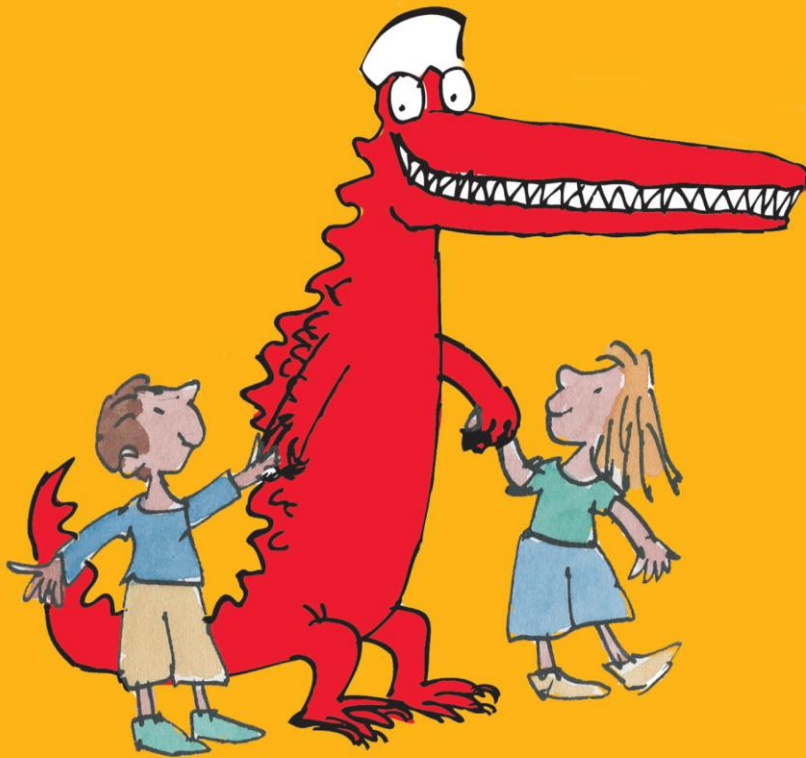


The Dahlicious Dress Up Day

Friday 30th September

ROALD
DAHL'S
Marvellous
Children's Charity



*Making life better
for seriously ill children*

ASSEMBLY PLAN

Assembly script to accompany 'Dahlicious' slide show

Outcomes:

By the end of the assembly most pupils will:

- *Understand the work of Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity*
- *Appreciate the purpose of The Dahlicious Dress Up Day to have fun dressing up and raising funds for Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity to help seriously ill and disabled children*

Introduction – Slide 1 ('Dahlicious' welcome screen)

- Today you are joining schools all over the country in taking part in the first ever Dahlicious Dress Up Day. This is a special day that aims to make dressing up creative and fun and will raise money for children who are not very well and need our help. It is wonderful to see so many of you in marvellous costumes (*make some observations pointing out characters such as Oompa-Loompas, Twits and Big Friendly Giants*)
- Our assembly today is all about Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity and how the pennies and pounds you have given today to dress up will help to provide nurses in hospitals, care and equipment for children who are poorly or disabled and to support their mums and dads, brothers and sisters.

Slide 2 – Roald Dahl

- Does anyone know who this is?
 - This is a picture of Roald Dahl
 - He is a famous Children's Author – known as the world's best storyteller – How many of you have read a book written by Roald Dahl? Can you name some of his books?
 - Some facts about Roald Dahl
 - He wrote all his children's stories in a hut at the bottom of the Garden
 - He was a hurricane fighter pilot during World War II
 - He always wrote on yellow paper and with yellow pencils
 - He used to be a taster for Cadbury's chocolate when he was at school
 - Did you know if he hadn't been a writer he would have liked to have been a doctor?
 - He went out of his way to help sick children by helping families to buy wheelchairs, and by visiting children in hospital to read stories to them.

Slide 3 – Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity

- Does anyone know what Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity does?
 - The Charity continues the charitable work that Roald Dahl used to do, by helping seriously ill and disabled children
 - It exists to make life that little bit better for children living with very serious conditions affecting their brain or their blood
 - It helps children and families to pay for care and equipment, such as wheelchairs, and special beds
 - It pays for nursing posts in hospitals to help sick children
 - It helps parent and carer groups to organise fun weekends and activities
- By bringing in your pennies and pounds to come to school in your Dahlicious costumes today, you are helping to raise money to can help seriously ill and disabled children in this area and across the whole country.

Slide 4 - Mollie

- This is Mollie. She is just one of the many children we have been able to help recently.
 - Mollie has epilepsy
 - Epilepsy is a medical condition caused by something unusual that happens in some people's brains. It causes them to have seizures. Seizures are sometimes called fits, convulsions or attacks.
 - Our brains are like computers that send lots of messages to every part of our bodies, telling them how to work and what to do. The messages are carried by millions of tiny signals.
 - When someone has epilepsy and a seizure happens there is a quick extra burst of these signals in their brain. It doesn't hurt, but it causes their body to feel different or do unusual things that they can't control.
 - There are lots of different kinds of seizure. Sometimes they happen when someone with epilepsy is awake and sometimes they happen when they are asleep.
 - If you ever see someone having a seizure try to find a teacher or adult as quickly as you can.
 - Mollie is cared for by a special Roald Dahl nurse, who supports her family with special advice, information and people to talk to so that they have the help that they need to manage Mollie's condition.

Slide 5 - Daniel

- Daniel has a condition called haemophilia which affects his blood
- If you ride a bike or like to run around in the playground you probably know about bruises, cuts, banging your knees and elbows. When we have a cut we usually stop bleeding after a few minutes and the body protects itself which is called clotting. A person who has haemophilia does not have that and as a result of falling can end up in hospital.
- Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity helped Daniel and his family to go to on a family weekend, giving Daniel the opportunity to meet other children with bleeding disorders and learn about how to manage his condition effectively.
- Being able to talk to other people going through the same thing really helps children like Daniel to feel they are not alone.

Slide 7 – Roald Dahl Nurses

- One of the ways in which Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity helps is by providing specialist nurses in hospitals
- These Roald Dahl nurses care for children just like Mollie and Daniel, and thousands of others too.
- There are currently 47 Roald Dahl nurses, like Jacky and Edith in the picture here, but many more are needed to make sure that children with serious and rare conditions can get the care and support they need.

Slide 8 – Thank You

I am so pleased we are all taking part in the first ever Dahlicious Dress Up Day – I can see some absolutely splendid costumes – very well done to all of you, I hope you have a splendiferous day of fun and remember, the money you are raising by having fun and dressing up today will help Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity to help more poorly children like Mollie and Daniel and to provide more nurses like Jacky and Edith at hospitals throughout the UK.