



Red Nose Day

Friday 15th March 2024



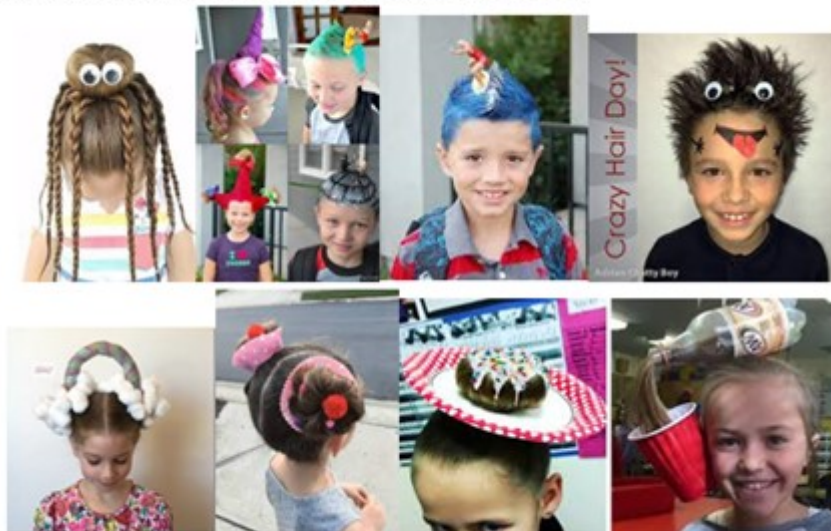
Do something funny for money!

On **Friday 15th March** we are holding an event for Red Nose Day. The School Council have decided, you can wear **silly clothes** and come with **crazy hairstyles**. To join in, you will need to make a £1 donation on Parent Pay which will go directly to charity.

Please follow this link to make your donation:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=14318>

Please see some ideas below for inspiration.



Poster designed by Year 6 School Council



We would like to send a big apology for the all the confusion and issues surrounding Parent Pay over the past few days. We have been informed it was a huge system issue that affected many other schools and caused a lot of problems!

Thank you to all of our families who have logged back on, sometimes more than once and re-booked your child's meals. We really appreciate your help with this and how quickly this was done.



Pupil achievements



We would like to say a big well done to Ollie for being awarded 'Man of the match' at his football game last weekend.

Keep up the good work Ollie!

It is really important that you keep us updated with any changes to your contact details.

We have had a few incidents this week alone where we haven't been able to contact parents due to them not telling us about their number changing.

It is really important that we have the correct contact details at all times.

Please also let us know if you would like to change any of your child's permissions.



Don't forget parents evening!

Parent's evening slots have now been added onto School Life - you will need to go onto the app to book your space.

The office cannot book appointments for you, but they can give you your log in details for you to be able to access School Life if you aren't logged in.

We are having a huge amount of phone calls with people not being logged into School Life which is very concerning as this is the system we use to communicate with you and where all messages and emails are sent from. It is very important to make sure you are logged into School Life.

Please note this is an app and not via search engines.

Please support us with our approach to being a nut free school. This includes not bringing nut based products (including Nutella sandwiches) into school. We have quite a few children who have severe nut allergies and it is important that we keep them safe.

We understand that we can never be completely nut free but your support is appreciated.

**NUT FREE
ZONE**



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
7 MARCH 2024

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March!**

We would love for our children to be involved and encourage them to dress up as their favourite book character OR alternatively, wear comfy clothes alongside their favourite book.

We understand that this can be an extra expense, so do not expect you to go out and purchase an outfit; homemade ones are welcomed or remember you can also come to school in comfy clothes/pyjamas (that you would snuggle up in to read a bedtime story!)

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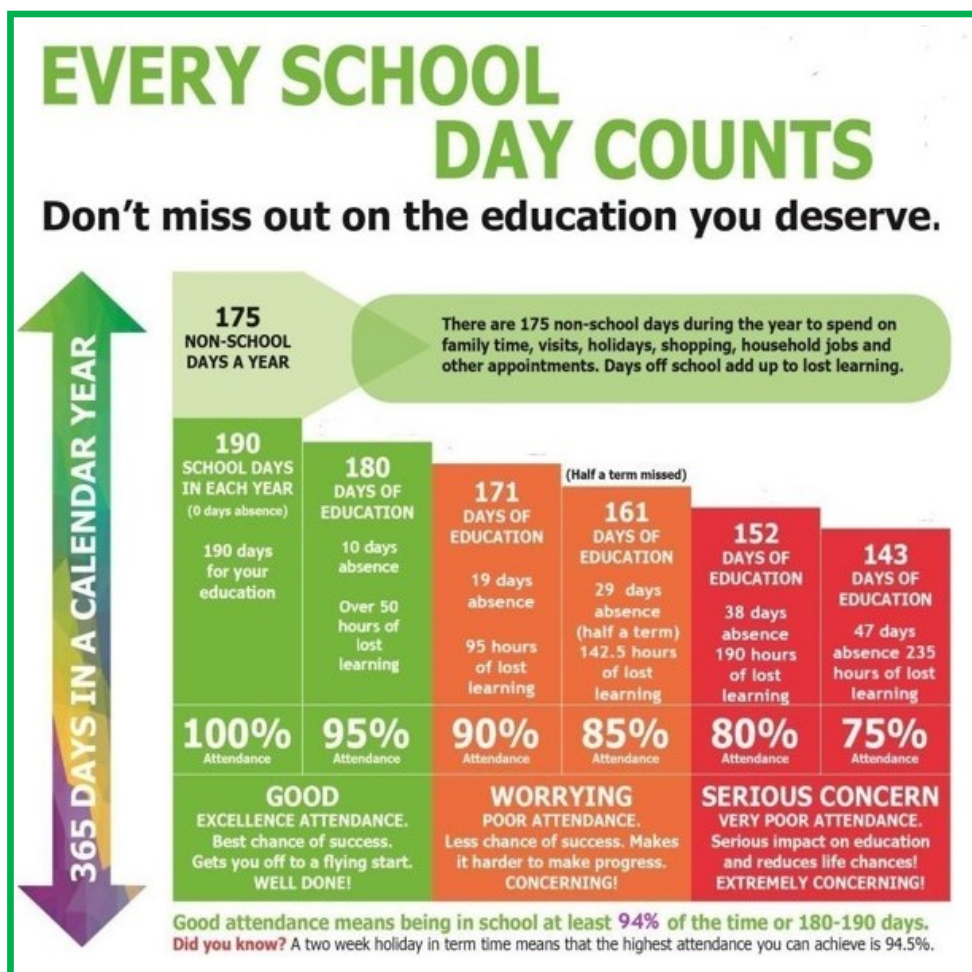
To celebrate our love of reading, children from Reception to Year 6 have been invited to choose a book up to the value of £10 for their enjoyment. Hopefully they'll receive these soon.

Attendance

As a school, we do our utmost to develop a partnership with parents and value the relationship between school and home; we work with the community to drive the school forward and ensure the children in our care are the very best that they can be. You and your child/ren play an important role in making our school successful. For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly.

Your child should be at school, on time, every day the school is open unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable. It is important that you make sure that your child attends regularly.

If your child's attendance falls below a certain percentage, it is an expectation that we send letters to make you aware, encourage good attendance and offer support. Parents often get quite annoyed and frustrated when they receive these but are simply doing our job, in line with government guidance.



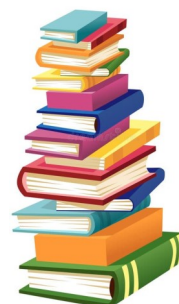
Dudley Miles book quiz 2024

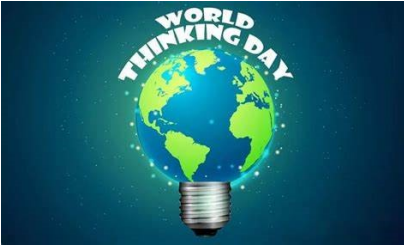
Yesterday morning, 8 children from years 5 and 6 competed in the first round of the book quiz. Miss Hughes and Mrs Grigg accompanied the children to the Dudley Archives where the first round took place. After a tie-break and two tie-break question rounds, our Brook team **WON!** The team are through to the semi-final which will take place at the same venue next Friday.

We are so proud of them all, they answered some tough questions but worked well as a team and represented the school well - we wish them the best of luck for next Friday!

Well done to the following children:

Sumaya
Iba
Dylan
Ethan
Charlie
Syla
Talia
Carys





Yesterday was World thinking day and we were thrilled to see so many of our children coming to school in their club uniforms! I'm sure you will agree they look ever so smart!

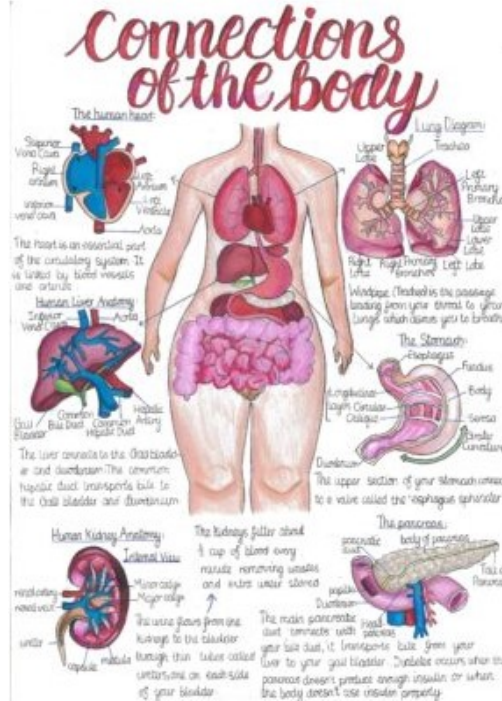


The British Science Week 2024 poster competition is open now!

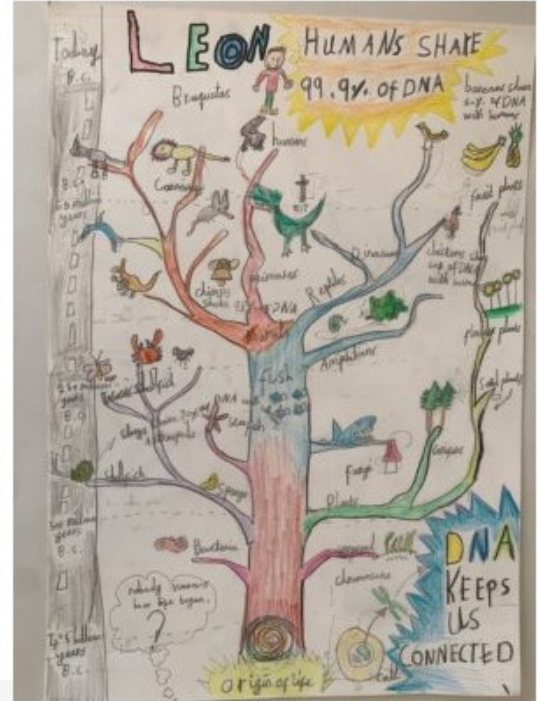
The theme this year is 'Time'! Pupils could create a poster showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time; the advancement of time-telling technology; look to nature at topics such as lifecycles, lifespan, evolution or hibernation or even go futuristic to show us how they think the world might look in years to come. Judges will be looking for a **creative approach**, clear **content** (accurate information about a STEM topic) and a poster that is presented in an **engaging way**.

Entries must be one page of A4 or A3 paper and have the entrant's first name, age and class written on the back. Brook Primary can only select a maximum of five entries to be sent off. (Please note if you do not wish for pupil's name and age to be submitted to the competition then please make this clear on the entry and only the school name will be shared.) Entries will need to be submitted to Ms Tsang by Friday 8th March. Full t&c's can be found at [Poster competition - British Science Week](#)

Take a look at the 2023 winners who had a theme of 'Connections'



2023 Junior winner -



2023 Infant winner

Spelling Shed

Well done to the top spellers in each class for the past 7 days!

The top class of the week is... 2AC - Well done!

1R	Sienna
1W	Jaina
2C	Erin
2T	Oscar
3	Ethan
3	Mia
4D	Eli
4F	James
5I	Grayson
5P	Carys
6HT	Matilda
6AH	Joel

Parking: We are now getting daily complaints due to parents blocking the drives of our local residents. Please treat our local residents with respect and do not **block their drives**.

We have also had reports that the buses are frequently getting stuck and cannot get down the road because of the way that our parents park.

This is very disappointing that this is a daily occurrence.

The amount of children we have coming through the office late is getting out of hand and is unacceptable.



On Wednesday we had 18 children late, followed by another 21 children on Thursday, which almost equates to a class full of children.

The time that the gates are open has been extended until 9am so there is an extra 10 minutes to get children to school.

The office do not have the staff to keep walking late children to class rooms or walking around trying to find look for their individual Phonics group.

Children are missing vital parts of their morning, such as Phonics lessons and the set up of the day. It is also disrupting the class.

Attendance %
w/c 05/02/2024

4D were the highest attendees in 2T were the highest in KS1.

Well Done!

Rec D	96.25%
Rec B	96.52%
1R	90%
1W	90.33%
2C	94.67%
2T	98.57%
3B	95.71%
3MH	89.33%
4D	98.15%
4F	93.70%
5I	95.67%
5P	93.67%
6AH	97.67%
6HT	94.67%
School Total	93.91%
Target	97%



Brook Buddies



Brook Buddies parents it's that time again! If you require a place at Buddies please remember you need to fill in a new parent pack please. These are available from Buddies or the main school office

Brook Buddies runs every morning and evening. Why not join us for breakfast or some after school fun? Our session times & prices are below:

Breakfast club:

8:00am-8:45am - £3.50

Afterschool club:

Half session 3:20pm-4:45pm - £5.25

Full session 3:20pm-5:45pm - £8.00

All bookings must be made by Thursday of the week before you require childcare.

Please note: (Summary from Brook School policy)

Parents should collect their child promptly at the end of a session otherwise you will be charged a fee of **£10.00** to cover staff costs if they are **more than 10 minutes late**. If this situation arises more than three times in one term, their child's place at Brook Buddies may be forfeited!

Buddies parents please note:

If you need an emergency place—this needs be paid on Parent Pay no later than 3pm.