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Dear Parents & Carers

No Pens Day Wednesday



No Pens Day Wednesday is run by I CAN, the children's communication charity. For more information visit www.ican.org.uk/no-pens-day-wednesday

Diamond Wood Community Academy has signed up to an exciting one-day event, which Early Years settings and schools across the country are getting involved in called **No Pens Day Wednesday**.

What is No Pens Day Wednesday?

The aim of the day is to encourage spoken language and listening skills and raise awareness of their importance in Early Years, into primary and secondary education and beyond.

For one day, all activities will have a focus on spoken language, including talking and listening to others.

Why are we taking part?

Learning to read and write is very important, but people are often not aware of how important spoken language and listening skills are too. Being able to express ideas and interact with others are the fundamental building blocks to children's early development. Research has shown, that children who have good language levels at a young age achieve better in reading, writing and maths and are better able to regulate their emotions and behaviour.

How will your child benefit?

No Pens Day Wednesday gives your child a chance to practise their spoken language and listening skills for a whole day. Diamond Wood children will be able to use what they have learnt from this day throughout the year.

If you want to know more about this day, please speak to your child's teacher.

Yours sincerely

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