

NEWSLETTER
March 2018 – Edition 3

Goodbye Winter...Hello Spring....

Since September 2017 you'll be pleased to hear we have raised £11,200...

We have also had our first Parent Talk event on mental health; we had a parent's quiz night, we've had a kids disco and a school movie night, both massive hits with the children! We have run for Sports Relief, read and listened for new books and made and sold bags for Mother's Day! Thank you to everyone for all your help, planning, organising and attending!

There was also World Book day – where nearly everyone dressed up, Science Week with a special 'Grandparent' visitor who came and chatted to the kids about rockets and gravity – a big hit! Plus behind the scenes we have been exploring ways of working with other schools, applying for grants (and winning some – we have new keyboards coming from EMI for the music room), building up our library, strengthening our partnership with St George's Hospital, and meeting new and interesting suppliers that can help us bring innovation into school.

We have also spent some money on new sports equipment, classroom supplies and after the Easter holiday we will have a new outdoor theatre for the children to play, create, act, dance and sing on!

We have also had the Beast from the East, but despite a spate of snowy drop offs your support has been unrelenting and is hugely appreciated...

COMMUNITY PRIDE

As you know our chosen charity partnership for 2017/18 is St George's Hospital Charity. So many of the Floreat children were born there – some parents work there and it's a great local Charity for us to partner with and learn from. On 20th April, Mr Custance and a small group of children will visit the hospital and see the newly opened playroom and meet some of the doctors and nurses. The children will make a donation of the 'birthday' gifts we have collected.

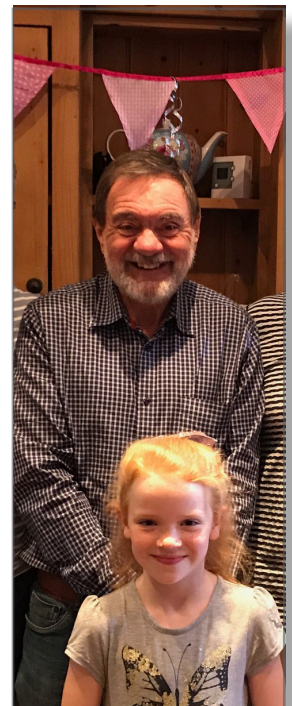
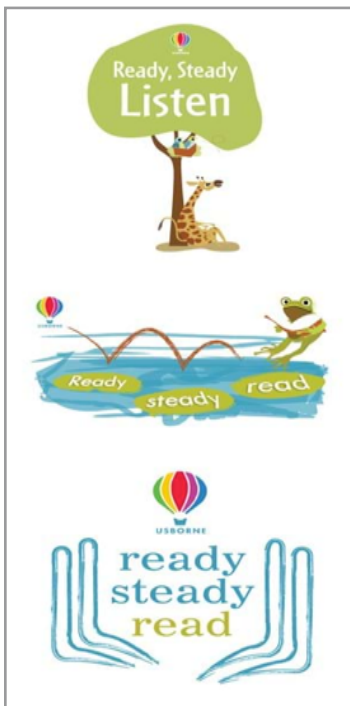
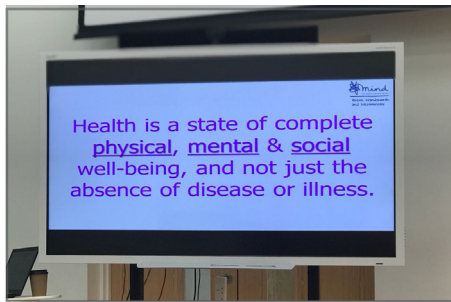
On 23rd April – we will celebrate St George's Day for St George's hospital - the children are invited to come to school dressed as a doctor or nurse or in their pyjamas!

The money we raised (from the voluntary suggested donations of £2) will go towards buying new play equipment for young patients. There will be an assembly with staff from St George's talking to the children about the hospital and about life working at the hospital!

For parents we are hoping to run a couple of paediatric first aid courses at school. This is in the planning stages and we will let you know as soon as we have dates. Plus we are hoping we might get a visit from some paramedics and an ambulance in the playground at some point over the next few months!



Here's a few pics of year so far....



OUR 2017/2018 EVENTS CALENDAR

Upcoming events - for this year's Summer Social we're going retro. So dust off those leg warmers, dig out the neon hoops and be ready to party like it's 1980! If you dream of channelling your inner Bonnie Tyler this is the night for you. All proceeds go towards our school, so you'll be throwing a few shapes for a great cause.

This year's Summer Fair is a Country Fair in the city! There will be traditional games, some bigger attractions and lots of lovely food.

SUMMER SOCIAL

7.30pm, Friday 18th May

Tickets will be going on sale after the Easter break so keep an eye out for communications on it.



SUMMER FAIR

2pm - 5pm, Sunday 1st July

Tickets will go on sale late May. If you would like to help please let us know!



UPCOMING DATES

- ST GEORGES DAY FOR ST GEORGE'S - April 23rd (all proceeds go to St George's Hospital)
- SUMMER SOCIAL - Friday 18th May
- SUMMER FAIR - Sunday 1st July

PARENTS' RESOURCES

fowsecretary@gmail.com
Floreat Wandsworth parents page
@floreatwandptfa @floreatwands @floreatedu

School notice board, the school office and the school website
<http://floreatwandsworthschool.fluencycms.co.uk/ptfa>

Please do drop any feedback or comments into the FOFW box in the school office.

WE NEED YOU!

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

We're desperate to find someone who can help us to format this newsletter. We need a parent/carer who knows how to use 'In Design' or another graphic design program and would be able to help us twice a term. Please email kate.bunkall@itv.com if you can help.

SUMMER SOCIAL/SUMMER FAIR

We're looking for auction and raffle prizes for both events. If you have something you would like to donate, or you think your employer could help contact fofwevents@gmail.com

PARENT TALKS

After the success of our first talk on children's mental health we're really eager to hear any suggestions people may have for topics or potential speakers. If you can help contact Annick at annick_kuipers@yahoo.com

DO YOU OR YOUR PARTNER WORK FOR A LARGE COMPANY? DO THEY DO MATCH FUNDING?

To help us reach our fundraising targets we need to tap into as many sources as possible. Please ask your HR team if you're not sure what scheme your company has in place. This could really help!

ROAD SAFETY TASK FORCE

We're also looking for volunteers who could help us to lobby Wandsworth Council for safer roads around the school. In particular we're looking for families who regularly cross Garratt Lane opposite the school. Please get in touch with kate.bunkall@itv.com

EASYFUNDRAISING

Please do sign up for..... easyfundraising.org.uk. A percentage of all your online shopping goes back to the school. This is a no brainer! We are currently earning about £250 a quarter from this initiative. Do you buy from Amazon or from John Lewis? All you need to do is log in via Easy fundraising and you are raising money for the school. It's really that simple!

AND....AND DON'T FORGET FOFW IS A CHARITY, IF YOU'RE DOING A SPORTING EVENT/CHALLENGE PLEASE THINK ABOUT RAISING MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL!

FOFW COMMITTEE

- Co-Chair Victoria Boxall-Hunt (Mum to Charlie in Edison & Libby in Darwin)
- Co-Chair Tee Barnes (Mum to Amelia in Curie)
- Vice-Chair Claire Stewart (Mum to Holly in Edison & Tali in Keller)
- Secretary Nat James- Stearn (Mum to George in Edison, Arthur in Keller & Bettie Joan in Darwin) / and Katrina Campbell – shared position.
- Treasurer Richard Bath (Dad to Oliver in Darwin)
- Ordinary Member (PR & Comms External Focus) Kate Bunkall (Mum to Florence in Columbus)
- Ordinary Member (Marketing & Comms Internal Focus) Deon Butler (Mum to Layla in Columbus)
- Ordinary Member (Finance Support, Sponsorship & Fundraising) Louise Chicken (Mum to Wilfred in Darwin)
- Ordinary Member (Community Focused Role) Annick Pit-Kuipers (Mum to Mika in Mandela and Leonie in Nightingale)