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Having a moment of inspiration upon hearing a radio news item about financial literacy in Primary Schools, I decided to send an email to my daughter, Frankie's, school offering to present to her Year 6 class and Year 5. Some 6 weeks passed from pressing the send button and I completely forgot my rather knee-jerk offer. Then, with the Easter holidays beckoning to take some time off with the kids, I was invited to come to the front of the class at the beginning of the new school term.

Primary schools are not obliged to provide financial education although they do touch upon some money matters in maths classes. This potential hole in the education system was highlighted in the House of Lords motion by Baroness Sater to ask His Majesty's Government 'what steps they are taking to improve the financial literacy of children through the provision of financial education in schools'.

Every single one of us has a unique relationship with money and it shapes our lives, so therefore a working understanding of finance feels like a base-level educational requirement. Casting my mind back I don't think I was ever taught anything formally about money until A-Level economics.

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