



Dear Parents

All children at the school have been registered for the World Maths Day competition. This is a web based activity in which students from around the world can compete with each other to answer simple arithmetic questions.

This is a great opportunity for children to build up their mental arithmetic skills. The site is open throughout February, then until March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Each child has been given a username and password so that they can log on. After the break children will be given the opportunity to use the site at school. If you wish your child can also use the website from home.

The site address is [www.worldmathsday.com](http://www.worldmathsday.com),

To enter click on sign in at the top of the window.

Then follow the instructions.

The winner is the person who answers the most questions correctly in the given time. If three mistakes are made the player is knocked out.

The spelling contest can also be accessed from here. This requires the use of sound and will help students develop listening skills as well as spelling skills. At the lower levels the words are often easy to spell with basic phonic knowledge.

Later on the Science challenges will also go on-line.

These challenges are available for the next three weeks and I believe that limited use of this will help develop mental arithmetic skills and spelling.

With regards

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