



April 2021 Newsletter



Welcome to
Doncaster
School for the
Deaf

Spring forward...

There is a sense of spring, hope and new beginnings as the clocks go forward at the end of the month. We will relish the longer daylight and the opportunity that the easing of lockdown restrictions brings.

Lateral flow testing in school is still continuing and has increased to twice-weekly. This testing, alongside following the school's Covid-19 safety procedures, has resulted in 0 positive cases this half term.

We wish everyone a healthy and happy half term!

The Big Legal Lesson

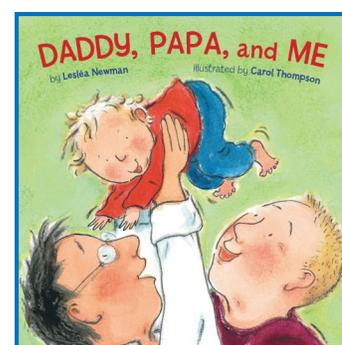
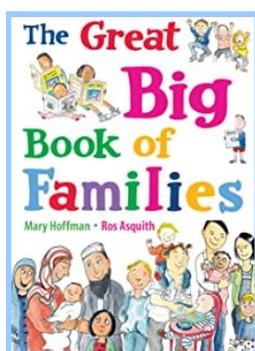
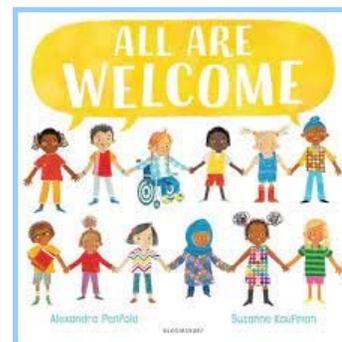
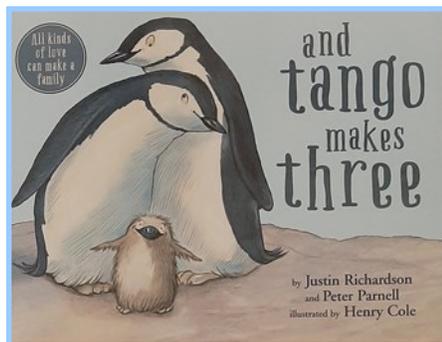
Some of our pupils participated in the Big Legal Lesson using some exciting ideas and games from the resource packs provided by the charity, Young Citizens UK.

They learnt about rules and laws, how they are developed and how we can get them changed. Pupils enjoyed learning about the justice system and how it works.



Library update

We have expanded the range of library books in our Equality and Diversity section including the heart-warming true story of two penguins who create a non-traditional family entitled **‘and tango makes three’**.



Another addition to this genre is **‘Two Sides’** - A thoughtful story exploring friendship and the importance of listening and keeping an open mind.

Physical Education and BTEC Sport

In BTEC Sport & Active Leisure the pupils have learnt how to teach football skills to their peers. They have risen to the challenge and grown in confidence. In PE they have been learning about fitness and health and different muscle groups. Pupils have set challenges to beat their scores on each station.



World Book Day 2021

We all had a fantastic day celebrating World Book Day. Everyone came to school dressed as their favourite book characters and we had lots of fun seeing each other's costumes. There were lots of activities in for students to do in the hall including a book treasure hunt and making 'Cat in the Hat' fruit kebabs.



Mrs Brown made some fantastic cupcakes in the shape of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'—they were delicious!

Throughout the week, students enjoyed special quizzes and activities in the library to win golden raffle tickets. This was drawn on World Book Day too, with lots of students winning book related prizes. Each class took part in different story themed activities in their lesson time and all students took home a World Book Day token. We can't wait to see what books everyone has got with theirs!

Comic Relief Day



To acknowledge this day, the children were given the opportunity to wear red items of clothing instead of their school uniform. We briefly explained why Comic Relief is held every year and the purpose behind it. The school raised £43.85 for the charity.



Our Residential Pupils



One of our residents talked about her country, Zambia. She cooked her favourite curry and we ate with our hands using the maize to dip in to it.



The curry was delicious!



We have started to grow some of our own vegetables. We will let you know how successful we are!



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Check out our school Facebook page - there are lots more pictures, videos and comments to see all that our amazing pupils and staff do.

DATES FOR NEXT HALF TERM...

Tuesday	13 April	New Half Term begins
Monday	3 May	School closed—May Day holiday
Tuesday	4 May	School re-opens
Friday	28 May	School closes for half term

Did you know..... NHS 111 BSL is a new service for Deaf or Hearing Impaired user to get help and advice?

For more information about NHS 111 BSL please visit:
<https://interpreternow.co.uk/nhs111>



Happy Easter!

