



# Nursery and Reception



## Starry Night

This week in Reception and Nursery to finish off our 'Starry Night' topic, we've made star biscuits.

We talked about the recipe we

needed to follow and then used weighing scales to carefully measure the ingredients. The children helped to mix the ingredients and then roll out the dough. They were yummy!

The children engaged in lots of positive talk and talked about the unfamiliar words that they used to complete the task (measure, mix, combine, bake). They also took turns very well as they waited for their classmates to have a turn of mixing, rolling and cutting.





**Please see some important messages below from our School Business Manager, Mrs. Sarah Beck:**

## Financial Year End

As we approach our financial year end, we politely ask that you visit your parent pay account to ensure all outstanding payments are up to date.



If you have an outstanding debt you are unable to repay prior to 10 March 2023 please contact [beck.s@welearn365.com](mailto:beck.s@welearn365.com) for a mutually agreeable payment plan.

## School Meals

We have been notified that our school meal provider Educaterers are increasing the cost of a school meal to £2.42 per day (£12.10 per week) with effect from 1 April 2023.





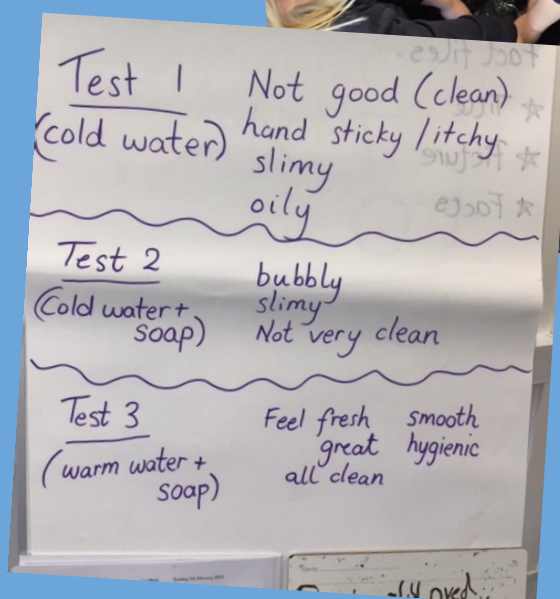
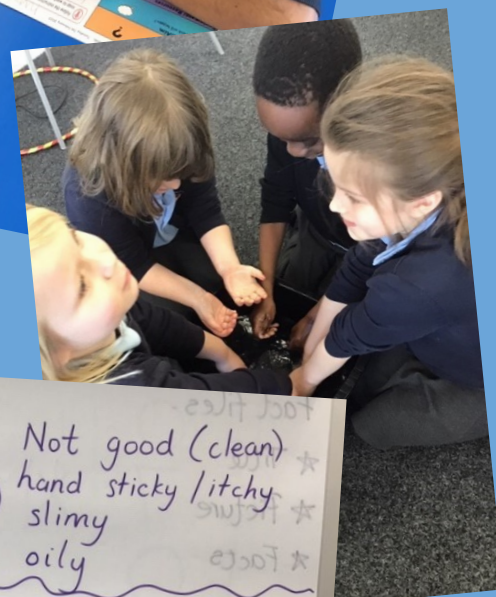
## Years 1 and 2

The children in Years 1 and 2 have been learning about the basic needs of all humans in our science lessons. This led on to understanding the need to be healthy and well, and ways in which we can support ourselves to be healthy and well in our every-day routines. We talked about the importance of good hygiene. The children learned about the importance of brushing their teeth, washing their hair, changing clothes and washing hands regularly to keep their bodies clean and germ free.

We carried out an investigation to explore the question 'Why should we use soap to wash our hands and bodies?' The children rubbed a small amount of vegetable oil into their hands and then used three different methods to wash them.

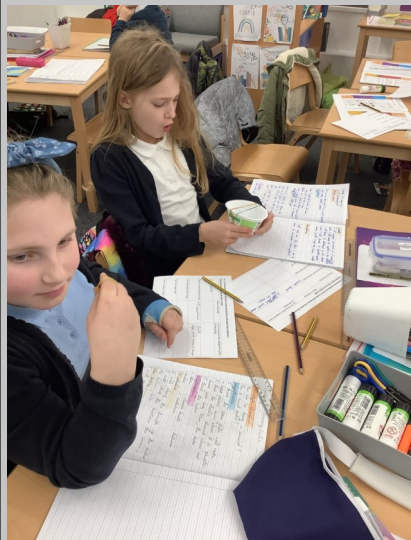
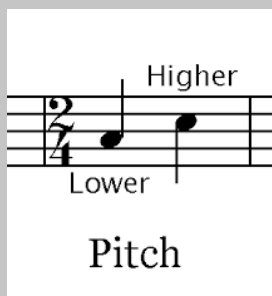
In test 1 they used cold water, test 2 cold water and soap and test 3 warm water and soap.

Our results showed that both the tests using soap helped wash away the oil. The warm water and soap gave the best overall result for squeaky clean hands and removing the oil completely. The children agreed that using soap was very important to get rid of the germs and gave the best hand cleaning results.





# Year 3/4



In science, the children in Years 3 and 4 are learning about sound. In this week's learning, the children were expected to know that an object that vibrates very slowly makes a sound with a low pitch and that an object that vibrates very quickly makes the sound with a high pitch. The children carried out five tests to observe what changes the pitch of a sound. In test one, they stretched elastic bands of different thicknesses around and across an empty container, plucking each elastic band. In another test they held a ruler over the edge of the table, slowly increasing or decreasing how far the ruler overhangs the table and twanging it each time. During each test the children listened and recorded how the sound changed. The children discovered that objects which are shorter, tighter or thinner will typically produce a higher pitched sound.



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# Year 5/6

## TALK PARTNERS

In year 5/6, the children have been reviewing what they know about talk partners. We talked about how by having a new talk partner each week, they get a chance to talk to a variety of different children with differing skills and viewpoints and that it is proven to support their learning. Research has proven that weekly changing of partners is the ideal length of time for maximum benefit to their learning.

They worked together to create their own success criteria on how to be a good talk partner.

See Falak's version below:

### Talk Partners



- Face your partner
- Give your partner eye contact
- Have a calm rhythm when you talk to your partner
- Take turns and contribute
- Help your partner when they get stuck
- Ask your partner questions
- Listen carefully to what your partner has to say
- Get to know your partner better



Have a growth mind set  
and don't be scared to talk

Respect your talk partner  
and there opinions

BY FALAK KAUSER

The children worked hard to follow their success criteria throughout the week, and on Friday they wrote compliment slips to thank their partners and give them feedback on what went well.

They enjoyed hearing what elements their partner had liked about working with them and it gave them ideas on what to try harder at in the next week

Darcey was a great talk partner because she answered my questions and listened to what I had to say.

I liked working with Lewis because he had lots to say about our topic.

Year 5/6 Talk Partner Compliment Slip:

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_ was a great talk partner because

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# Road Safety



This week the school have been busy with various areas of road safety.

James from Warwickshire Road Safety Education visited on Tuesday afterschool to offer a bike marking session free of charge to pupils, their families and the local community. He was pleased to mark 11 bikes in total.



Bike marking means it is easier for your bike to be identified if it is stolen.



James returned on Wednesday to complete Road Safety workshops with class 1/2 on scooter safety and 5/6 about managing their distractions around roads.



We learned that there are lots of things that can be a distraction when we are crossing the road like: phones, food and drink, friends, toys and music



It's so hard to concentrate with lots of noise and things going on around me!

# Meet Ash, our Pets As Therapy Dog.



## PETS AS THERAPY

You may remember that, before Christmas, Ash visited us monthly to support children in school. Ash is a fully trained Pets As Therapy (PAT) dog and is accompanied by his handler, Marilyn.

Ash has had a little break from school but returned this week to work with selected children. This Term, he is helping individual pupils to develop their confidence and speaking skills. Mrs Thorneywork accompanies the children during these sessions so that there is always an familiar adult present.

Mrs





# Lighthorne Heath Learning Heroes

## Nursery and Reception

Autumn is Mrs Manley and Mrs Hartley's Reception and Nursery class hero this week. Autumn has quickly settled into our classroom routines and is keen to join in with many of our learning activities. She also has fantastic manners and always says 'thank you'. Well done Autumn!



Have a go

## Year 1/2

Mrs Hill and Mrs Munday have chosen Rogan as their Hero this week. He has shown resilience when faced with a challenge as well as an enthusiastic attitude this week.



Concentrate

## Year 3/4

Miss Singh has chosen Niamh as this week's hero for always giving everything a go and showing great concentration. Niamh is always helping others in class and listens carefully. Keep up the superb work!



## Year 5/6

Mrs Cox's hero this week is Henry. He has made a fantastic contribution to class discussions and shown excitement and enthusiasm in our debating activity. Keep up the good work.

## Mental Health Champions.

### What makes you smile?

Our Mental Health Champions led a competition asking Children for photographs and pictures of something that makes them smile. They talked about the entries and picked a winner. Congratulations to Teodora, for her picture of her pet rat.



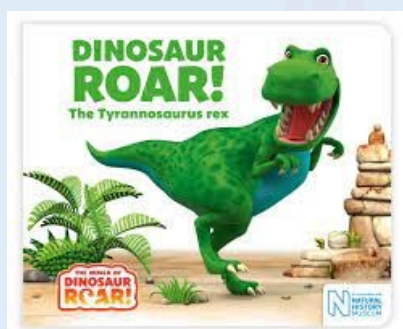




# World Book Day



It's not long now until World Book Day which is on the **2nd March 2023**. Each class will enjoy a whole week of exciting activities based on a text that links to their curriculum Maestro topic. Children will also be invited to dress up in clothes linked to their chosen text on Thursday 2nd March.



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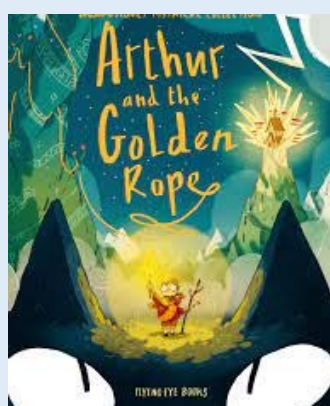
Dinosaur Roar! By Paul and Henrietta Stickland

Dangerous Dinosaurs is the learning theme for the half term. Children are invited to wear their brightest clothes so that we can turn them into a bright dinosaur when we make headbands in school.

## Year 1/2

The Secret Sky Garden by Linda Sarah and Fiona Lumbers

Year 1/2 Maestro's topic for the half term is 'The Scented Garden'. Children are encouraged to wear something bright or flowery for the day.



## Year 3/4

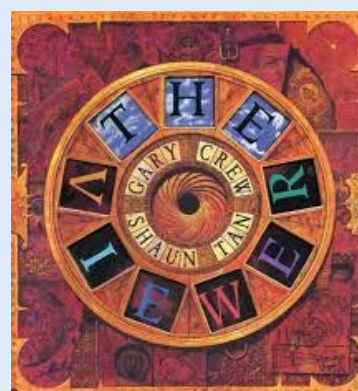
Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd-Stanton

Year 3/4's are learning all about 'Invasions' for their Maestro topic. Children should come into school in clothes they would pick to wear for an exciting adventure.

## Year 5/6

The Viewer by Gary Crew and Shaun Tan

'Scream Machine' is Year 5/6's Maestro topic. Children are invited to dress up as something from the past. They could dress from the 70s, 80s, 90s etc or they could come as a historical figure like Tutankhamun or Queen Elizabeth I for example.



## Your World Book Day book token...

This week your child will be bringing home their £1 World Book Day token. This is valid from Thursday 16th February and can be exchanged at shops/supermarkets

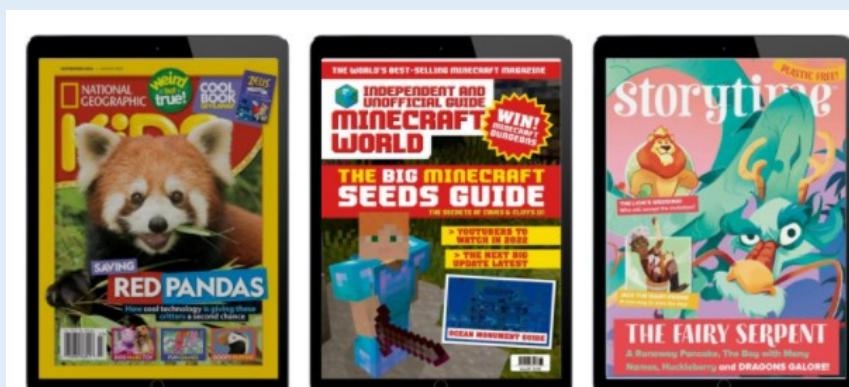
participating in World Book Day. The most popular choices often go quickly so we felt the half term holiday would provide more opportunities for the children to use their tokens. Happy reading!



# Reading for Pleasure



Do you enjoy reading magazine? If so, have you discovered the vast selection of **free** magazines available to read on the app 'PressReader' or 'Libby'? If you join the library for free, which you can do online, then you have access to thousands of books and audiobooks on the 'Borrowbox' platform but also many current kids and grown up magazines on 'PressReader'. Details of how to register and login to PressReader are all on the Warwickshire libraries website.





# Diary Dates

### Spring Term

#### February 2023

Friday 17. February	Mufti Day (non-uniform day), please bring 50p donation to school fund Break up for Half-Term
2024 February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 27. February	Spring 2 begins
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3&4 Anglo Saxon Workshop
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Children in Years 3,4,5 &6 to visit Sydenham Primary School to watch Flamenco performance as part of
Thursday 2. March	World Book Day (school will be working on a WBD project during the week beginning 27. February)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Holi celebration. Parents are invited at 2.30 pm
Friday 24 March	Mufti Day (non-uniform day), please bring 50p donation to school fund
Friday 31. March	School breaks up for the Easter Holiday
Monday 3 April 2023 to Friday 14 April 2023	Easter Holidays

## Super Star Reading!

Our Reading superstar this week is Adan,

Congratulations, we hope that you enjoy your treats.

**With best wishes from Mrs Westwood, Mrs Manley and all the staff at  
Lighthorne Heath Primary School.**

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# Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health



Random Acts of Kindness Day is February 17th!

Please visit <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/> for more information

We would be delighted if our children, parents, staff and members of the local community could participate in this event both today, over the weekend, throughout half-term and beyond.



Become a Random Acts of Kindness Activist aka RAKtivist.

make  
kindness  
the norm.



Change the world with  
kindness in less than a minute!

"NO ACT OF KINDNESS, NO MATTER  
HOW SMALL, IS EVER WASTED."  
- AESOP



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"DON'T JUDGE EACH DAY BY THE HARVEST  
YOU REAP BUT BY THE SEEDS THAT YOU  
PLANT."

- ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON



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BE CONFIDENT use a reusable grocery bag HANG CLOTHES TO DRY  
read a BOOK LAUGH OFTEN bake cookies for a friend  
bike instead of drive plant a tree send a nice text to an unknown number  
STAND UP FOR A FRIEND take some time for yourself CLEAN YOUR ROOM  
switch to paperless mail SEND A POSTCARD SMILE  
carpool to work exercise donate your old clothes to charity  
bring toys to a children's hospital call your grandparents share a recipe  
text an old friend high five a stranger babysit for free  
tell someone you love them use a travel mug ADOPT A SHELTER PET  
make a bucket List (start it!) LOVE YOURSELF thank a teacher  
put a bird feeder in your yard write a review for a local business  
tie scarves around trees Volunteer hug a loved one  
HIDE A SURPRISE IN YOUR FAVORITE LIBRARY BOOK congratulate a friend  
PRACTICE PATIENCE give socks to a homeless person DO THE DISHES  
start a community garden walk a dog bring soup to a sick friend  
compliment someone OFFER TO HELP WITH YARD WORK THANK YOUR BUS DRIVER  
deliver flowers to a well-deserving mother WRITE TO A PENPAL BELIEVE IN YOURSELF  
PICK UP GARBAGE ON THE STREET VISIT A NURSING HOME fund an online campaign  
give a stranger a lottery ticket DON'T EAT MEAT FOR A DAY be kind to every kind



# Design a Future Garden.

Science Week competition 2023



*Are you a green fingered gardener? Do you delight at designing and creating? Or maybe you're a budding botanist? Then this is the competition for you!*

**We would like you to design a garden in a shoe box.**

Designs can include a mixture of real plants alongside items collected and may include your own drawings or models too.

When designing your garden please consider;

- How does your garden attract/protect wildlife? Think about the use of water and types of plants you include.
- Are the materials you are using from sustainable resources or perhaps recycled? What could the benches, fences and paths be made out of?
- How does your garden provide for future generations? Perhaps it supports mental well-being (a calm space) or provides food for the community?

**Please include your name/class, and add labels or a written description to show how your garden design meets some or all of the above design features.**

Please bring your garden design entry into school on Monday 20th March. One winner from each class will be selected for an exciting science based prize.

*This competition has been kindly sponsored by Barratt and David Wilson Homes, who have provided funding for the prizes. Barratt and David Wilson Homes' ambition is to build sustainable homes for the future and they are keen to encourage the children to get tuned into this ambition.*

Winners will be announced and presented with a prize from a Barratt and Wilson representative on Tuesday 21st March during assembly. (Date to be confirmed)



Free event at Brunswick Healthy Living Centre,  
Leamington Spa

# February Family Fun Day

**Wednesday 22nd February**

**1.30-4.00pm**

Come and join us this afternoon in the School  
Holidays for free refreshments and Half Term fun!

Free Hot  
Dogs



Kids  
Craft



Tabletop  
Sale



Free Hot  
Chocolate



And more...



98-100 Shrubland Street, Leamington Spa





**Parent Carer Webinar**  
Tuesday 28 February 2023  
12 - 1pm

**Coventry and Warwickshire RISE**





Please find above information about an upcoming webinar for parents and carers offering advice about how to access emotional and mental wellbeing support for their child(ren) or young people.

## **Child Exploitation Awareness for Parents 2023**

Warwickshire Child Exploitation Team are running a series of virtual webinars for Parents to raise awareness of the many forms of exploitation including County Lines, CSE and Online Exploitation.

**Have you heard of CSE? Do you know about County Lines? How to spot the signs and where to get help?**

Barnardos (Warwickshire Child Exploitation Team) are bringing you a 60 minute virtual guide to Child Exploitation. This is a perfect opportunity to increase your awareness, ask experienced professionals any burning questions and learn more about the support that is available in your area.

**SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT...**

### **Child Exploitation Awareness for Parents via Zoom**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – 7pm – 8pm**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March – 7pm – 8pm**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April – 7pm – 8pm**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – 7pm – 8pm**

To book your **free** place please email

[rebecca.weaver@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:rebecca.weaver@barnardos.org.uk)

and we will complete your booking and send you a link.

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children  
Barnardo's**



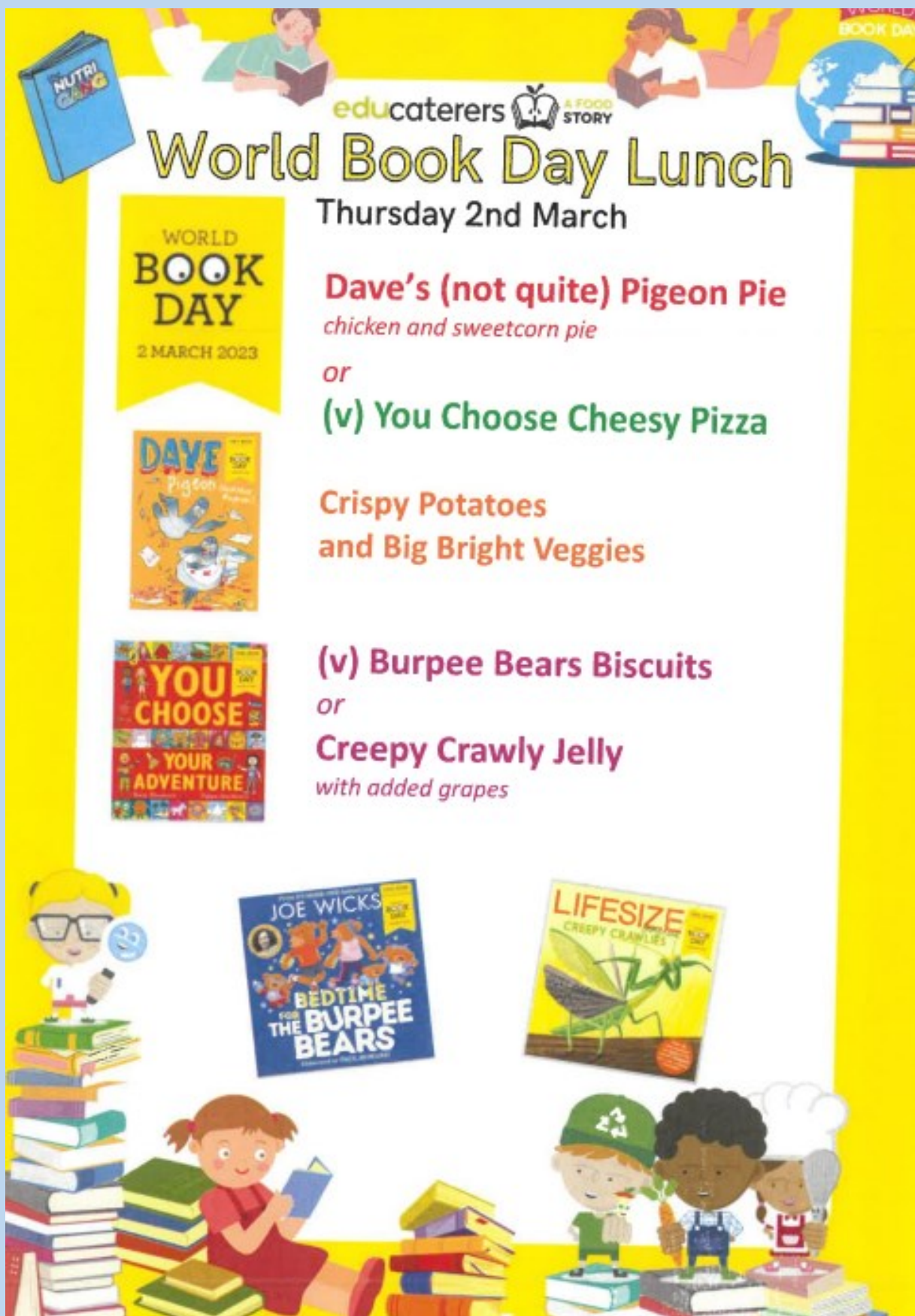
Child exploitation is happening in Warwickshire - don't ignore it  
#STOPCE



For regular updates on our service and events please visit our Facebook



[www.facebook.com/warwickshirece](https://www.facebook.com/warwickshirece)



The poster is for World Book Day Lunch, held on Thursday 2nd March. It features a yellow background with illustrations of children reading and various book covers. At the top, it says 'educaterers & A FOOD STORY'. The main title is 'World Book Day Lunch' in large, bold letters. Below the title, it lists the date and the menu options. The menu includes 'Dave's (not quite) Pigeon Pie' (chicken and sweetcorn pie) or '(v) You Choose Cheesy Pizza'. There are also 'Crispy Potatoes and Big Bright Veggies'. For dessert, there are '(v) Burpee Bears Biscuits' or 'Creepy Crawly Jelly' with added grapes. The bottom of the poster shows children sitting on the floor surrounded by stacks of books, with more book covers like 'NUTRI GANG', 'WORLD BOOK DAY', 'DAVE PIGEON', 'YOU CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE', 'JOE WICKS BEDTIME FOR THE BURPEE BEARS', and 'LIFESIZE CREEPY CRAWLIES' displayed around them.

**World Book Day Lunch**  
Thursday 2nd March

**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
2 MARCH 2023

**Dave's (not quite) Pigeon Pie**  
*chicken and sweetcorn pie*  
or  
**(v) You Choose Cheesy Pizza**

**Crispy Potatoes**  
**and Big Bright Veggies**

**(v) Burpee Bears Biscuits**  
or  
**Creepy Crawly Jelly**  
*with added grapes*

**NUTRI GANG**

**WORLD BOOK DAY**

**DAVE PIGEON**

**YOU CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE**

**JOE WICKS BEDTIME FOR THE BURPEE BEARS**

**LIFESIZE CREEPY CRAWLIES**



## DYNAMOS CRICKET



**Calling all 8-11  
year-olds!**

**Dynamos Cricket is the next step for All Stars graduates or the perfect intro to the sport for those new to the game.**

Get involved this summer for 8 weeks of skills, games of Countdown Cricket and fun with friends.

Sign up today, at: [dynamoscricket.co.uk](https://dynamoscricket.co.uk)

**Join in at: Kinton Sports & Social Cricket Club  
Contact Richard Flynn: [kintoncricket@gmail.com](mailto:kintoncricket@gmail.com)**



## Big Moments of summer fun!

**For all 5-8 year-olds**

Give your little star a summer of big moments, making new friends, learning new skills and creating new memories.

Every participant receives a backpack full of goodies.

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[allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk)

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