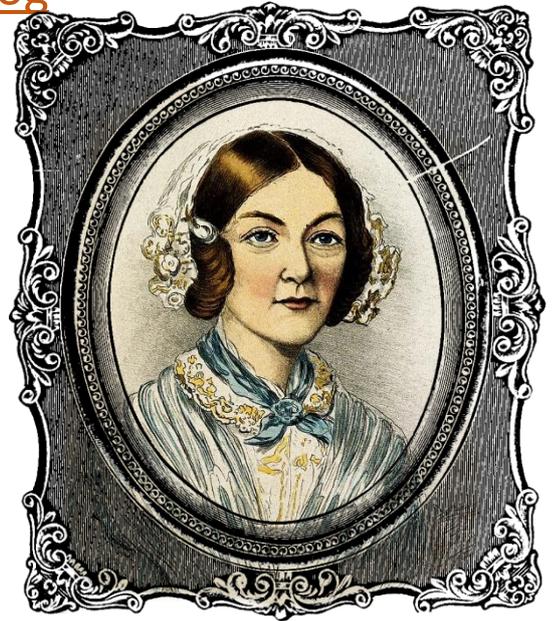


## Mrs Asserati's Blog

**"I attribute my success to this - I never gave or took any excuse."**

These are the words of Florence Nightingale. We all know her – the nurse who revolutionised healthcare and began forming the backbone of our NHS. The nurse who never gave up, even when her family turned their backs on her as what privileged young woman would want to do a menial job like that? The nurse who is known as the founder of modern nursing and whose training is still followed today.

As I drove into school on Wednesday, I heard that it was her birthday and it got me thinking; thinking about all of our nurses and unsung heroes during this pandemic. The pressure they must have felt on the front line, the stress and fear they must have gone through trying to save people and the continued worry they have daily that they will be next or they will take something back to their loved ones and families at home.



**Florence Nightingale**

I am lucky enough to have my Godmother as a nurse. She has come out of retirement during the pandemic and returned to the NHS to selflessly save others and work on the front line. I am bowled over daily by her courage, fierce commitment to caring for others and her strength. I have learnt humility from her during these tough times and I have committed to doing selfless kind deeds for others because of her. Sometimes, it is as simple as letting cars out at junctions who are waiting and at other times, it is asking my elderly neighbours whether they want anything from the shops.

However, it is not just nurses who are our unsung heroes. We have recently entered a national schools competition where the children design a stamp to celebrate their unsung heroes. We have had so many lovely pictures drawn by them with nurses, fire fighters, police – the list is endless. But what may (or may not!) surprise some of you is how many of our children drew you – their parents! You are their heroes – for all the cooking, cleaning, ensuring the children are clothed, cared for and generally loved! During the lockdown, they have not only noticed this but also appreciated it. They want you as their parents to be recognised for this – I thought this was so lovely! But that is our pupils, they are lovely!

They amaze us every day with their funny, witty and sometimes entirely random ways! They have shown us since returning, that even though this past year has felt strange and at times lonely and scary, that they are not fazed by it. They returned to school back in March on day one running through our gates, excited, happy and overjoyed to be back. They have worked hard and tirelessly to learn again and get back into the rhythm of being in class. They have shown kindness and friendship to each other and to us as the staff. Only yesterday, a Year 5 child gave up her play time (without being asked!) to come and help me run the Snack Shack – what a selfless kind thing for a nine year old to do!

So I end with this, our pupils, your children, are my unsung heroes.

Have a lovely weekend and I challenge you - what selfless deeds can you do for others?

West London Zone pupils from Year 1 and 2 created some amazingly imaginative scenes out of clay and various natural materials in Art Club this week. The pupils created houses, lakes, beaches, woodlands, fruit trees, castles and villages with their materials. Well done!



Year 6

Year 6 are learning about fractions and ratio so made cinnamon rolls and Rice Krispies cakes in Maths!

### Value Award Winners

- Nursery – Aaliyah G
- Reception – Deon
- Year 1 – Amelia Rose
- Year 2 – Sam
- Year 3 – Hayat
- Year 4 – Nuuh
- Year 5 – Ruby
- Year 6 – Anna & Rania
- PE – Leela Y1
- Spanish – All of Year 4
- Music – All of Year 4

### National Book Token Competition

Our school needs you! Help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library - and get £100 for yourself! Enter the competition online, it only takes a minute:

<http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>



*Congratulations* to Alma, our very own chef, who came first in the local borough's school Easter competition.



Please can you bring in any recyclable boxes, tubs and bottles for Year 3's junk modelling lessons. Thank you.