



Courthouse Green Network News

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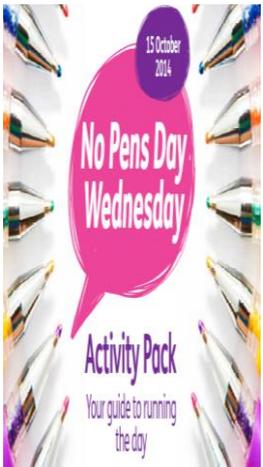
Where's my pen?

Courthouse Green took part in national No Pens Day. The idea of the day was to give pupils the chance to practice and perfect their verbal (talking) communication skills. Good speaking skills are believed to play an important role in how well you do in your GCSEs.

We decided to ask some children what they got up to and what they thought about the day.

Questions:

- Why do you think we have no pens day?
- Why is spoken language important?
- Do you agree that having good spoken language skills will help you do better in your GCSEs?
- Do you speak another language?
- Did you miss writing?



I really enjoyed talking about the story (The Day of Fire) in literacy. It made me understand it more. We talk a lot in class already but I enjoyed the extra chances we had.

I loved no pens day. We did some really good art. We spoke about different artists and decided which we liked best and why. We then used paintbrushes to paint our own art.



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Happening in the Coventry

On Saturday 4th October a bus crashed into a Coventry supermarket killing two people. Police have said that the causes could "take several months" to establish. Two people died in the crash; a 7 year old boy (Rowan Fitzgerald) and a 70 year old lady (Dora Hancox). Rowan's cousin survived the crash but needs an operation on her leg. The driver of the bus (a 77year old ex-Lord Mayor) is said to be completely devastated by what happened.



Questions:

- How do you think the parents of Rowan felt?
- How does it make you feel?
- How do you think Ms Hancox's family would feel?
- How do you think the driver of the bus felt?



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From all over the world...

Dazzling balloons filled the skies in Albuquerque in the USA.

Albuquerque has hosted the International Balloon Fiesta for the last 44 years. The fiesta has more than 500 balloons from over 20 different countries. Thousands of visitors are expected to enjoy the spectacular sights.

Questions:

- **Would you like to attend this fiesta?**
- **Why do people do things like this?**
- **What do you do just for fun?**
- **Do you want to visit the USA?**
- **Where else would you like to visit when you are older?**
- **Why is it important to work hard if you want to travel when you are older?**



JUST FOR FUN: some of the balloons are in fun shapes such as a bull, champagne, a sun with glasses and a stage coach.