



# SEND NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME

Welcome to the first SEND Newsletter! The SEND Parent Focus Group met on Tuesday, 14th March, and they requested a termly newsletter to celebrate our students' successes and inform you what has been happening in school.

## FUNDING

This term, our SEND focus has been about raising autism awareness. We are pleased to report that we have won a grant from the Shelia Coates Foundation and we be using this funding to strengthen our support for our students with Autism.



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Upcoming Dates - The term ahead

Colour Spectrum Walk Week of the 17<sup>th</sup> April

Year 10 Pupil Passport Event 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Tea and Talk 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 3.30-4.30

SEND Parent Focus Group 23<sup>rd</sup> May 4.30-5.30



# WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS ASSEMBLY



The SEND advocates produced a powerful film which was shown in assembly and described how three students found life in school and how their peers could support them. One of the students who featured in the film was Riley Houghton-Lay who is in Year 9.



Riley said that he wanted to appear in the film because:

*'I wanted to show people who I am and show people how I felt and how my life was like'.*

Riley said that he has had lots of support from his year group since they have seen the film in assembly.

Julija Cuprina in Year 9 produced the film which can be viewed by following this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rQ2XG-FONh8>

## AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK



On the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, to mark the start of Autism Awareness week, students and staff were asked to add a splash of colour to their school uniform, with a colourful accessory.



# PICTURE

The SEND advocates have been raising autism awareness at lunchtimes in the Atrium. The students have been asking students to add their fingerprints to a picture, with the theme:

Everyone on the autistic spectrum is different.

Everyone has different needs and is affected by autism in different ways.

Thank you to Mrs Hainsworth who drew the tree and all the students that have added their fingerprints to it.



# GUESS THE NUMBER OF SWEETS



The SEND advocates have also been running a stall in the Atrium this and students guessing the number of sweets in the jar. This has been a useful way of letting other students know who the advocates are.



Thank you to Mrs Shaw who organized this and to all the students who took part!

# EGGSTRAVAGANT FUN!

## EASTER EGG BINGO

Year 9 and 10 SEND students were invited to an *eggciting* Easter Bingo event during Friday Lunchtime. This was hosted by Mr Peckford and Mrs Farrow. Thank you to Tesco's in Stowmarket who donated all the eggs.



## CHOCOLATE BOUQUETS

Year 7 and 8 SEND students were invited to a lunchtime Easter activity and made *eggceptional* Easter chocolate bouquets.

Thank you to the *eggcellent* Mrs Hainsworth, Miss Hainsworth and Mrs Bentley who ran the event!

## YEAR 11 REVISION HUB



Earlier this month, Year 11 SEND students were given revision goodie bags and invitations to our SEND Revision Hub. The SEND Revision Hub is open every afternoon until 4pm. This is a quiet space where students can revise and can receive support from an LSA.

# CONGRATULATIONS

We are very proud of the following students who have passed their courses this term. They did this six months ahead of the usual deadline, which is a fabulous achievement!

**Child Development:** Caitlin Buxton, Paulina Stawicka

**Music:** Penny Downes Grainger, Rhys Doggett, Ryan Fiske, Toby Loram and Danny Mayes

# SPEECH AND LANGUAGE INTERVENTIONS

We are very proud of Miss Stook, one of our LSAs, as she is currently completing the Elklan qualification. Once qualified, she will be delivering speech and language interventions with our students.

# QUIET SPACE

All students can access a quiet space at lunchtime. This is supervised every day by Mr Ellice. Please let us know if you think that your child would benefit from this space.