



FLORA NEWS



Head's Blog

The carpenter I hired to help me restore an old farmhouse had just finished a rough first day on the job. A flat tyre made him lose an hour of work, his electric saw quit and now his ancient pickup truck refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands. Upon opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His tan face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier. "Oh, that's my trouble tree", he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing for sure, troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home. Then in the morning I pick them up again." "Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick them up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

Nursery class have been learning about food and this week they have been reading 'The Gingerbread Man'. They made some very delicious biscuits.



Sapphire Fundraising Day!

Sponsored Walk

On **Monday 4th February** (not next Monday, the one after!), 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

DRESS UP FOR DIGITS!

Friday 1st February

Pupils and staff can wear an item of clothing with a number on it and bring in a suggested donation of £1. This can be a sports shirt or cap, even a onesie. Or why not get more creative as a dice or calculator! All funds raised will be donated to NSPCC.

A Polite Reminder

This is the link to our school uniform policy -

<https://www.floragardens.lbhf.sch.uk/parents-pupils/uniform/>

Pupils **MUST NOT** wear hooped earrings to school. Only small studs are permitted. If your child is wearing hooped earrings then they will have to be removed before taking part in PE or any other physical activity, and Mr Finney is not very good at removing earrings. Trainers are also not part of our uniform policy (unless in PE) – black shoes should be worn.

Thank you to the parents who returned their ballot papers for the Parent Governor election - we received 53 votes all together. The count was undertaken on Wednesday and both candidates were informed of the result.

We are pleased to let you know that Samyia Dawuda is duly elected to stand as a Parent Governor.

We would like to thank Mrs Dariescu for putting herself forward - we greatly appreciate her efforts and look forward to working with her in the future.

From next Friday (1st February), choir will be at 3.30pm in the hall, instead of in the morning. There is still time for pupils to sign up for the choir and it is open to all pupils from Reception to Year 6.

Pupil Absence Answer Machine

When telephoning the school to inform the office that your child will not be in or will be late, please choose option 1 on the recorded message and leave us a message. There is no need to speak to a member of staff as we listen to the recorded messages regularly throughout the day.

Attendance

This Week: 21st – 24th January 2019

| Class | Attendance |
|--------------|--------------|
| Reception | 78.8% |
| Year 1 | 87.3% |
| Year 2 | 81.1% |
| Year 3 | 96.3% |
| Year 4 | 90.3% |
| Year 5 | 96.6% |
| Year 6 | 97.9% |
| Total | 89.6% |

Oh dear!

One of the worst weeks we have had in a very long time.

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| Nursery | 63% |
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Superstars!

Nursery – Abdirahman
Reception – Ewan
Year 1 – Niels
Year 2 – Emilia
Year 3 – Jacob & Sabrin
Year 4 – Iman
Year 5 – Damla
Year 6 – Auguste
PE – Jacob