

FUN & FOCUSED LEARNING FOR EVERYONE!



Top left: Receiving a Maths challenge in Year 3 after successfully completing the main part of the learning.

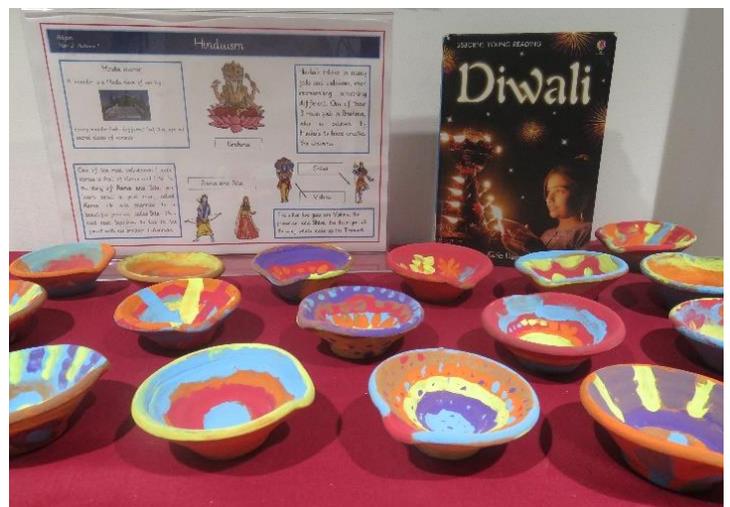
Top right: Composing a classical tune for our Nursery friends to enjoy!

Middle left: Taking a break outside to engage in fun and physical activities!

Middle right: Admiring our Diya Lamps as part of our study of Hinduism in Year 2.

Bottom left: Using our purple polishing pens to check our reasoning when calculating mathematical equations in Year 3.

Bottom right: Challenging ourselves in Year 4 using Times Tables Rock Stars which is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK & FRIENDSHIP FRIDAY



During the week beginning Monday 11th November the pupils and staff focused on Anti-Bullying Week and our commitment to acting kind and safe towards each other. Thank you also to the parents who came to the Anti-Bullying Workshop (top left) on Thursday 14th November. Pupils also took part in age appropriate assemblies on the same day (middle left).



During the same week the school took part in Friendship Friday which encourages everyone to recognise that they have a role to play in creating a friendly and kind community. This is inspired by the Elmer books which explore concepts such as respect and encourages children to value their own unique characteristics.

As part of our commitment to keeping children happy and safe we also have the following initiatives:



- Playground Friends & Class Buddies (see photos bottom left & right).
- Social skills, self-esteem and behaviour programmes.
- Structured break times with one Teaching Assistant dedicated to addressing any signs of unsafe or unkind behaviour.

PHENOMENAL PHONICS!

Earlier this month we were very pleased to receive letter from **Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP** who is the Minister of State for School Standards!

We would like to thank everyone involved including the families and the staff for achieving such a fantastic result for the Year 1 pupils in 2018-19. Our results from previous years were also very strong:

Year 1 Phonics 2016-17 = 94%

Year 1 Phonics 2017-18 = 93%

Alongside this success we have always been very proud of the way staff and families have worked together to **nurture a love of reading in all children.**

Dear Mr Custance,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on your school's outstanding achievements in the 2019 phonics screening check. Your excellent teaching of phonics is something I hope to see replicated across the country: decoding skills are the foundations for pupils to progress to reading fluently, for purpose and for enjoyment.

There is a substantial body of evidence that demonstrates that systematic phonics is a highly effective method for teaching children to read. We want to ensure that every child develops a firm grasp of phonics, which is why I was delighted to see your results. With 100 per cent of pupils at Floreat Wandsworth Primary School reaching or exceeding the pass mark in the check, your school is in the top two per cent of all primary schools in the country.

This year's figures show that 88 per cent of pupils who achieve the expected standard in the check go on to achieve at least the expected standard in key stage 1 reading teacher assessment, which underlines the importance of teaching pupils to decode words effectively at an early age.

Your success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation in literacy, from which they can develop excellent vocabulary and cultivate a love of reading that can last a lifetime.

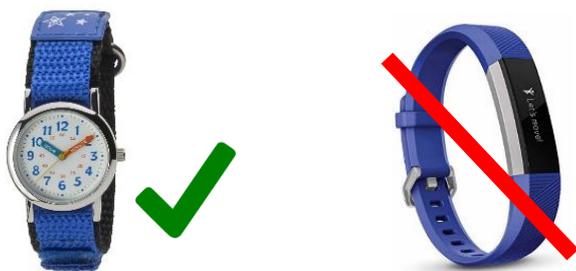
Thank you for your commitment and success in teaching the next generation to read so effectively.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

SCHOOL UNIFORM

- ✓ We actively encourage pupils to wear an analogue watch to support them with telling the time effectively.
- ❖ Digital watches, Smart Watches, Fitbits or similar devices are not allowed in school. We have observed that these devices distract pupils from their learning.
- ✓ Pupils are allowed to wear one pair of stud earrings, and they must be worn in the lower ear lobe.
- ❖ Bracelets, wristbands, necklaces or similar jewellery are not permitted.
- ❖ Please note that the school does not accept any responsibility for any watches or jewellery that are lost.



ATTENDANCE

- We aim to make every moment in school count. The school year of 183 days is carefully designed to ensure pupils receive lots of opportunities for family time alongside purposeful learning at school. Please support us by ensuring your child is in school, and on time, each day.
- **100% Attendance Certificates** will be given out to pupils at the end of the first half of the Spring Term (Friday 14th February) and then again at the end of Summer Term (Tuesday 21st July).
- **8.30am Reminder:** Please stay with your child until the bell has been rung. Please note that pupils are not allowed to walk onto the school premises without an adult.
- Please note that taking your child out of school without permission will be marked as an **'unauthorised absence'** and this will form part of your child's permanent school record.

OUR SCHOOL VISION



CHARACTER: Pupils will master character virtues such as bravery, service, honesty & gratitude. Our nurturing approach helps to support pupils to reveal their character virtues.

CORE SKILLS: Pupils will have confident & accomplished skills in English & Maths as well as the ability to think creatively & critically.

KNOWLEDGE: Pupils will have a deep knowledge & understanding of the essential facts about our world.

Our approach is carefully designed to ensure
EVERY CHILD FLOURISHES.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Our first priority at this school is to ensure all pupils are safe. If you ever have a concern about the safety and/or the wellbeing of a child then please do approach Mr Custance who is the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) at Floreat Wandsworth. You can also ask for Mrs Davies, Mrs Fry or Ms Burke who are the Deputy DSLs.



DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD:
MR CUSTANCE (HEADTEACHER)



DEPUTY DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS:
MRS FRY, MS BURKE & MRS DAVIES (ASSISTANT HEADTEACHERS)

Key Safeguarding/Child Protection Reminders:

- ✓ You can find our Safeguarding Policy on the Policies part of our website:
<http://www.floreatwandsworth.org.uk/policies>
- ✓ If you have a **Safeguarding concern** then please call the School Office Team and tell them that your **concern is urgent as it relates to Safeguarding**.
- ✓ To find out more about Safeguarding and Child Protection please visit the Wandsworth Information page where you can find lots of useful links about a range of different issues:
http://www.wscb.org.uk/wscb/info/2/parents_carers_family_and_friends

OUR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2019-20

- ❖ The School Leadership Team and teachers will ensure pupils close any achievement gaps for the expected standard in the core subjects of **Reading, Writing & Maths**. Pupils who are exceeding national expectations in these subjects will continue to tackle motivating and challenging activities in the classroom.
- ❖ The School Leadership Team will continue to support pupils in preparing them for **Secondary School education**.
- ❖ The School Leadership Team will work closely with **GLF** (our new Trust) and the services they provide to ensure the staff and the pupils are fulfilling their potential e.g. the school will engage in new GLF systems to improve the way leaders and teachers are held to account.
- ❖ The whole team will ensure the **wider curriculum** is embedded to meet the needs of all pupils. Wider curriculum subjects include Drama, Music, Mindfulness, Computing and many more. We have now split our teachers and leaders into **Faculties (Core, Knowledge & Character)** so that Faculty members can work together to improve standards across the whole school.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

UPDATED: 22.11.19

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday 28 th November	7 - 9.30pm	FOFW Christmas Shopping Event	Hall - via the Community Garden Entrance
Friday 29 th November	3.30pm	FOFW Cake Sale - Year 1	Playground
Wednesday 4 th December	5.30 - 6.15pm	FOFW Carols by Candlelight	Hall
Friday 6 th December	8.30 - 9.30am	FOFW Coffee Morning	Hall
Tuesday 10 th December	8.45 - 9.30am	Nursery & Reception Nativity	Hall
Thursday 12 th December	8.45 - 9.30am	Year 1 & 2 Nativity	Hall
Friday 13 th December	8.45 - 9.30am	Year 3 & 4 Festive Concert	Hall
Monday 16 th to Thursday 19 th	In school time	Class or Year Group End of Term Parties	Hall
Friday 20 th December	All day	FOFW Christmas Jumper / Non-Uniform Day	Not applicable
WINTER BREAK (2 weeks off for pupils) Friday 20 th December at 3.30pm to Tuesday 7 th January at 8.30am			
Friday 17 th January	8.30 - 9.30am	FOFW Coffee Morning	Hall
Friday 24 th January	8 - 8.45am	Sign up for a Teacher & Parent Meeting (3.3.20 & 5.3.20)	Hall - via the Community Garden Entrance
Friday 24 th January	3.30pm	FOFW Cake Sale - Reception	Playground
Tuesday 4 th February	8.30 - 9.30am	Year 1 Family Learning	Hall
Wednesday 5 th February	8.30 - 9.30am	Year 4 Family Learning	Hall
Thursday 6 th February	8.30 - 9.30am	Reception Family Learning	Hall
Tuesday 11 th February	8.30 - 9.30am	Year 3 Family Learning	Hall
Wednesday 12 th February	8.30 - 9.30am	Year 2 Family Learning	Hall
Thursday 13 th February	8.30 - 9.30am	Nursery Family Learning	Hall
HALF TERM (1 week off for pupils) Friday 14 th February at 3.30pm to Monday 24 th February at 8.30am			
Wednesday 26 th February	Early Closure @ 1.30pm - All pupils must be collected at 1.30pm (no clubs or Kids' City)		
Friday 28 th February	8.30 - 9.30am	FOFW Coffee Morning	Hall
Tuesday 3 rd March	4 - 7.30pm	Teacher & Parent Meetings + Reports	Classrooms
Thursday 5 th March	All day	World Book Day - pupils are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book or wear non-uniform as preferred.	
Thursday 5 th March	4 - 7.30pm	Teacher & Parent Meetings + Reports	Classrooms
SPRING BREAK (2 weeks off for pupils) Friday 3 rd April at 3.30pm to Monday 20 th April at 8.30am			

The new (smaller) Newsletter: we are aiming to reduce our paper usage as much as possible but please let the Office Team know if you would like a larger version.