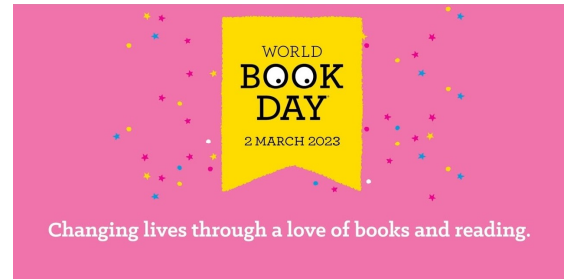


Lingfield Primary School Newsletter

World Book Day 2023

School had a really vibrant feel to it yesterday as children enjoyed celebrating World Book Day 2023. Our pupils always make the most of a good reason to dress up, those who did looked fantastic. Throughout the day we had many book related activities to develop and promote a love for reading, including our Masked Reader quiz for children to enjoy, although, I'm not sure who enjoyed it the most, the children or the members of staff taking part!!!



In 2012 the Government published a paper called 'Research evidence on reading for pleasure,' The key findings are listed below.

- There is a growing body of evidence which illustrates the importance of reading for pleasure for both educational purposes as well as personal development (cited in Clark and Rumbold, 2006).
- Evidence suggests that there is a positive relationship between reading frequency, reading enjoyment and attainment (Clark 2011; Clark and Douglas 2011).
- Reading enjoyment has been reported as more important for children's educational success than their family's socio-economic status (OECD, 2002).
- There is a positive link between positive attitudes towards reading and scoring well on reading assessments (Twist et al, 2007).
- Regularly reading stories or novels outside of school is associated with higher scores in reading assessments (PIRLS, 2006; PISA, 2009).
- International evidence supports these findings; US research reports that independent reading is the best predictor of reading achievement (Anderson, Wilson and Fielding, 1988).
- Evidence suggests that reading for pleasure is an activity that has emotional and social consequences (Clark and Rumbold, 2006).
- Other benefits to reading for pleasure include: text comprehension and grammar, positive reading attitudes, pleasure in reading in later life, increased general knowledge (Clark and Rumbold, 2006).

As a school we actively encourage children to read regularly at home, by regularly, we advocate at the very least **four times a week**. This does not have to be the reading book from school, it could be books in the family home, books from the library, magazines, comics as well as e-books. As the research suggests, there appears to be a link between reading regularly and reading enjoyment. Not only that, since Covid we have witnessed first hand the emotional impact on our pupils, and again, the research suggests there is a relationship between reading regularly and emotional well being.

Below is a link to an excellent Government website created for World Book Day 2023, it provides tips for sharing books with young children and toddlers but many of the principles are just as relevant for our older pupils.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/03/02/world-book-day-2023-tips-sharing-books-young-children-toddlers/>

Friends of Lingfield

Our Surprise Stories event this week raised a brilliant £198 towards school funds. Thank you to all the families who supported the event by taking part either through donating books or buying a surprise book package. There was a real buzz of excitement in the hall as children picked their surprise books. We hope all the books are enjoyed over the next few weeks.

Provisional dates for future events

Bunny Bingo	24th March 2023	Rec & KS1 Movie Night	15th May 2023
Easter Trail	29th March 2023	KS2 Movie Night	22nd May 2023

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Up Coming Dates

All of the dates below are available via the calendar on the school website. There is the option to subscribe to this calendar so it can appear on your phone if you so wish. Further details about specific events will be released nearer the time.

Please take note, as indicated on previous newsletters, next Friday is a PD Day, school will be closed to all pupils.

Event	Date
PD Day—school closed	Friday 10th March
British Science Week	Monday 13th March
Red Nose Day	Friday 17th March

Have a lovely weekend,
Phil Thackstone
Head Teacher