



Birches First School

Believe, Grow, Succeed ...

...to be the best 'me' I can be.



Tuesday 21st November 2023

Dear Parents,

I am so excited to announce that on Wednesday 29th November 2023, we will be taking part in No Pens Day. This day is to raise awareness for the 1.9 million children in the United Kingdom who struggle with talking and understanding words.

Of all the skills we develop in School, the ability to communicate effectively is the one that has the most profound and potentially positive impact on our lives. Communication is at the core of what we do at home, in school and socially.

Each class in school will be putting their pencils and pens down for the day and pick up their language skills for the day. The children will be partaking in a range of fun and exciting activities throughout the day that will strengthen their communication and language skills.

To kick start the day, all the children will be taking part in show and tell.

You can help your child take part by helping them choose something that they would like to bring in or talk about for show and tell. This could be:

- An object from home that they love
- An item of clothing
- A photograph of a person who they want to talk about
- A photograph of a special memory
- Something imaginary!

They don't have to bring anything in, they could just think of something they want to talk about.

You can also help them practise doing show and tell with their chosen item. They could mention:

- What it is
- Why they love this item/memory/imaginary thing
- When they got it/did it
- Who gave it to them/who they were with
- What's special about it

All the staff are looking forward to this day. We are sure it will be memorable for all the children involved.

Kind regards,

Mrs Kandola
English Lead

