



# FLORA NEWS



## Head's Blog

Welcome back to a new year and my first Blog!

Assemblies:

Monday	1.35pm	Thought for the week
Friday	9.00am	Value awards and singing Assembly

I have moved Assemblies from a Monday morning to improve the education for the children, because in the morning they are at their freshest and this is when Maths and English are taught. It means that on a Monday at 1.35pm the main assembly - thought for the week - will take place. I have received feedback, disappointingly not directly to me, that this causes some difficulties for some parents to attend. This is especially relevant when a child has been awarded the 'Value Award' for the week. To mitigate this, 'Value Awards' will be given to the pupils on the following Friday morning assembly, thus making it easier for parents to attend.

**Don't believe everything you read—or everything you hear.** Unverified but plausible-sounding rumours have been the basis for violent death and destruction throughout history, whether or not the stories had anything to do with the truth. In their book *A Colorful History of Popular Delusions*, Robert Bartholomew and Peter Hassall describe rumours as “stories of perceived importance that lack substantiating evidence.” They also note that the sociologist, Tamotsu Shibutani describes rumours as “improvised news,” which tends to spread when the demand for information exceeds supply.

As I said in my start of term letter last week, I have an open door system so that the school runs smoothly and listens to your thoughts. If it is a minor issue, see your child's class teacher so that it can be passed on to me. If more serious, see me or make an appointment but remember that discussing issues with others that are not running the school does not address the issue and often leads to false 'truths'.

Here's an example of one of the most interesting rumours with real-life results from Bartholomew and Hassall's book.

### **KING LOUIS XV WAS KIDNAPPING CHILDREN.**

In 1750, children began disappearing from the streets of Paris. No one seemed to know why, and worried parents began rioting in the streets. In the midst of the panic, a rumour broke out that King Louis XV had become a leper and was kidnapping children so that he could bathe in their blood (at the time, bathing in the blood of children was thought by some to be an effective leprosy cure).

The rumour did have a tiny kernel of truth: Authorities were taking children away, but not to the king's palace. A recently enacted series of ordinances designed to clear the streets of “undesirables” had led some policemen—who were paid per arrest—to overstep their authority and take any children they found on the streets to houses of detention. Fortunately, most were eventually reunited with their parents, and rumours of the king's gruesome bathing rituals were put to rest.

Have a peaceful weekend.

Miss Kelly's Woman of the Match is Halima for trying her best all game. Well done!

During the school holidays we had a team of volunteers on the school site to undertake some general gardening work which included weeding, trimming hedgerow and clearing leaves. Whilst tidying within the White House garden they came across some used nappies which had been thrown in the shrubs - this is a health hazard. If you need to change your child's nappy please ensure that you take them home with you as the school does not have facilities for nappy disposal. Thank you for your co-operation.



We love our new canopy and can not wait to perform under it! Emese's reaction – "Wow, it's so beautiful!" Thank you to our PTA for their contribution.

A very warm welcome to our two new members of staff who have joined our team through our partnership with West London Zone.

**Miss Peterman and Miss Smith**



**SAVE THE DATE!**

The PTA International celebration and quiz night will be on the evening of Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October. There will be a crèche available. Tickets will be on sale in the lead up to the event. We ask parents to bring food to share from 'around the world' and we always end up with an incredible spread!

The certificates for value awards will now be presented in assembly the following Friday. So the pupils named below will receive their certificates on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September in assembly at 9.00am.

**Value Award Winners!**

- Nursery – Whole Class!
- Reception – Deeqa
- Year 1 – Kye
- Year 2 – Aaron
- Year 3 – Eesa
- Year 4 – Ibrahim & Yasin
- Year 5 – Ebonye
- Year 6 – Sameera
- PE – Yasin, Y4

**Year 3 Pizza Express**



Green PE shorts are not part of the logo uniform that Tesco sell on our behalf however we have established that the following retailers sell them: John Lewis, Sports Direct, M&S, Amazon, Matalan and Asda.



The PTA are holding a coffee morning on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Septmeber to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Come along and have a coffee with great company. Please bring cakes/baked goods to help raise money for this important charity!

We apologies that Sims Agora has not been working. As a **temporary** measure, we will accept cash payments.

Class	Percentage of Attendance
Reception	92.9%
Year 1	99.1%
Year 2	93.3%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	96.5%
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>100%</b>
Year 6	92.9%
Total for School	93.5%

Pupils can **wear jeans** for the day and make a donation of their choice for Jeans for Genes, a charity that support children with genetic disorders – **next Friday.**



We have put lots of useful information on our website regarding secondary school applications and transition - <https://www.floragardens.lbhf.sch.uk/parents-pupils/secondary-school-transition/>

Mr Finney is very proud of the boys football team. They did not win but performed very well!