

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 2019

DE LACY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Working together as a community to enable all our children to develop as responsible citizens"



DE LACY
PONTEFRACT



HEAD OF SCHOOL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Birthday Celebrations- Pupil Voice

In order to make our children feel extra special on their birthday children will receive a Happy Birthday badge and wrist band. If their birthday is at the weekend or during a half-term they can choose the nearest assembly to receive their gifts!

Evie V and Macey R, two of our Year 5 pupils, carried out a pupil survey to find out and the children voted overwhelmingly to do this!

Birthday Cakes and Sweets

I have noticed that many of our children bring a full birthday cake, or packets of sweets into school, which is then shared between the class. As a healthy school, we would encourage children to celebrate birthdays in the new ways mentioned above! Sometimes there are 3 birthdays in one week, so this means children could receive a large amount of unhealthy treats.

We will therefore no longer be sharing out cake at the end of the school day or giving out sweets. The cost alone is an important factor in this decision as well as the health implications. I appreciate your support in this matter.

Relax Kids - Children's Mental Health & Self Esteem

Here at De Lacy we strive to support and encourage our children in all aspects of their learning and believe that: Happy Children Learn!

Children are under increasing amounts of pressure that simply didn't exist in the past, such as social media and mobile phone use.

We are introducing a new and exciting programme across school starting with Year 6.

Relax Kids can help children:

- Learn valuable mindfulness and relaxation tools
- Develop good mental health
- Build self-confidence and self-esteem
- Build emotional resilience
- Self-regulate
- Develop focus and concentration
- Become more imaginative and creative
- Manage anger, anxiety and stress
- Increase brain power and feel happier!

These sessions will take place during the school day with a fully qualified and trained coach. I will keep you informed about it and get some responses from the children.



Red noses are available to buy in school, from the school office.
They will be priced at £1.25 each Exact change will be needed.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

NATIONAL TARGET = 96%

Butterflies: 97%

Caterpillars: 97%

Year 1: 91%

Year 1/2: 95%

Year 2: 100%

Year 3: 91%

Year 3/4: 95%

Year 4: 96%

Year 5: 94%

Year 5/6: 96%

Year 6: 97%

DE LACY SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 6 NETBALL TOURNAMENT



Our superstar Year 6 Netball team finished 2nd in the Pontefract Academies Trust, Primary School netball tournament on Monday this week.

On their way to the final they beat Orchard Head and Carleton Park before narrowly losing out to The Rookeries in a golden point, winner takes all match. A huge well done on representing the school!

EYFS

EYFS are learning all about 'Living Things' this half term. This week we have been learning about farm animals. The children have been learning about what noises they make and where they live. We have been reading the story 'Duck in a Truck' which is full of rhyming words.

The children have been writing rhyming words and continuing rhyming strings. They have completed lots of their challenges linked to this topic.

Key Stage 1

This week, Key Stage 1 have loved finding out about Horrid Henry's mischievous antics. They have been describing him and comparing him to his brother, Perfect Peter. Take a look at an example of the beautiful writing in Year 1!

Lower Key Stage 2

This week three children from Year 3, 3/4 and 4 received replies from Yvette Cooper MP in response to the letters they wrote regarding vandalism in Pontefract.

Upper Key Stage 2

Year 5:

This week in Year 5, we have been working hard to complete our suspense and mystery stories. We had a drama session on Monday which involved acting out a scene from our stories. In this session we also discussed vocabulary choices and looked at the impact that certain words can have and how this can create suspense for the reader. We have also recapped our understanding of compound and complex sentences and shown that we are able to write a variety of sentence types. Our stories are fantastic!

Year 6:

In Year 6 we are continuing with our book, Wonder, but this term we are focusing on bullying and the key question 'should bullies be punished?'. We are going to be researching arguments for and against before producing a balanced argument.

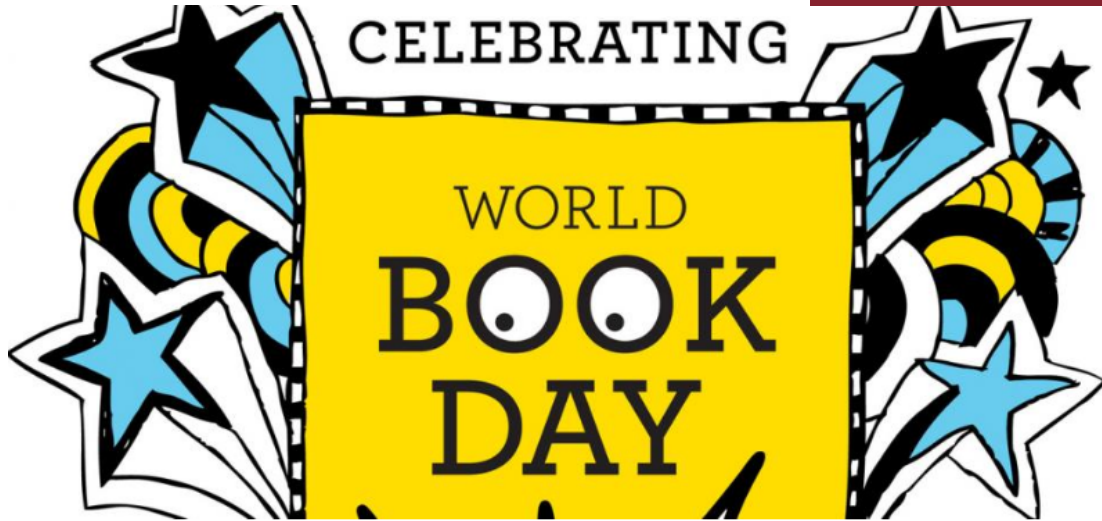
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There were lots of amazing costumes on display for our World Book Day event!



DE LACY PRIMARY'S
STARS OF THE WEEK

- Year 1: Lola
- Year 1/2: Jake
- Year 2: London
- Year 3: Molly
- Year 3/4: Kacie
- Year 4: Caine
- Year 5: Damon
- Year 5/6: Alfie
- Year 6: Jayden



Our World Book Day prize winners in their wonderful costumes. They each received a £10 voucher for WH Smiths where there are lots of wonderful books to choose from!

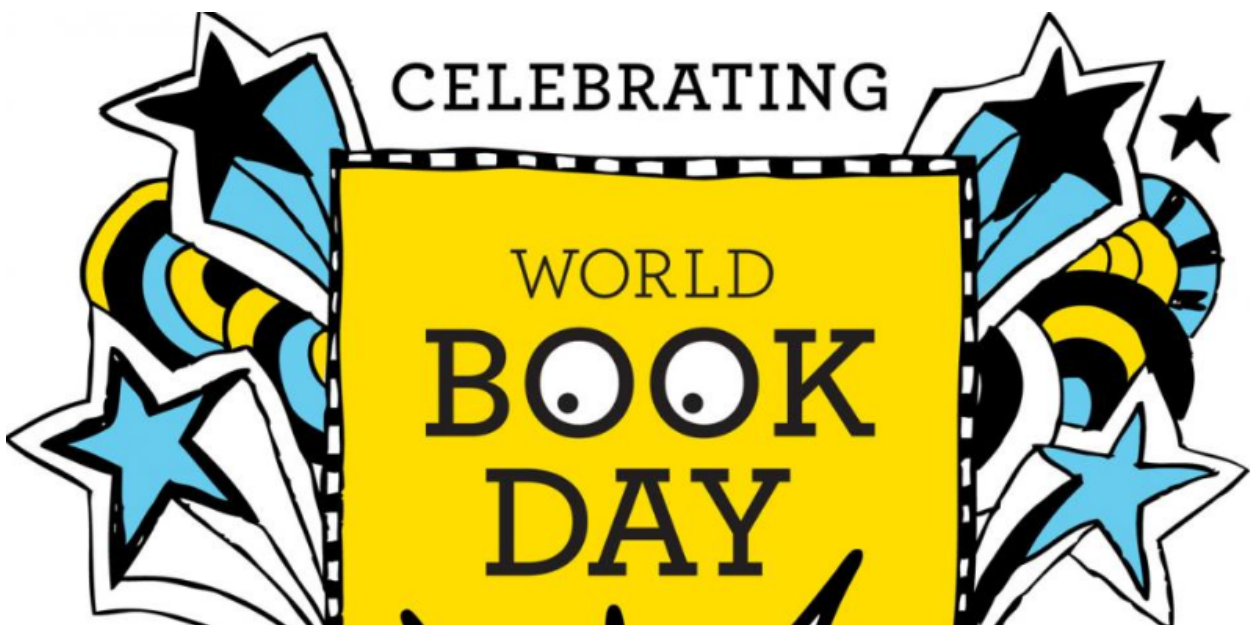


All of our pupils had a wonderful day sharing stories and creating fantastic pieces of work, based on fabulous books!



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Check out these fantastic costumes!



The whole staff got in on the act too! Look at their wonderful outfits!