

FLORA NEWS



Mrs Grippman's Blog

The children here at Flora Gardens have done a tremendous job, not just adjusting but embracing the 'new normal.' After six months of uncertainty, it has been lovely for all of us to see one another; albeit in bubbles, but lovely nonetheless.

After the announcement was made that we all had to stay away from one another, there was an enormous focus on mental health and wellbeing. I for one found it very difficult not being able to visit family and friends and I worried constantly for those I knew were key workers. What helped was Miss Earley surprising me by having a present delivered to my door! Or having Miss O'Donnell arrange a quiz night on Zoom so I could keep my brain sharp. I began looking forward to seeing Miss Elven at skeleton school and I would await my regular check ins from Mrs Sultan, Miss Horne and Miss Owolabi. In all honesty, the more I think back, the more I realise my list could go on forever if I listed all the people that made sure we all stayed connected despite being apart.

The NHS website says, '*Good relationships are important for your mental wellbeing. They can help you to build a sense of belonging and self-worth, give you an opportunity to share positive experiences and provide emotional support and allow you to support others.*' Over the last six months, it has never been clearer to me that it is our duty to ensure that our pupils here at Flora Gardens are equipped with the tools and lifelong skills needed to maintain healthy and fulfilling relationships with one another. To ensure that they are able to build a sense of belonging and both provide and receive emotional support as they navigate through life.

Upon returning to work, class teachers have been working really hard to deliver our new PSHE curriculum with a particular focus on mental health and wellbeing. I believe the children have excelled in this area because they *already* embody our school values so well, which in totality, underpin any successful relationship whether it is personal or professional. So I would like to say a big thank you to all the children and staff here who have made returning to work a delight!



The Colour Monster came to visit Year 2! We have been learning all about our emotions and how to describe how we are feeling.



The pupils in After School Service have been planting some seeds. Can you guess what they are?



In Journalism Club this week we put our interviewing skills to the test again and interviewed some pupils from around the school.

Interview with Renae (Y4)

Do you enjoy attending Flora Gardens School?

R - Yes because I get to play and learn with my friends.

Who is your favourite teacher? Why?

R - Ms Owolabi because she takes care of my little sister in Nursery.

Who are your friends?

R - My friends are Pash'a, Kiyah and Samira.

If you could change the uniform, what would you change and why?

R - I would change the jumper and the polo shirt.

What are you looking forward to in the new build?

R - Hopefully a new trim trail, a slide and a swing.

Interview conducted by Pash'a Stuart (Y4).

Year 1 are continuing to impress Miss Horne and Miss Farley with how hard they are working and how much kindness they are showing to each other and the resources around them. We are continuing to look after our plants each day and challenge ourselves with writing tricky words, as well as working on our fine motor skills!



Value Award Winners

- Nursery: Jandy**
- Reception: Howard**
- Year 1: Marina**
- Year 2: Ahmed**
- Year 3: Rahima Mo**
- Year 4: Kiyah**
- Year 5: Michelle**
- Year 6: Iman**
- PE: Zain Y1**
- Music: Reception**
- Spanish: Year 4**