



# FLORA NEWS



## Mr Naismith's Headitorial

The British Journal of Music Education recently published a study by Dr Sue Hallam (Institute of Education) and Kevin Rogers (Hampshire Music Hub) on the impact of instrumental learning on attainment. Discussions between the Hampshire Music Hub and local secondary schools identified growing concerns about students missing academic lessons for instrumental/vocal lessons. In order to investigate whether these concerns were valid, existing data from KS2 (Year 6 SATS) and KS4 (GCSE results) was analysed to compare progress and attainment in core subjects between those students taking music lessons and those who did not.

After a rigorous academic study, it was found that students who took music lessons on average made more progress in core subjects than their peers (even though they would have probably missed some academic lessons to accommodate their music lessons). Here are two key points from the summary of the study:

a) whatever the debate surrounding whether music can make you 'smarter' or 'better at' English and Mathematics, the data shows quite clearly that the music students made more progress in their learning than their peers. This is significant: the data says that irrespective of their starting points, progress in learning was better for the students taking instrumental / vocal lessons.

b) the impact was stronger the longer students had their additional lessons:... students who learnt for four or five years showed better results in all areas than students who learnt for two or three years. This is significant: it suggests again that the progress that can be made in core subject learning increases the longer one has instrumental / vocal lessons. This again implies that the background of the students, and their social background, is not the defining factor: it is the musical learning that makes the difference.'

If you are interested in finding out more please visit this website -

<https://www.musicmark.org.uk/news/the-impact-of-instrumental-music-learning-on-attainment/>



We would like to thank everyone who donated to Macmillan Cancer Support, as we managed to raise over £180! Great work Flora Gardens!

### Upcoming Events

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – the photographer will be in to take individual and sibling photographs.**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Ruby House fundraising day – pupils can wear red clothing.**

**We break up for half term at 3.30pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm – internet safety session for parents and carers.**

Class	Attendance
Nursery	95.4%
Reception	92.5%
Year 1	95.8%
Year 2	92.3%
Year 3	96.2%
Year 4	98.3%
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>99.3%</b>
Year 6	98.9%
Total	96.1

Reception had a fantastic time on their trip to Pizza Express



### Nethercott Trip – 28<sup>th</sup> September to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018



Group 1 Farmer of the Week - Dafina



Group 2 Farmer of the Week - Musa



Outstanding individual - Rahma

THE ROYAL BRITISH  
**LEGION**



We have poppies and other poppy appeal goodies for sale in the School Office, such as rulers, sharpeners and pencils. All proceeds go to The Royal British Legion.



Our 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, family and friends to share foods from around the world and we always end up with an incredible spread!

Reminder – our breakfast club runs from 8.00am to 9.00am, and breakfast is served at 8.00am. If your child arrives after 8.30am, we will not be able to provide breakfast.

Choir is on every Friday at 8.30am in the Hall. It is free and all pupils are welcome!

**Secondary School Application**  
It is very important that you use all 6 choices on the online application. If any Year 6 parents would like some support with the online application, please make an appointment to see Miss O'Donnell who will be happy to help. Don't forget, you need to apply before 31<sup>st</sup> October.

The certificates for value award winners will be presented in assembly the following Friday. The pupils named below will receive their certificates on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October in assembly at 9.00am. Parents are invited to attend.



**Value Award Winners!**  
Nursery – Ramah, Hesam, Aliyah  
Reception – Alioune  
Year 1 – Sarah  
Year 2 – Lujain  
Year 3 – Katelyn  
Year 4 – Safa  
Year 5 – Waheed  
Year 6 – Maysam  
PE – Rahima Mohammed