

FLORA NEWS



Ms Elven's Blog

Just as I finished covering my playground duty today Miss O'Donnell said she had a task for me and my first thought was 'oh no not more work!'. However, she asked me if I could write this week's blog for the newsletter. I have never written a blog before for the school so what was I going to say and would people even read it!

Not to be put off though I recalled one of the headlines I had read in the paper this morning on my journey into work and after a quick search on the internet I found out that it is Children's Mental Health Week from 3rd – 9th February, so it seemed appropriate to focus on that.

The theme this year is about being brave. Life often throws challenges our way and what could be more challenging for me than writing my first blog. Bravery isn't about coping alone or holding things in. It's about finding positive ways to deal with things that might be difficult, overcoming physical and mental challenges and looking after ourselves. It can be about big things but it's often about little things that happen every day.

For our pupils being brave might be about learning to ride their bike, walking to school on their own, asked for help in class, or even completing the trim trail without touching the floor. Being brave for me today was about stepping into the unknown and writing this blog. Next time I am asked I will be able to respond with confidence!



REMINDER

There will be a drop-in exhibition at the start of the design development process, which will be an opportunity to meet the architects, see our initial analysis of the site and share ideas about the new school, community facilities and residential accommodation proposed for the site.

Wednesday 22nd January 2020

15.00 – 20.00

Flora Gardens Primary School

Dalling Road

W6 0UD

I hope you will be able to come to the exhibition. If not, the exhibition boards will be on show in the school and on the Council's website with details of how you can comment on the developing design.

Year 1 Cake Sale

Friday 24th January at
3.30pm by the tuck shop

Year 1 would like their parents to make/buy some sweet treats for the class to sell as they raise money for classroom resources.

Be sure to bring some change with you!

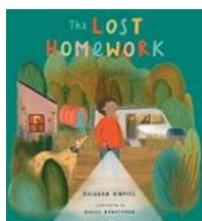
We are now accepting applications for our **Nursery** from September 2020 for children turning 3 years old before 31st August 2020. Please return your form as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

If your child will be turning 3 years old between 1st September and 31st December 2020, please complete an application form for a potential January 2021 start (subject to availability).

Application forms are available from the school office. Please speak to Miss O'Donnell regarding your options and entitlements for Nursery places, include your eligibility for the Government's 30 hour funding.

Miss Woodcock's Recommended Reads

For ages 3-5 and up

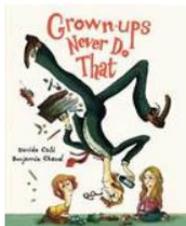


The Lost Homework

Author: Richard O'Neill **Illustrator:** Kirsti Beautyman

Sonny lives on a Traveller community site with his family and he's super excited about a family wedding. This smart, charming book is written by an author of Traveller heritage and has a lovely message about informal learning opportunities being all around.

For ages 5-8 and up



Grown-Ups Never Do That

Author: Davide Cali **Illustrator:** Benjamin Chaud

Determined to document adults misbehaving, a gang of kids spy on the grown-ups as they go about their days, breaking all the rules that they impose on children. Absolutely delightful and tons of fun.

For ages 9-12 and up



A Girl, A Raccoon and the Midnight Moon

Author: Karen Romano Young **Illustrator:** Jessixa Bagley

When the statue at her beloved library is vandalised, Pearl is determined to find the culprit - but she'll discover a lot more along the way, too. A highly inventive, satisfying read.



There are still some spaces available in Dodgeball Club and Science Club. Please sign your child up via Sims Pay – www.sims-pay.co.uk

If you have booked your child onto a club, please be sure to check the start and end dates in the club brochure.

Friday 24th January Sapphire House Fundraising Day!

Sapphire House will be running a charity event where contestants take part in an obstacle course around the school in the hope of winning one of the amazing prizes.

Pupils can register their interest and pay the 50p entry fee by just speaking to either Mrs Grippman or Sapphire's House Captain, Mikayla or Sports Captain, Bruno.

On the day please wear blue or pink and bring a donation of your choice to support our chosen charity, Cancer Research UK.



Nursery – Wisam
Reception – Amira
Year 1 – Suraya D
Year 2 – Rahima Mo
Year 3 – Cassie
Year 4 – Hibo & Kaidon
Year 5 – Anna
Year 6 – Ramla
PE – Nadine Y5