

Do Something Funny For Money

This fun poster, featuring popular Mr. Men and Little Miss characters, will get children excited about raising money on Red Nose Day by Doing Something Funny For Money

Activities across the curriculum

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Discuss the purpose of the poster with the children. Explain that it is designed to encourage everyone to raise money to help people who are less fortunate than themselves. Tell them that the charity, Comic Relief, organises a Red Nose Day event every two years, when people can have lots of fun and raise money that helps to transform lives in the UK and Africa.

Communication and Language Literacy

- Look at the image of Little Miss Giggles on the poster. What do the children think is making her giggle? What makes them giggle? Invite them to think of alternative words to describe reactions to something funny, for example, 'laugh' and 'chuckle'.
- Read out the character names on the poster, using the images as clues. Discuss how the names tell us something about the characters, for example, 'Giggles' and 'Greedy'. Make up funny names for each other based on positive characteristics such as 'Little Miss Tidy' or 'Mr. Helpful'.

Mathematics

- Find Mr. Wrong on the poster and ask the children why they think he is called this. What is he wearing that is 'wrong'? Why is this funny? Introduce the words 'odd' and 'pair' and discuss Mr. Wrong's pairs of odd shoes and gloves. Provide a selection of shoes and gloves and ask the children to sort them into pairs, then mix them up again to become 'odd'.
- Invite the children to describe the hats that Mr. Funny and Mr. Wrong are wearing. What is funny about Mr. Wrong's hat? Is Mr. Funny's hat short or tall? Invite them to draw characters with funny hats of different shapes and sizes. Use words

such as 'round', 'square', 'tiny' and 'huge' when referring to shape and size.

Understanding the World

- Find the Mr. Men Little Miss logo on the poster and the website address below it. Help the children to visit www.mrmen.co.uk to find out further information about Mr. Men and Little Miss characters.
- Look at the image of Little Miss Curious on the poster, and explain the meaning of 'curious'. Make 'feely' boxes with funny contents. Invite the children to put two contrasting items in a box for other 'curious' children to feel and guess, for example, a toy cow and a sock.

Physical Development

- Look at the image of Little Miss Fun on the poster, and talk about how she is always doing funny things. Ask the children what they can do that is funny, for example, make a funny face. Enjoy making each other laugh with funny actions.
- Find Mr. Greedy on the poster and talk about how he got his name. Read the words under his name suggesting eating something funny. Ask for parental permission for the children to taste and handle foods. Check for any food allergies and dietary requirements. Make a funny meal, such as a pizza with a funny face and red rice pudding. (You can make it red by adding a few drops of red food colouring).

Expressive Arts and Design

- Explore the poster characters together, then suggest that the children invent their own characters. Encourage them to think of funny names and paint pictures of them to display around the poster.
- Pretend to be Little Miss Nonsense and make the children laugh by saying something that is obviously nonsense, for



How to use the poster

Use the poster as part of a larger display to publicise Red Nose Day, and encourage parents and their children to get involved in fundraising, while having lots of fun at the same time (see 'Do Something Funny For Money' on pages 18 and 19 of this issue for some funny fundraising ideas).

Hang the poster where everyone will see it and surround it with the children's artwork and Red Nose Day materials, such as the Mr. Funny event poster and bright red balloons from the fantastic Early Years Red Nose Day kit, which contains everything you need for a fun-filled Red Nose Day. You can order your free kit from www.rednoseday.com/earlyyears

example, 'I have a pink banana growing out of my ear!' Invite the children to make up their own nonsense sentences.

There are lots more fantastic learning activities featuring Mr. Men and Little Miss characters at www.rednoseday.com/earlyyears

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