

FLORA NEWS



Ms Graham's Blog

Google Classroom

Many of you will have heard that we are starting to use Google Classroom across the school. This will help us to provide remote learning to the children in the event of a second lockdown, but also is a great way of organising home learning. Some parents and carers may not have seen Google Classroom before so we have some handy hints for you below.

What is Google Classroom?

Google Classroom is a class-organization platform that incorporates Google's core G Suite (Google Docs, Sheets, Slides, Drive, and other Google products) so pupils can access everything they need for a class, including homework assignments, group projects and files.

How do you set up Google Classroom?

Your child will get an email invite from their teacher with a link or a code they use to join a class. They'll be directed to classroom.google.com, where they log in using their school-created account to access the class their teacher has added them to. Each class is private to the people the teacher has personally invited, including the pupils enrolled in that class and other teachers. If you are having trouble logging in, please speak to your class teacher.

Can I communicate with my child's teacher through Google Classroom?

It's possible, though we have disabled this feature for the time being. If you need to communicate with your child's class teacher please use the class email or phone the school as usual.

Can Google Classroom be used for cheating or chatting?

There's nothing to prevent pupils from opening up other tabs, such as Wikipedia or Google Search, while they're using Google Classroom. Children can potentially see other pupils' work within the platform, too. If they're taking a quiz in Google Forms, however, teachers can disable access to other resources using a feature called Quiz Lock. In some cases, we will encourage children to collaborate on ideas or check each other's work – this is just good learning!

Children can interact with other people in their Google Class – but the teachers can see everything that is written and it will be monitored regularly. If anyone is abusing this privilege, we may elect to 'mute' them for a set amount of time.

When do we start?

Year 6 will be trialling their homework on Google Classroom this week with the rest of the school to follow imminently. We are practising logging in at school before rolling it out for home learning.

You may find this tutorial helpful <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfgqtCi7hdo>.

Please speak to your class teacher if you have any further questions!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

Well, not quite! But our pupils are entering a competition to design the Christmas card that the London Children's Flower Society will send out to all their donors and volunteers.

The pupils are designing their cards in school and we will send them off to be entered so parents don't need to do anything but encourage your children to be creative. The top 3 entries win a prize!

Roald Dahl Day 2020



Breakfast Club is open from 7:30am on a daily basis during term time & Miss Farley, Mrs Matoshi & Mr Hakl are looking forward to welcoming your children. The cost is £1.50 per day or 50p if your child qualifies for Free School Meals.

If your child has any allergies or intolerances please request a form from office@fgschool.uk. Along with the form you will be required to provide a letter from your GP/healthcare professional confirming the allergies/intolerances.

A Message From Mr Finney

Firstly, I would like to say how fantastic it has been to be back teaching PE to all of your wonderful children... PE has been identified as an important subject, specifically after the lockdown. Benefits include children being more physically active, confident, energetic and of course improving their own personal skill.

I am, and always will be so passionate about ensuring every pupil at Flora Gardens is able to access PE and after school clubs by giving them more opportunities than other pupils in the borough.

We have been incredibly fortunate to add Mr Beidas and Mr Ruck-Keene to our staff, both of whom are teaching some PE lessons whilst also providing support in class, as well as leading many after school clubs.

On the topic of after school clubs, we have now completed our first week of this term's programme. It is amazing that we are able to offer every club for free and I am so pleased with the range of clubs we are providing for your children.

Please sign up via Sims Pay - we have spaces still available in all clubs! [Click here to view our club's brochure](#)

Please also make yourself familiar with which gates your child should be picked up from. We understand it is a lot to take in and appreciate how well you are cooperating with us. If you are unsure, please feel free to email me at PE@fgschool.uk and I will answer any queries.

If you are collecting more than one child on the same day, then like a normal school day ending, they all head to the youngest siblings gate to be dismissed.

Have a great weekend!
Mr Finney

Value Award Winners

Trust

- Nursery: Alex Y**
- Reception: Francisco**
- Year 1: Muhamad & Jabril**
- Year 2: Syon**
- Year 3: Rahima Mi**
- Year 4: Pasha**
- Year 5: Raphael**
- Year 6: Frankie**
- PE: Ethan - Rec**
- Music: Year 4**
- Spanish: Kye & Maher – Y3**

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Adventure

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