

FLORA NEWS

Head's Blog

I received a phone call on Friday from my daughter - she's just turned 18. She said that she had had her tongue pierced, or rather she said "Dad I've hath my tong pierceds".

She said there was nothing I could do because she is 18 now.

My reaction was one of anger but also concern but I held my tongue. Running through my mind were questions: Will it get infected? How will it look? Will it affect her ability to get through university and get a job?

All concerns that are important.

Turning 18 gives you more freedom that you can use or abuse. And technically she is correct, there is nothing I can do. As you get older you tend to learn how and when to "hold your tongue". When not to say what you really want to.

We hold our tongue so that we do not offend. We hold our tongue because if we don't it leads to repercussions. It can lead to bullying, upset and hurt. It can lead us into places we don't want to go - a slip of the tongue at the wrong time can be vile.

The message we have been working on in school is hold your tongue. Think before you speak. Will what you say hurt, will it be overheard and cause you problems?

By the way my daughter was wrong about what I could do. A lemon-grass curry on Saturday night soon had her tongue burning and by Sunday she had removed the offending item. Another example of by not saying anything, by controlling my tongue success is achieved.



Year 2 sketching in the wildlife garden

Thank you to all of the parents who donated clothes last week. Together we managed to raise £70 for the school fund. We will be collecting again in the near future so don't throw any old clothes away!



On Tuesday, Year 5 Flora and Year 5 Gardens went on a wonderful trip to Pizza Express.

Nizar wrote a recount of the trip – ‘First we all put on our aprons. He taught us how to make dough. He put the dough on the tray. Ben pushed the dough in the tray (Nizar also wrote this in his native language of Spanish – ‘Ben empuja la masa dentro derla bamdeja’). They gave us tomato sauce. We spread the tomato sauce over the dough. We put the cheese on the dough. We put the oregano on. We put olive oil on the pizza. He put the pizza in the oven.’

Reception class gathered some tadpoles from the pond in the wildlife garden as they are learning about the life cycle of a frog.



★ Superstars! ★

- Nursery – Yunus**
- Reception – Adam**
- Year 1 – Safa**
- Year 2 – Mikayla**
- Year 3 – Reemas**
- Year 4A – Declan & Adam**
- Year 4S – Jaden**
- Year 5F – Siham**
- Year 5G – Radia**
- Year 6 – Safaa**

Well done!

