

FLORA NEWS



Ms Elven's Blog

On Sunday 8th March it is International Women's Day. But what does that mean to you or to me?

To me it is a time for reflection, to think about the extraordinary women in our everyday lives, whether that be your mum, your nan, your sister, your cousin, your niece, your aunt, your teacher, your friend...the list goes on.

Helping children of all ages and genders find inspiration and courage from diverse women role models is key to education. And teaching children and young adolescents to actively question and openly challenge stereotypes and bias is important because it helps forge a more inclusive world. It also helps promote gender balance and celebrates women's achievements.

When I was young, I could be found with my nose buried in a book and it was not unusual for me to read the same set of books over and over again, with particular favourites being Little Women (Louise May Alcott), Heidi (Johanna Spyri), Black Beauty (Anna Sewell) and later on Pride and Prejudice (Jane Austen). I have no idea what happened to my childhood book collection, however since I became the proud owner of a Kindle these books now adorn my virtual book shelf. The International Women's Day Schools Reading List includes a vast array of literature to be inspired by and you can view the list by following the link below:

<https://www.internationalwomensday.com/ReadingList-Schools>

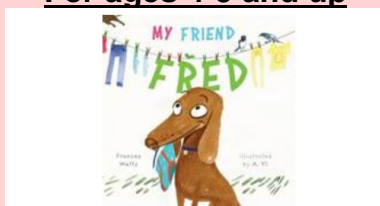
It's not just literature where we can celebrate women's achievements, this weekend the England Women's rugby team take on Wales at The Stoop, not a million miles from here. Last Sunday, Lily Partridge won the elite women's race at the Vitality Big Half, recording a time of 70 minutes 50 seconds which has earned her a place in the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships. The Chelsea Women's team beat Arsenal Women's team in the FA WSL Cup final last Saturday.

All these women are an inspiration for our children, as I am sure you all are.

Next term we will be celebrating International Women's Day with 'this girl can' with a day of promoting sport amongst women and celebrating active women who are doing their thing no matter how they do it, how they look or even how sweaty they get.

Miss Woodcock's Recommended Reads

For ages 4-5 and up



My Friend Fred

Author: Frances Watts **Illustrator:** A. Yi

A funny, gentle tale about appreciating the differences in one another. With a read-aloud structure and a mysterious narrator, this is a fun and engaging book that keeps you guessing who Fred's friend is right up until the end.

For ages 6-8 and up

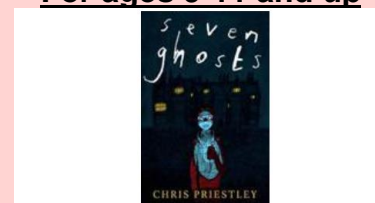


Work It, Girl! Become a Leader Like Michelle Obama

Author: Caroline Moss **Illustrator:** Sinem Erkas

This beautifully illustrated introduction to Michelle Obama's inspiring life is a must for anyone with a dream, and a reminder that with hard work and focus, everything is possible.

For ages 9-11 and up



Seven Ghosts

Author: Chris Priestley

A chilling and unnerving ghost story that will have you convinced that, just beyond the corner of your eye, something unspeakable is looking right back at you. Ideal for readers looking for accessible text with exciting content.

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Donations Needed!

Reception class are looking for donations of items for their new home corner. They would love any photo frames, lamps, pictures, plants, drapes, clocks etc that you no longer want. Donations can be left in the School Office or given to Reception class directly.

Thanks so much for your support!

Pi Day

Next Thursday we will be celebrating Pi Day! Pupils will take part in a whole school competition which involves memorising as many of the Pi digits as possible.

Two pupils from each class will be selected to recite the digits they have memorised in an assembly next Thursday at 1.15pm. The pupil who has memorised the highest number of digits will receive a prize. Good luck!



Diamond House Fundraising Day

On Friday 13th March, pupils are invited to wear anything sporty to school and bring in a donation of your choice for the Diamond House chosen charity, Sports Relief.

Diamond House Captains will be selling Sports Relief merchandise next week before and after school by the main gate.

There will be an assembly on Friday morning at 9.05 run by Diamond House Captains.

Value Award Winners

Nursery – Ibrahim
 Reception – Ramah
 Year 1 – Emily
 Year 2 – Ibrahim
 Year 3 – Emilia
 Year 4 – Mila
 Year 5 – Safa
 Year 6 – Bobbi
 PE – Lily Y5