

# FLORA NEWS



## Mrs Asserati's Blog



**Safer Internet Day**  
**2020** | **Tuesday**  
**11 February**

**Together for a better internet**

When I was asked to write the blog this week, I have to admit, I was nervous! I have never written our school's blog before and I thought to myself, what on earth shall I write about? Then it came to me – of course! Next week is Safer Internet Day and Week.

The internet – when I put this into Google, the definition was 'The Internet, sometimes called **simply** "the Net," is a worldwide system of computer networks.' But there is no **simply** about this. How many of us can say that all we use the internet for is to go on a computer nowadays? I know that I cannot function on an everyday basis without it – from the moment I wake in the morning checking Google Maps to see how long it'll take me to drive in, to the moment I go to bed, using the app Hive to turn off the lights in my flat. There seems to be no end to the internet in our modern world.

But what about our children? Do we really know what they are doing on the internet? Can we say that we know exactly which children they are playing their latest game against online or who they may be talking to on their Smartphones? This year's Safer Internet Day focus is looking at whether the internet allows young people to express themselves, or if they feel limited in whom they can be online. By opening up conversations around online identity, we aim to inspire young people to support each other in being who they want to be. One of our school values is Personal Wellbeing, and this even translates to using the internet - we need to ensure that our children feel happy, content and above all safe using the internet.

So next time your child begs you to put on Youtube or to play their favourite game on your phone, just think, 'am I sure in what they are watching, doing, who they are talking to and what they are talking about?'

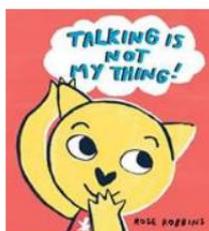
We hope to see as many parents as possible in our Safer Internet Day Assembly on Tuesday afternoon at 1:20pm.

### **Reception Class Parent Cafe!**

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30pm, Reception Class will be welcoming their parents into class to open their very own cafe. The children will prepare the food and be waiters and waitresses for their parents. We can't wait to see you there!

## Miss Woodcock's Recommended Reads

### For ages 4-5 and up

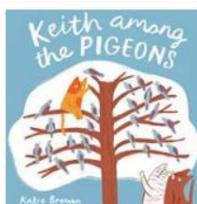


#### Talking is not My Thing!

**Author:** Rose Robbins

With speech bubbles, bright colours and characters so lively they leap off the page, this is a vibrant and happy book with a lead character who is non-verbal.

### For ages 5-8 and up



#### Keith Among the Pigeons

**Author:** Katie Brosnan

Keith the cat's natural affinity with pigeons mean he's teased by the other cats. Should he really keep trying to be something he's not? A healthy reminder that we shouldn't feel obliged to be pigeon-holed but rather accept ourselves for who we are.

### For ages 9-12 and up



#### The Good Hawk

**Author:** Joseph Elliott

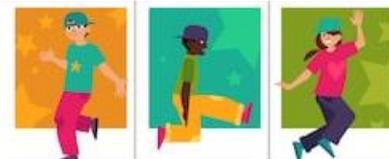
When Agatha and Jaime's clan is attacked, the two teenagers have no choice but to leave their remote Scottish island and venture into the unknown. A gripping historical fantasy full of suspense and adventure.

## Flora Gardens School Disco 2020



Our pupils had such an amazing time at the school disco. We raised an incredible £650, which will be spent on something very exciting for the children!

## Street Dance Performance



*Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February -  
4.00 – 4.30pm in the hall.*

WLZ pupils from Y5 and Y6 will be showcasing what they've learnt over the half term.

You may have noticed that we have a new school website! The URL is the same as before but it is now mobile responsive, meaning that you no longer have to zoom in when using a mobile phone or tablet to look at our website.

We're sure you will agree that it's also a lot nicer looking!

We hope you enjoy it

[www.floragardens.lbhf.sch.uk](http://www.floragardens.lbhf.sch.uk)

We break up for half term on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm.

Pupils return to school at 8.55am on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Please remember that holidays are not permitted during term time.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

### **Year 2 Cake Sale**

Bring some money along with you next Thursday to purchase a delicious sweet treat from Year 2, as they raise money for classroom resources.

The class is asking Year 2 parents to make/buy cakes for them to sell.

### **Value Award Winners**

Nursery – Teodora  
Reception – Marina

Year 1 – Ewan

Year 2 – Hudiafa

Year 3 – Sa'ad

Year 4 – Jacob

Year 5 – Lily

Year 6 – Ciham

PE – Eloise Y4