



FLORA NEWS

HEAD'S BLOG

Open Day season is upon us and I found this really good article on the BBC website about what to look for: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-41469041> It is never too early to visit schools and going more than once really gives you good knowledge of a place. Certainly Y6 and Y5, but if your child is in Y4 it is worth thinking about because the end of their Primary education will arrive all too soon!

When your child is visiting another school during the school day, we use the code J. This means that the child is absent but attending an interview. Our system records this as attending an approved educational activity; because it is an approved education activity it means that your child is still able to achieve 100% attendance for the year if they have not missed any other days of school. I ask that we are provided with information before the event so that we can use the correct code.

J means:

Brief Description	Interview
Statistical Meaning	Approved Educational Activity
Legal Meaning	Attending approved educational activity
Physical Meaning	Out for whole session
DCSF Definition	Interviews with prospective employers, or another educational establishment.
Relevant Regulation	6(4)

I hope this clarifies the position.

Testing for gossip

In ancient Greece, Socrates was reputed to hold knowledge in high esteem. One day an acquaintance met the great philosopher and said, "Do you know what I just heard about your friend?"

"Hold on a minute", Socrates replied. "Before telling me anything I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Triple Filter Test."

"Triple filter?"

"That's right", Socrates continued. "Before you talk to me about my friend, it might be a good idea to take a moment and filter what you're going to say. That's why I call it the triple filter test. The first filter is **Truth**. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?"

"No", the man said, "Actually I just heard about it and ..."

"All right", said Socrates. "So you don't really know if it's true or not. Now let's try the second filter, the filter of **Goodness**. Is what you are about to tell me about my friend something good?"

"No, on the contrary."

"So", Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about him, but you're not certain it's true. You may still pass the test though, because there's one filter left: the filter of **Usefulness**. Is what you want to tell me about my friend going to be useful to me?"

"No, not really."

"Well", concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither true nor good nor even useful, why tell it to me at all?"

Primary playgrounds are notorious places of gossip. That is why I have an open door policy - if you are not sure about something or you hear things that concern you - please come and see me. I can give you the truth and make our community environment honest and pleasurable whilst diminishing the angst we all have as parents. Here is an article about "Playground Politics for Parents."

<https://www.psychologies.co.uk/playground-politics-adults>

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

International Day Celebration food, quiz, creche!

Friday 13th October – 6 – 9pm in the school hall

Miss Kelly and the PTA have been really busy preparing a funfilled night for parents, governors and staff to enjoy as we celebrate International Day. The event was a huge success last year and this year it set to be even better! Tickets can be purchased from Miss Kelly in the playground for just £5.00. For this price, you will be able to enjoy a buffet of foods from all around the world, prepared by parents and staff. You can also take part in a group quiz hosted by Mr Naismith. There is also the option of purchasing drinks from the bar.

If this wasn't enough, we are providing you with a crèche! Your children will be supervised in the ICT Suite where they can play games and watch a movie on the big screen. The cost of the crèche for the whole 3 hours is just £2.50!

Individual and sibling school photographs will be taking place on Wednesday 11th October. You should ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform on this day. This is also a big reminder that trainers are not allowed in school!

Last week we told you there would be a KS2 assessment workshop for parents on 12th October. Mr Naismith and the teachers have thought this through and decided it would be more beneficial to have 1:1 meetings with Y6 parents before half term and to reschedule the workshop to after Christmas. We will let you know when the new date is set.

Please can we remind you to name your child's clothing, as some items are being handed into the school office without names on them so we are unable to return them to their owners.

Mr Finney's PE Blog

I am really pleased to see so many pupils attending after school clubs and I hope you are enjoying the wide range of activities on offer. Just to let you know, we still have some places left for dodgeball club (Y1-Y6); it would be great to have a full team.

I am very proud of our football teams for winning 2 games against Addison Primary School this afternoon! My PE superstar of the week is **Gentian** for his good attitude towards learning.

Attendance

This week: 2nd – 6th October 2017

Class	Attendance
Reception	92.5%
Year 1	98.3%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	91.5%
Year 4	99.1%
Year 5	92.9%
Year 6F	95.5%
Year 6G	90.4%
Totals	95.7%

**Wow! Well done Year 4.
Year 1 have also had a really good week.
Let's keep this up!**

Superstars!

**Nursery – Annalise, Zain & Safiya
Reception – Adrianna
Year 1 – Abdul-Rahman
Year 2 – Mali
Year 3 – Frankie
Year 4 – Nevaeh
Year 5 – Ilhombek
Year 6F – Jasmin
Year 6G – Hopi**

Superstar certificates are presented in Tuesday assemblies

Well done!