



# FLORA NEWS



## Head's Blog

Welcome back to Flora Gardens and my weekly blog. This is one of our main ways that I communicate with you, so please read! Communication works both ways - please let us know direct any concerns or questions, we can then address them!

**I have an open door policy.** I have this so that if you have a question you can get an answer that is accurate and reduce stress by listening to rumours. All staff are available on the playground before and after school if there are specific issues that you want to discuss. PLEASE take advantage of this.

Those of you that were unable to attend the class meetings with your teacher last week please make an appointment that is mutually convenient to both you and the teacher.

### **ASSEMBLIES - Apologies for the typo in the start of term letter**

Monday at 1.15- thought for the week

Friday at 9.05 –Value Awards and singing.

Two important pieces of information that I need to address:

1. **Flora Gardens is moving into the Lena Gardens site - NOT TRUE!** We continue to work with the LA on rebuilding the school and I hope to be able to provide more information in the next two weeks. All information about the proposed rebuild/redevelopment is posted on the website - use this link: <https://www.floragardens.lbhf.sch.uk/parents-pupils/redevelopment/>

Unless you have heard it from me or through the website it is a fictitious rumour.

2. **Sex and Relationships.** There have been many lines written in the press and coverage on the TV about the changes that schools have to make and what they are teaching concerning sex and relationships. As a parent I understand the concerns so let me be clear about what is happening:

- There is no change in what we are teaching this year - it is the same as we have done for 4 years.
- The suggested changes from the Government are due to be implemented in September 2020.
- We have drafted a policy which is being considered by Governors this term. If approved we will then produce the curriculum coverage that we propose to deliver.
- I will consult with parents - the policy and curriculum will be sent home and made available for parents.
- Parents will be invited to a meeting to discuss with my Senior Teachers, the leader of Health Education at the school and myself.
- We will listen closely to your views.
- **I will not allow anything that is not “age appropriate” to be taught at Flora Gardens.**
- **I will not accept discrimination of any kind at Flora Gardens.**
- **We will continue to deliver the National Curriculum.**
- My door will remain open to discuss this or any other educational matters.
- Your rights as parents:
  - **Parents do not have the right to withdraw pupils from relationships education.**
  - **Parents have the right to withdraw their child from some aspects of sex education.**

**Again, let me make it clear that nothing will be taught without full consultation and nothing will be taught that is not age appropriate.**

I hope that puts your mind at ease.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Naismith

**Parents Association Dates for your Diary**

- ✚ Macmillan Coffee Morning – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September in the hall
- ✚ International Quiz Night – for Parents and friends of Flora – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October from 6pm – crèche available. Tickets will go on sale soon.

Our friends at Playdays Parties, who provide the bouncy castles for our annual summer fete, have been nominated for the Best Fulham Business Award 2019. Please spare a minute to vote for them: <http://hfbrill4biz.com/public-vote/>

As a reminder, if your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016, you can now begin your online application for our Reception class.

[https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/sites/default/files/section\\_attachments/starting\\_school\\_2020.pdf](https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/sites/default/files/section_attachments/starting_school_2020.pdf)

Even if your child is in our Nursery you will still need to apply online for a Reception place.

Please see Mrs Hobman or Miss O'Donnell in the school office if you have any questions regarding secondary school applications. If they cannot answer they will find someone who can!

[https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/sites/default/files/section\\_attachments/2020\\_moving\\_on\\_up\\_brochure.pdf](https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/sites/default/files/section_attachments/2020_moving_on_up_brochure.pdf)

- Value Award Winners**
- Nursery – Whole Class**
  - Reception – Tyler**
  - Year 1 – Shahad**
  - Year 2 – Chelsea**
  - Year 3 – Yusuf**
  - Year 4 – Jacob**
  - Year 5 – Whole Class**
  - Year 6 – Bobbi**
  - PE – Yusuf – Y3**
  - Music – Leo – Y5**

The Value Award Winners will be announced every Friday in our newsletter. The awards will be presented to pupils in assembly the following Friday. Parents are welcome to attend to watch their children receive their certificate for displaying one of our 6 school values.

We are very excited for the first KS2 choir session to begin on Monday at lunchtime. Although the choir is free, please sign your child up on SIMS Pay if they wish to attend. As with last year, the Tri Borough Music Hub will be offering individual/small group instrumental tuition. Miss Gaitantzi is gathering more information and will be in touch regarding this in the near future.



Year 5 had an amazing time at the Docklands Sailing and Watersports Centre last week.



Pupils **MUST** have a green jumper and a yellow polo shirt with the Flora Gardens logo. For PE, pupils should have a t-shirt in the colour of their House with the Flora logo. All are available at [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com). All pupils should have green shorts/tracksuit bottoms for PE and black trousers/skirt for every day wear.

**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER IS JEANS FOR GENES DAY, WHERE PUPILS CAN WEAR JEANS TO SCHOOL FOR A DONATION OF YOUR CHOICE AS WE RAISE FUND FOR GENETIC DISORDERS UK.**