

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY – IDEAS BANK

A continuous collection of classroom and whole school ideas to explore the role of teachers, education and the impact of learning. Suitable across primary and secondary phases.

About World Teachers' Day

- Celebrated on 5 October each year
- Led by UNESCO to recognise the important role teachers play in education and society
- Highlights the impact teachers have on learning, opportunity and community development
- Encourages reflection on the value of education
- Provides an opportunity for students to appreciate the role of teachers and mentors

Whole School / All Through Ideas

- Introduce the day through an assembly discussing the role teachers play in shaping learning and opportunity
- Reflect on how education helps people develop knowledge, skills and confidence
- Invite students to share positive learning experiences or lessons they have enjoyed
- Create a whole school display celebrating teaching and learning
- Discuss how teachers support students both academically and personally
- Encourage students to reflect on the importance of education in society
- Explore how education systems differ around the world
- Link discussions about teaching to themes of leadership, guidance and community

Primary Ideas

- Write thank you notes to teachers or school staff
- Draw pictures showing favourite lessons or classroom activities
- Create posters celebrating teachers and learning
- Write short sentences describing what students enjoy about school
- Share classroom memories of favourite learning moments
- Design colourful classroom displays celebrating education
- Discuss the importance of helping each other learn
- Create a class message board for positive feedback

Secondary Ideas

- Discuss how education influences future opportunities
- Explore the history of education and how schooling has developed
- Reflect on the qualities that make an effective teacher
- Debate the importance of education in modern societies
- Research influential educators and their contributions
- Write reflective pieces about learning experiences that shaped them
- Investigate global challenges related to education access
- Create campaigns celebrating the value of education

Cross Curricular Links

- History, the development of education systems
- Citizenship, opportunity and access to education
- English, reflective writing and discussion
- Sociology, education and social mobility
- Art, creative displays celebrating learning