



FLORA NEWS



Headitorial

Valentine's Day yesterday, here is a story about love... **Love stays**

A nurse took the tired, anxious serviceman to the bedside. "Your son is here," she said to the old man. She had to repeat the words several times before the patient's eyes opened. Heavily sedated because of the pain of his heart attack, he dimly saw the young uniformed marine standing outside the oxygen tent. He reached out his hand. The marine wrapped his toughened fingers around the old man's limp ones, squeezing a message of love and encouragement.

The nurse brought a chair so that the marine could sit beside the bed. All through the night, the young marine sat there in the poorly lit ward, holding the old man's hand and offering him words of love and strength. Occasionally, the nurse suggested that the marine move away and rest awhile. He refused. Whenever the nurse came into the ward, the marine was oblivious of her and of the night noises of the hospital – the clanking of the oxygen tank, the laughter of the night staff members exchanging greetings, the cries and moans of the other patients.

Now and then she heard him say a few gentle words. The dying man said nothing, only held tightly to his son all through the night. Along towards dawn, the old man died. The marine released the now lifeless hand he had been holding and went to tell the nurse. While she did what she had to do, he waited. Finally, she returned. She started to offer words of sympathy, but the marine interrupted her.

"Who was that man?" he asked. The nurse was startled, "He was your father," she answered.

"No, he wasn't," the marine replied. "I never saw him before in my life."

"Then why didn't you say something when I took you to him?"

"I knew right away there had been a mistake, but I also knew he needed his son, and his son just wasn't here. When I realised that he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, knowing how much he needed me, I stayed."

The next time someone needs you ... just be there. Stay.



Year 4 had a VE Day party to celebrate the end of their World War II topic.

Year 3 had a fantastic Roman themed day to bring their topic to an exciting end.





Y1 had an amazing time visiting a Hindu Mandir!

Year 1 had an amazing time at their Tiger tea party and lots of parents came along.



Reception had a wonderful time at their Food Factory on Wednesday. They went to the shop to buy food, then spent the morning preparing the snacks. The pupils then took their parents' orders and served them food. Thank you to all the parents who attended - it was a great success!

Recently the school office staff have noticed an increase in the amount of phone calls from parents requesting that messages be passed on to their children or changing their pick up arrangements very last minute. As we are sure you can understand, the school office is particularly busy at the end of the school day, and staff leaving the office to pass on messages is not feasible.

When we return to school after the half term break, please can you ensure that your children park their scooters and bikes correctly in the racks provided. The way they have been left recently is causing a health and safety hazard and we have had a few accidents as a result.

Attendance	
11th – 15th February 2019	
Class	Attendance
Reception	94.5%
Year 1	90%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	94.8%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	97.9%
Year 6	97.9%
Total	95.2%
Nursery	91.8%

A much better week. Let's continue this for the rest of the year.

Value Award Winners

- Nursery – Amiyah
- Reception – Soraya M
- Year 1 – Noah
- Year 2 – Abdur Rahman
- Year 3 – Michelle & Haniya
- Year 4 – Deka
- Year 5 – Ciham
- Year 6 – Shuayb
- PE – Mohamed Y5