

FLORA NEWS



A Message from Mr Naismith

On Tuesday next we welcome Ms Campbell to the Flora staff team in the position of Office Administrator. I am sure you will give Ms Campbell the usual warm Flora welcome and she will be writing to you all next week to introduce herself properly once she is settled.

Ms Elven's Blog

Back in February I wrote a blog about running and the links of exercise to our mental health. These last seven or eight months have been very trying for all of us and I am in no doubt this has had an effect on everyone who is linked to Flora Gardens. I was ecstatic at that point as I had been awarded a place in the Great North Run, one of the iconic half marathons in this country, and in its 40th year.

Yet only a month later the world of running suddenly halted as we came to terms with the effects of coronavirus. Races were being postponed all around the world and I received a deluge of emails postponing events that I had entered as part of my preparation. The initial suggestion was that races would resume after the summer holidays and yet here we are in November and I am receiving emails again to say that it will be March at the earliest before they will resume.

It was good to see that London Marathon went ahead, even if it was 19 laps, not the normal route and only open to the elite athletes. It was incredible to watch the turn of speed of Sarah Hall at 400 metres to go. What determination she showed to hunt down, and pass Ruth Chepng'etich on the Mall and take 2nd place. Truly inspiring.

Earlier this week I was saddened to read of the passing of Iva Barr, 20 time London Marathon participant, who took part in the first event back in 1981 and was on the start line in 2016. She was 54 that first time and 89 at her last attempt – what an inspiration.

Whilst I have no desire to run a marathon I do really enjoy half marathons and have continued to run during this uncertain period. Running has taught me to always push forward, especially in the most difficult times.

Santa is coming to Flora!

Pupils will have the opportunity to visit Santa's grotto and receive a wonderful Christmas present during the week of 7th December 2020 (this will be Covid secure).

It will cost £2.50 per child and will need to be paid in advance via Sims Pay (you will find it in 'Events'). If you have any questions please email office@fgschool.uk



Year Group	Attendance
Reception	100%
Year 1	94.7%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 3	96.5%
Year 4	99.2%
Year 5	97.8%
Year 6	98.7%
Whole School	98%

AMAZING - let's keep this up!

Miss Kelly is so impressed with how hard her phonics club have been working recently. This week they have been writing CVC words, sorting out yes/no questions and challenging themselves with a reading comprehension!



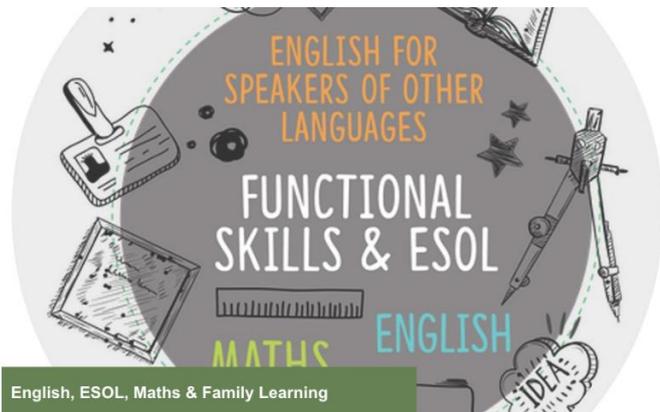
On Friday 11th December millions of people in the UK, including staff and pupils at Flora Gardens, will be putting on a Christmas jumper to raise money for a great cause.

You don't even need a new jumper. Dig out last year's, take an old sweater and add some tinsel, or buy a second hand one.

You can click here to donate to Save the Children:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate/single/donation-eventpay-00080>

Interviews for Maths, English & ESOL classes



<https://www.hfals.ac.uk/department/english-esol-maths-family-learning>

Visit the link above for more information (do not be put off by the dates as the classes are still on-going).

Value Award Winners

Nursery: Zalman
 Reception: Adam E
 Year 1: Averie
 Year 2: Sam
 Year 3: Whole Class!
 Year 4: Carmen
 Year 5: Kaidon
 Year 6: Yasin
 PE: Sam Y2
 Spanish: Ebony Y3
 Music: Y2

This is a reminder for Nursery parents who have a child starting Reception in September 2021.

You must apply online by 15th January to secure a place. Go to <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk> to apply.



Year 4 have been creating their own exercise workouts as part of leading a healthy and active lifestyle.