



FLORA NEWS



A blast from the past – a blog by Teresa (an ex-pupil!)

Feeling nostalgic, I decided that I would like to pay a visit to my primary school, Flora Gardens in Hammersmith. The school agreed and asked whether I would chat with the pupils about my time there in the late 50's early 60's.

As I walked through the gates that I had last exited in July 1966, I felt quite emotional and I remembered vividly how I felt on my first day at school (spent most of it crying!).

I visited each year group and was impressed when I walked in - that despite their young age - they were working quietly and were very focused.

I told them a little bit about life at the school "in the olden days" (I had joined in September 1959, aged 4) including:-

- No biros – we used nib pens dipped in to inkwells (very messy!)
- Calculators were yet to be invented
- No mobile phones - very few homes even had a landline
- No internet
- No Interactive White Boards - we had chalk and a blackboard
- No iPads

Each class was astounded at what I was telling them and asked "How did I play without internet games?", "How could I do maths without a calculator?", "How did my parents know where I was if I didn't have a phone?", "How could I tell if what the teacher was teaching me was true without the internet?", and much more.

It was wonderful to see so many ethnicities at the school and they were shocked when I told them that I had been the only black student at that time at the school! This was met with "Did you have any friends?" "Were they nice to you?" Luckily I was able to tell them "Yes" , although at that time there was a lot of racism.

I walked into a lesson and was surprised that it was being conducted by an ex Green School student Miss Abassi (she left us in 2014). It took her a few seconds to realise who I was...I am a teacher there! I spoke with the Head later and he said that she was an excellent teacher and they were lucky to have her.

My last port of call was the hall which seemed so small to me now, and as I stared at the stage I was reminded of the school plays that I had appeared in.

When I was leaving – the office staff produced an ancient admissions book and there I was, Teresa Laryea - Sept 1959, written in fancy pen and ink.

All in all it was a wonderful morning.



Tuesday at 9.00am in the Library – Miss Kelly is hosting a meeting for the PTA in preparation for the upcoming School Disco!
It is on Thursday 7th February 2019
Early Years is 3.15pm – 4.30pm
KS1 & KS2 is 5.00pm – 7.00pm



Well done to Year 2 for raising £40.00 for the Children's Burns Trust.

The attendance winners for Autumn term, Year 4 had a fantastic time ice skating!



Sapphire House Fundraising day

On Monday 4th February The whole school will be completing a sponsored run/walk to raise funds for Cancer Research UK.

Pupils can wear blue or pink clothing on this day, or in order to raise even more money, can dress up in something silly!

Our school uniform provider has changed from Tesco to www.myclothing.com

Parent/teacher meetings will be taking place in the next couple of weeks. The majority will take place on Thursday 24th January but some may be on different days. Please see your child's teacher in the playground to book your time slot.

Cake Sale

Next Thursday Y5 will have their turn in the cake sale competition. Y5 parents are asked to bring cakes to school for the pupils to sell in the playground at 3.30pm.

Reminder

This is a polite reminder that mobile phones must not be used whilst you are on the school premises – this includes the playground. This policy is in place to safeguard our pupils and we appreciate your cooperation.

Attendance

This Week: 14th – 18th January 2019

Class	Attendance
Reception	92.9%
Year 1	95.8%
Year 2	95.2%
Year 3	93.8%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	98.6%
Year 6	92.6%
Total	95.4%

Well done Year 5!

Nursery	84.2%
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Value Award Winners!

Nursery – Sofiya
Reception – Viola
Year 1 – Rahima Mi
Year 2 – Ali E
Year 3 – Mariam
Year 4 – Nadine
Year 5 – Rahma
Year 6 – Yasir