick that would end with an exploding set of goal posts. All Ross needed to do was tap the ball forwards a couple of yards. That's all you needed to do, Diana! She missed. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BAKsGT9-XB0>

Although to be fair to Ross, it was still better than Waddle's effort in 1990.

### 3. He must have a foot like a traction engine!

England didn't qualify for the 1994 World Cup. So we went one better. We made Alan Partridge the World Cup correspondent. He taught Adrian Chiles everything he knows.

Without question the finest commentator of his generation ("Eat that! That was liquid football"), we'd love him to bring back his soccer-meter ("That's my colour coding, not FIFA's") for 2018.

### 4. And the Oscar goes to... Rivaldo

Every anti-football fan claims that footballers are despicable cheats and pretty pathetic when it comes to anything physical. Rivaldo proved them all right at World Cup 2002, when he gave an Oscar-deserving performance in a semi-final against Turkey. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OiW0IPrv1Ro>

Oh my eyes! My eyes!

## 5. Zaire rip up the rulebook

Anyone who has ever struggled with the football rulebook - could someone explain the offside rule for us just one more time? - can sympathise with Zaire's novel approach to giving away a free-kick in 1974. Defender Mwepu Ilunga just went and walloped it one. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s247cS3-iKQ>

Ilunga later claimed that his actions were a protest against money-grabbing from the team's authorities. Yeah right, Ilunga. We believe you.

## 6. Chris Waddle's haircut



1990 was a rare tournament for England fans. It was a tournament where you could be proud of the team. Gazza was bursting into the football world with incredible skill and flair. Lineker was banging in goals for laughs. And David Platt's last-minute winner against Belgium was truly glorious stuff.

However, there's always one person who lets the side down. We can forgive Chris Waddle for fluffing that penalty against the Germans. But we can never forgive the mullet. Shameful stuff.

## 7. Scotland are going to win the World Cup!

In 1978, England didn't make the World Cup, but Scotland did. And they were a wee bit cocky about it. So cocky in fact that 'comedian' Andy Cameron made the song 'Ally's Army' and declared: "We'll really shake them up when we win the World Cup, because Scotland are the greatest team."

Scotland lost 3-1 to Peru, drew with Iran and were knocked out at the group stage. Oh, dear.

## 8. There's a dog on the pitch! They think it's all over!

Jimmy Greaves was one of England's greatest ever strikers, but he missed out on playing in the 1966 World Cup final because of injury. So instead of a glorious victory, his most memorable World Cup moment involves him chasing a dog.

In the 1962 match, Greaves proved himself to be a bit of a dog whisperer and captured a stray pooch that had made its way onto the pitch. The dog peed on Greaves's shirt, and he had to play with the stink for the rest of the game.

The legend goes that Brazilian star Garrincha actually ended up taking the four-legged friend home with him as a pet. Greaves's nickname in Brazil to this day is 'Garrincha's dog catcher'. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPUMFGbOLQw>

Have a great weekend.

Aisha at Wednesday's Maths competition at St Peter's School.



We saw some really outstanding costumes for History Day last Tuesday!



**The Great Flora Bake Off!**

Once again we will holding a bake off at the Summer Fete on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July, with plenty of House points up for grabs. So pupils should get their baking aprons on and bring their goodies along to the Summer Fete ready for judging at 1.00pm! Good luck everyone!

We have had a few incidents recently with minor foot and ankle injuries for some of the girls. The common link is the ballet pumps they are wearing and we would advise that all pupils wear sturdy school shoes to support both the feet and ankles. This is also a reminder that trainers are not the Flora Gardens school uniform. Please do not send your child to school wearing trainers.

A reminder for all Y4 & Y5 parents – there are still some places left for the school journey in September. **This will be the only residential trip on offer next year**, so if you do not want your child to miss out, please see Mrs Brand as soon as possible.



**Attendance**

**This Week: 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

Class	Attendance
Reception	87.6%
Year 1	95.6%
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>99.6%</b>
Year 3	98.5%
Year 4	92.5%
Year 5	93%
Year 6F	96.4%
Year 6G	97.6%
Totals	95.2%

A much better week, but we can do better Flora!

Nursery	88%
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Nursery and Reception are not doing so well. Let's try really hard to attend school next week.

**Superstars!**

- Nursery – Whole Class
- Reception – Ibtisam, Rahima & Kye
- Year 1 – Rashid & Renae
- Year 2 – The FGT Performers
- Year 3 – Elise
- Year 4 – Engracia
- Year 5 – Tayon
- Year 6F – Sara
- Year 6G – Aisha M
- PE – Emad Y5