

WORLD MATHS DAY



Celebrating World Maths Day & Pi Day

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- ▶ Since Pythagoreans created the word ‘mathematics’ in the 6th century BC, numbers have been a necessary, beneficial and challenging part of life
- ▶ Whether the actual crunching of numbers sounds exciting or repulsive, celebrating World Maths Day can be oodles of fun! Maths for many people feels hard because of its strictness in needing correct answers, its abstract concepts and the overall stress involved in succeeding. But don’t let that be intimidating!
- ▶ Rise to the challenge and enjoy maths accepting that sometimes you’ll get it wrong - that’s ok as long as you keep going and understand where you made a mistake and correct it
- ▶ World Maths Day is a great opportunity to practice your maths skills and have some fun as part of the worldwide event that celebrates the history of maths!



How can you get involved with World Maths Day?



- ▶ You can access maths problems to try on many websites. Here are a few, some of which you're already aware of:
 - ▶ www.mymaths.co.uk (Username: monmouth Password: learning)
 - ▶ <http://www.mathster.com/challenge/> (Create your own challenge quiz from the UK Maths Challenge Generator. Use the Intermediate Maths Challenge for Key Stage 4)
 - ▶ <https://www.khanacademy.org/math> (Select a topic to review and have a go at the quizzes. Start from 5th Grade levels)

Go on have a go - it's World Maths Day! 😊

Pi Day



- ▶ The 14th of March is known as Pi Day (03/14 if using the American date system)
- ▶ This year the 14th March falls on a Sunday
- ▶ One of the things we would love you to try is an experiment to calculate the value of Pi (π) by dropping cocktail sticks or similar objects on to a grid of parallel lines and recording how many times the sticks land crossing a line (Buffon's Needle Experiment)
- ▶ Students all over the UK will take part in this



How to conduct your experiment

- ▶ Before you start you'll need the following equipment:
 - ▶ A sheet of paper
 - ▶ A pen or pencil
 - ▶ A ruler
 - ▶ Large supply of cocktail sticks or matches (at least 35)
- ▶ Watch the short instructions video below before conducting your own experiment

[Buffon's Needle Experiment - UKMT Pi Week - YouTube](#)

How to upload your results



- ▶ UK Maths Trust are collecting results from all over the UK
- ▶ You can put your results into their Google Form by clicking on the link below (Deadline to enter results is 17th March)

[PI Week \(google.com\)](#)

- ▶ We'd love to see some pictures of your experiments, maybe just after you've dropped your sticks/matches or during the counting process
- ▶ You can share your pictures via Twitter [@MCSmathematics](#)

More information about Pi



- ▶ For more information on Pi look for UK Maths Trust on Twitter, Facebook and YouTube:
 - ▶ <https://twitter.com/UKMathsTrust>
 - ▶ <https://www.facebook.com/UKMathsTrust/>
 - ▶ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCz_D5xFMlpO5G7qTXlmNCLQ/featured
- ▶ Or why not visit the Pi Day website:
 - ▶ <https://www.piday.org/>

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We hope you have fun celebrating
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