



FLORA NEWS

Head's Blog

I watched with interest the World Cup Rugby match between England and Uruguay and was impressed with the English in their 60-3 demolition of the South Americans. Yet the atmosphere was subdued, largely because it was “a dead rubber”, England were already out of the Rugby World Cup. Hard to believe if you had read or listened to the hype around England and their chances prior to the tournament and prior to the matches v Wales and Australia! But we should be used to that in this country; hype and talking up English teams (in all sports) and individuals in competitions has become prevalent, a “desire to prove we are patriotic” by getting behind ‘our boys’ (usually it is boys but this is beginning to change at last) is part of our newfound culture since the awarding of the London 2012 Olympic Games.

The facts, however, are quite simple. The RFU is by far the largest and richest Rugby organisation in the world. The player base in England is larger than any other country and yet the players are unable to perform when required. The population of Australia is roughly a third of the UK and therefore on any sporting model the UK should do three times better than the Aussies. **BUT** there is a culture that exists in Australia that wants to win, that wants to be successful and that does not make excuses. It is far too easy to blame the weather, injuries or external factors in sport but what the Aussies do, and the Welsh Rugby team under Warren Gatland, is look at themselves. They maximise their ability. They work hard to reduce the ‘chance’ factors and they take responsibility for all they do. They don’t believe the hype, they are down to earth, and they usually win.

Will the Welsh or Australians win the World Cup? I hope so but who knows. The point is that if we take responsibility, if we refuse to make excuses, if we work as hard as we can with what we have got, all of us will succeed.

There is a wonderful book by Richard Beard “Manly Pursuits – how to beat the Australians” which is both entertaining and delves into this fascinating area. You can find it at: <http://www.richardbeard.info/tag/manly-pursuits/>. I strongly recommend this light and amusing read as we watch the Rugby World Cup, without the pre-tournament favourites!

One week to go before half term – work hard and rest well.





Year 4 Fundraiser for 

Bake Sale:
Tuesday 20th at break time – items cost 50p

Guess the sweets competition:
Monday 19th –Thursday 22nd October -
8.45-8.55 and Monday at break time -
1 guess costs 20p

Please help us raise money for people around the world in need of clean water.

Poppies will be on sale in the school office as of Monday. They can be purchased by donating any silver coin. We also have a goodies box with fun items that cost either 50p or £1.

Reminder for Year 6 parents
The deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October 2015

Last week, Year 5 had 99.4% attendance – now that's impressive!

The whole school had 97.4% attendance for the week. Keep up the good work.

Reminder for parents - If you change your contact details/address, please inform the school office

Superstars

Nursery – Younes
Reception – Kaidon
Year 1 – Mohamed
Year 2 – Zorawar
Year 3 – Aaliyah O
Year 4A – Irfan
Year 4S –Declan
Year 5 – Lila
Year 6 – Ahmed
Well done!

