

No Pens Day Wednesday and Voice Box



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Wednesday

These two exciting events will help your pupils focus on the fun of communication!

No Pens Day Wednesday is a fantastic event to raise awareness about how pupils' communication skills are supported in your school. No Pens Day Wednesday will also support pupils to feel confident in their speaking and listening skills and the activities you plan will help them explore and develop these skills.

"It was a very enjoyable and engaging day. It made us think more creatively about our teaching and particularly recording methods. The children were really engaged and the parents also asked lots of questions about what was going on."

"The level of engagement of the staff and children was a joy to watch. No Pens Day really inspired their creativity and some of the outcomes were amazing."

Voice Box is another exciting event that can help you build your pupils confidence as well as preparing them to get really stuck in to your plans for No Pens Day Wednesday!

What is Voice Box?

Voice Box is a national joke competition for mainstream and special schools, which reminds people that all children need support to build their communication skills and confidence and some need additional specialist help to speak and/or understand what is being said to them.



The competition is run by the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT) in partnership with the National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) and is supported by The Communication Trust (TCT).

Schools across England, Scotland and Wales are invited to hold joke competitions in October and November 2017 to find their pupil's funniest joke. Schools will need to submit their winning joke to the RCSLT by **1 December 2017** for a chance to go through to the Grand Final in London. All pupils from the age of five to 19 are eligible to participate.

Voice Box would also be a perfect activity to hold during your No Pens Day Wednesday so download a competition toolkit for schools today from <http://www.givingvoiceuk/voice-box/>