

LEARNING HUBBUB



Topical tales from the Learning Hub.

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APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

The proverb "March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers", was first recorded in 1886, but the shorter version "April showers bring May flowers" was part of a poem recorded in 1610!

The phrase is also part of the Prologue of *The Canterbury Tales*: "Whan that April, with his shoures soote The droghte of March hath perced to the roote".

Hopefully, this proverb—one person's wit used to explain the wisdom of many- will come true this year, and we will enjoy a beautiful summer after a challenging year.

What is there to look forward to?

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1st April Fool's Day	2nd Good Friday	Easter Holiday		
	7th World Health Day			2nd International Children's Book Day	2nd World Autism Awareness Day	4th Easter Sunday
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<p>However you spend your Easter Break—please be aware of the COVID-19 guidelines. Enjoy the ease of restrictions carefully and responsibly.</p>			22nd Earth Day	23rd St. George's Day	23rd World Book Night	25th Penguin Day
				30th International Jazz Day	23rd National Shakespeare Day	

APRIL FOOL'S DAY

April Fool's Day is said to have been founded when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar in the 1500s. People that didn't get the news of this change didn't celebrate the new year in January, but instead still celebrated it in April around the Spring Equinox (the official date of spring starting). Being late to celebrate the new year left these people referred to as the "April Fool's", and they were often the butt of jokes and pranks for their confusion. April Fool's Day has been celebrated in the UK from the 18th century to present day.



What's in the Hub?

The Learning Hub is thrilled to be able to finally have you back in school and back to ordering books! Our shelves have been filled with some wonderful new editions and lots of them relate to the celebratory days of April:

In honour of National Shakespeare Day why not take out any of the Bard's works (in both original and easy read options) to see what all the fuss is about! (The fuss being that we still celebrate and study a playwright from the Elizabethan and Jacobean era... he must be good right?)

To learn more about World Penguin Day why not request a book from our non-fiction section: the same of course goes for acknowledging World Health Day. Knowledge is both power and strength and a healthy mind helps as much as a healthy body!

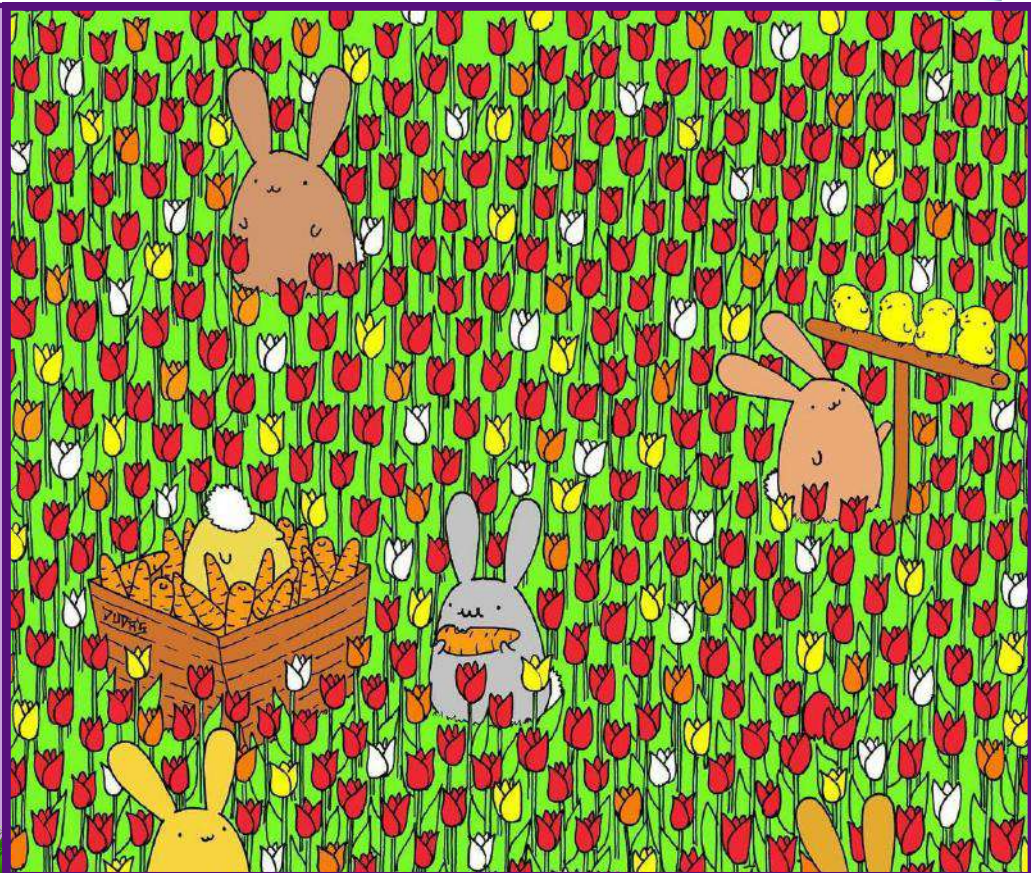
And in honour of Autism Awareness Day you could borrow either *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time*, which follows the story of a young boy with Autism Spectrum Disorder, or *The London Eye Mystery*, which tells the tale of a character with Asperger Syndrome.



EASTER EGGSTRAVIGANZA

Can you spot the
Easter Egg in this
picture?

Email your guesses
to the Learning Hub
to find out if you're
right!



AUTISM AWARENESS

World Autism Day is run by the United Nations: the event is one of only seven health-related days on the UN calendar.

The purpose of World Autism Awareness Day is to unite the various autism charities and organisations around the world and raise awareness of the research being done, and the support being given to people with autism across the globe.

Having autism does not mean you have an illness: it just means that your brain works in a different way from other people. It's something you're born with or first appears when you're very young. If you're autistic, you're autistic your whole life.

Autism is not a medical condition with treatments or a "cure". But some people need support to help them with certain things. There is no limit on the talent or intelligence of people with autism; the same way there is no limit on talent or intelligence of someone without autism. We all have things we enjoy and thrive in and things we struggle with, that's the same whether you have autism or not.

To find out more about this day of celebration and unity please head to the UN World Autism Day page [here](#).

WORLD BOOK DAY:



Poetry Competition

WINNER

BACK TO SCHOOL 2021

By Amaara Rashid

I have a new teacher
We have a new class
My new class is tiny
We are all wearing masks
At first I was scared
About how things would change
School was closed for so long
Would it feel bad or strange?
But today I rode back
To my school on my bus
I sat by myself
There wasn't a fuss
Not on my rise
Or when I got to school
We stood far apart
We learnt some new rules
Our teacher read books
We all shared our names
What I thought
Would be different
Was almost the same.

The Learning Hub Team were all thoroughly impressed with the poems that were submitted to this competition. We had a wide range of subjects and styles covered, and we had entrants from year 7 all the way up to Sixth Form. It's wonderful to see so many people getting involved with extra curricular activities and events: **you should all be proud of the work you submitted.**

Congratulations to our winner **Amaara**—who's poem brought a smile to all our faces. What a wonderful view on a turbulent time!

We'd like to also give an *honourable mention* to **Monica Patel and Holly Dargavel** who each submitted wonderful and insightful poems that the team loved.

International Children's Book Day

AND

World Book Night

International Children's Book Day celebrated the work of **Hans Christian Anderson**, a Danish Writer, who was born in 1805 and died in 1875. Anderson wrote novels, stories, travelogues and poems, but is most famous for writing **156 fairy tales** across 9 volumes.

We celebrate International Children's Book day on Anderson's Birthday, **April 2nd**, because of the huge contribution he made to children's literature all over the world.

The theme of 2021 is, "**The Music of Words**". If there is a book that *sings* to you please request it from the Learning Hub and if we have it in stock we will get it to you!

World Book Night is run by The Reading Agency and this year they are celebrating 10 years of this inspiring event. The theme for 2021 is "**Books that make you smile**". World Book Night was founded to encourage readers across the world to share a moment of reading together. To share the joys of reading, the artistry of storytelling and the excitement of a new chapter.

If you have a book in mind that "makes you smile", email the Learning Hub to request it and if we have it in stock, we will get it to you in time to celebrate World Book Night on the **23rd April 2021**.

TO REQUEST A BOOK PLEASE EMAIL:

LEARNINGHUB@WOODGREENACADEMY.CO.UK

PLEASE INCLUDE: YOUR NAME, FORM GROUP,
YOUR BOOK REQUEST OR A BOOK GENRE
YOU'RE INTERESTED IN.

Social Media

“without the internet life would be difficult and so we’re lucky to have it”

Imagine waking up every morning, and instead of receiving a good morning text, you start your day off with mean comments about a post from last night. Most of the time you choose to ignore it, because you’re used to it (day after day, week after week), social media, nasty comments, strangers judging you. Ignoring it all is the best way to go about it, but just because you ignore it doesn’t mean that stops you from thinking about second guessing everything people say about you. In these situations, people often start hating themselves and shut their loved ones out, as they give in to all those comments. They then try to change themselves and prove those comments wrong and end up feeling confused and worthless.

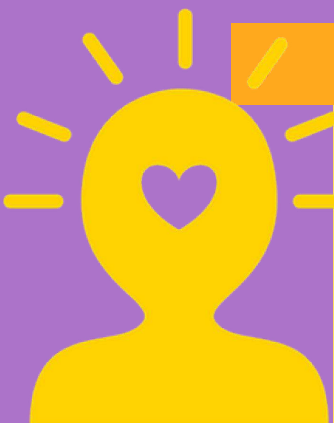
Despite the technology being resourceful and useful, in many cases it ends up ruining a person’s life.

The internet is included in our everyday lives, we use it for a countless number of things: calling, texting, for directions, homework, ordering things online and I’m sure you get my point by now. Something, we can all agree on is that without the internet life would be difficult and so we’re lucky to have it. However, some people take the internet for granted and rely on it far too much. Future generations are growing up in a world knowing what the internet is, and depending on it because it’s quicker, efficient and an easier way to get things done, but would be clueless without it. Basic everyday things such as going grocery shopping, clothes shopping, working, job interviews, and schooling, can all done online. People, knowing that, start to rely on and trust the internet, which can start to change and affect people; people can’t develop communication skills needed to have simple conversations, they develop a lack of confidence to do normal things. This results in many people developing anxiety or depression which has a negative impact on their mental health.

Mental health issues are one of the disadvantages of technology and the internet, which often traps people into a long and painful nightmare that is very difficult to wake up from.

Social media. I’m sure every one of us is familiar with that term, am I right? A place where people can express themselves, reach out to others and relate with them. Posting on individual platforms, gaining followers, liking and commenting. There seems to be nothing wrong with that. However, for some people it’s not always nice. People feel like they must show their best self, when online on social media, especially on apps like Instagram and snapchat, trying to gain more followers, trying to get more views, trying to become famous. All these things can lead to anxiety and depression, when people start to feel that they’re not good enough, when comparing themselves to others on social media. Research has shown that 3 out of every 7 people often go through anxiety and depression, from comments made toward them, all this takes a toll on their mental health. Even when going out they feel very anxious, and second guess themselves, they feel that they’re constantly being judged and that they need to change themselves in order to feel better about going into public. In the worst cases people don’t know who they are anymore and have no control over themselves. Sometimes situations can get out of hand, some even try to end their own lives, as if they have no value and it’s better to die instead of living.

Do you think the internet and social media is safe, when they often have negative impact on mental health, and make people feel bad about themselves?



WHEN IN DOUBT, TALK IT OUT:

If you feel that you are ready to start a conversation about your mental health you should do it how you are most comfortable. That could be with a **friend or family member** or your **GP**.

The service **Kooth** offer is entirely anonymous and **Shout Crisis (text 85258)** and **Childline (call 0800 1111)** or the **Samaritans (call 116 123)** are all accessible too.

However you choose to reach out for help, **know that your voice is heard and it is valued.** As are you.

Careers

A feature from
Miss A Birch.

Preparing for your Future (14-16 year olds) and Young Professional (17+) from Youth Employment UK

Youth Employment UK has launched two new, free online learning programmes.

Preparing for your Future supports 14 - 16 year olds to explore their strengths, needs, and what they want to do in the future.

Journey to Work supports young people aged 17+ to build their skills and career confidence.

Creative Industries Careers Guide

This creative Careers Guide will help you support you in **finding their niche** in the creative industries. At Escape Studios the undergraduate courses in Animation, Game Art and Visual Effects have been designed to help students land their dream job.

Careers Quiz - Are any of you interested in a **creative career**?

Take the quiz its great way to find out which **department you're most suited to!**

Speakers for Schools

LIVE BROADCASTS LIBRARY & MORE

Watch pre-recorded broadcasts from our library.

Speakers for schools are delighted to share the recordings of their video Broadcasts (Previously known as Vtalks) below!

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtalks/vtalks-video-library/>

This is your chance to find out about different careers, delve into the work of work, listen to inspirational people and celebrities talking about their own career journeys.

If you would like to submit anything to the May Newsletter please email the Learning Hub Team at:

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