



FLORA NEWS



Mrs Grippman's Blog

This week, I watched in awe as children throughout the school brought in their sponsorship forms with beaming smiles and persevered to complete their mile despite the weather. I began to think about how the pupils at our school have embodied our school values and demonstrated them, not only amongst themselves but also to the wider community.

Earlier this year, Year 4 were learning about Humanism. For those that are unfamiliar with this particular approach to life, the crux is that to be a humanist, one must not believe in the existence of God or gods but trust the scientific method when it comes to understanding how the universe works. Humanists make their ethical decisions based on reason, empathy, and a concern for human beings and other sentient animals. Whilst discussing their views and approach to life in class, the word altruism popped up which refers to the selfless concern for the well-being of others. As a class we queried how possible it is to be completely altruistic because donating to the causes you care about not only benefits the charities themselves, but it can be deeply rewarding for you too. That sense of gratification, the knowledge that you're helping others is hugely empowering and can make you feel happier and more fulfilled. Those beaming smiles on the pupils at our school I referred to earlier were the outward manifestation of value number 5: fulfilment.

By raising the amount of money that they did, the pupils at Flora Gardens demonstrated how responsible and trustworthy they are. They were adventurous and committed to the sponsored run, supporting their friends when they began to lag behind.

As a school, we managed to raise over £1400 for Cancer Research UK. This phenomenal amount of money was raised because children from all four Houses pulled together and they reached out to our wider community to support us in our goal. Family giving creates a bond, helps to strengthen relationships through a shared goal and raise more money than could otherwise be possible through individual donations. Even though the weather threatened to derail our sponsored run, the children chose their attitudes and trudged on, fulfilling our first school value.

Ultimately by giving to charity we are fulfilling our moral duty and strengthening our personal values. Donating to charity with your children shows them from a young age that they can make positive changes in the world. Children naturally love to help others, so nurturing their innate generosity is likely to mean that they grow up with a greater appreciation of what they have, and will carry on supporting charity in years to come.

At Flora Gardens our fifth value states that we will take pride in each other's success and praise each other on a job well done. As the Head of Sapphire House, I'd like to say I am very proud of all the children at our school and the adults that supported them and me to make the day happen. A job very well done!





What a fantastic school disco we had on Thursday! Miss C Kelly and Siobhan made the event extra special, as they always do and our pupils had an amazing time.



Miss E Kelly is very proud of the way our girls football team played today in the Major's Cup – they won 2-0 and then drew 1-1. The women of the match are Maddie and Maram in Year 3 for playing their first games against Year 6's!

A very big congratulations to Dafina for getting through to the audition stage of the TSF music scholarship programme. We wish her lots of luck with it. Also a big thank you and well done to the other pupils who applied, it was a tough decision for them to make, but we are extremely proud of you and we will re-apply next year. Pupils who qualify for free school meals are able to access 50% off the costs of Tri-Borough Music Hub activity.

<https://www.triboroughmusicclub.org/>

Attendance

4th – 8th February 2019

Class	Attendance
Reception	94.5%
Year 1	92.7%
Year 2	90.5%
Year 3	98.1%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	94.1%
Year 6	95.8%
Total	94.7%

What an improvement on last week. Well done Flora, let's keep this up.

Nursery	84.9%
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Year 2 had such a brilliant time at the Wetlands Centre this week.



Year 1 are having a tea party on Wednesday at 2.30pm to celebrate the end of their topic and raise money for RSPB. Parents are invited to attend.

Reception parents are invited to the Flora Food Factory on Wednesday 13th February from 2:30pm in the Reception classroom. They will be able to taste (for a small donation) the food that the pupils have requested to make and share their learning from the term. Any money made will be used to buy resources for the class.

Please can we ask that parents walk their children over to breakfast club in the morning and not leave them once they enter the gate. This is so we can ensure that pupils are supervised by an adult at all times.

Value Award Winners

Nursery – Afsana
 Reception – Aya
 Year 1 – Donika
 Year 2 – Nuuh
 Year 3 – Hibo
 Year 4 – Kimarla
 Year 5 – Bobbi
 Year 6 – Malika
 PE – Ikhlas Y6