

Elimination of a school year, PE and homeroom class – fake news

Fake news – we've found out how to identify them from the Fake ≠ Fact Publication

Tomorrow we're finally going back to school, so we'll find out exactly how and when we'll make up for the missed hours. However, what we already know is that various false news was spread about the strike, or to be more precise, *fake* news. Some of them spread via social networks we use. This fake news were about elimination of PE and the homeroom class in the second semester because of the compensation for missed lectures during the school strike. There had also been fake news that the school year would be canceled.

It should be noted that the most important goal of such fake news is to make money. The media on the internet makes money from clicks, and fake news and bombastic headlines are hot commodities.

We will use this occasion to show you the easiest way to spot fake news. The useful tips can be found in the Fake ≠ Fact Publication. This publication was made in Sweden and was translated this year as part of the marking of Media Literacy Day. They worked out all the tips in detail, but we will present you the most important ones.

You should always check the source of the information. This can be done by copying the title or even the entire sentence from the original on a specific website and pasting them into the search bar with quotation marks at the beginning and end of the sentence. This way, it is possible to get to the source of information and check what other sources say about the topic. It is also important to check when the information has emerged and whether it is current, or there is more recent knowledge on the subject.

As for photos, they can be checked by right-clicking on the image and selecting the option "Search image with Google". Using the web tool TinEye <https://tineye.com/>, you can enter the URL of the image and check where the image was used.

For video materials, Fake ≠ Fact Publication recommends paying attention to the quality of the video clip and the person responsible for uploading it. Additional clues may also be comments under the respective video.

When it comes to audio recordings, they say it is difficult to determine if the recording is authentic, but the file name may be a real lead. /**Lea Harča**, 7. b; Photo: Downloaded from the Internet/