

FLORA NEWS



Head's Blog

As I sit here and write this blog with the sound of children, happy children, playing outside my window I have just seen the news from America that Joe Biden has taken the lead in Georgia. It might not stay like that, indeed it might have changed again by the time that you receive this but hope that we are seeing the end of a vile leader in America lightens my day.

We have done a massive amount of work on Black History Month in October, but the Black Lives Matter movement isn't about October; it is about a change that needs to happen all the time.

John Lewis, the amazing civil rights activist, who passed away on 17th July, was and is an inspiration to me. John was from Georgia and as one news agency put it this morning "I can just see John doing one of his famous dances at the news!"

You can read his story here: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/17/us/john-lewis-dead.html>

"You are a light. You are the light. Never let anyone—any person or any force—dampen, dim or diminish your light. Study the path of others to make your way easier and more abundant. Lean toward the whispers of your own heart, discover the universal truth, and follow its dictates. [...] Release the need to hate, to harbor division, and the enticement of revenge. Release all bitterness. Hold only love, only peace in your heart, knowing that the battle of good to overcome evil is already won. Choose confrontation wisely, but when it is your time don't be afraid to stand up, speak up, and speak out against injustice. And if you follow your truth down the road to peace and the affirmation of love, if you shine like a beacon for all to see, then the poetry of all the great dreamers and philosophers is yours to manifest in a nation, a world community, and a Beloved Community that is finally at peace with itself."

— John Lewis, **Across That Bridge: A Vision for Change and the Future of America**



Baneen created a beautiful picture for Nursery's 'Let's party' topic. Ms Owolabi sends a big thank you to all the Nursery pupils for completing their projects.

This is a reminder for parents and carers to ensure you are paying for breakfast club, school meals and after school service on SIMS Pay, and if you are experiencing problems with making payments please contact the office.

Please ensure your collection arrangements are sorted in the morning and that the teacher is informed of who is collecting your child from school. We understand that there may be times when you are unexpectedly unable to get to the school in time and will need to inform us during the day, but this is happening quite regularly and it is very difficult for messages to be passed on when the office is experiencing busy periods. Thank you for your understanding.



Miss Kelly is so proud of the whole Reception class for working so hard whilst we had to isolate for a few days this week. They also created some amazing projects for our new topic 'Let's Party!'

Value Award Winners

- Nursery: Baneen
- Reception: Whole Class
- Year 1: Mustafa
- Year 2: Safiya S & Loaira
- Year 3: Nazim
- Year 4: Nuuh
- Year 5: Jairone
- Year 6: Anna
- PE: Teniesha Y5
- Spanish: Pasha

We will continue to have Poppy Appeal items on sale for the pupils at breaktime on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week.



This is a reminder for Nursery parents who have a child who is starting Reception in September 2021. You must apply online by 15th January to secure a place. Visit <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/> to apply.