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SEND Newsletter

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Usual working days: Wednesday at Burton Green, Tuesday to Thursday in the Trust

Welcome to the first issue of our termly newsletter with a focus on SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) and Inclusion. We hope you will find it useful. You will also find further information on the SEND offer page on the school website: <https://bgp.hs.lt.academy/send-offer/>

Spotlight on Oracy

'The ability to express oneself fluently and grammatically in speech.'

One of our priorities this academic year is to develop the oracy of all pupils and we have already seen huge successes in all classes. We employ a range of strategies to encourage communication in different ways, from non-verbal gestures to matching symbols, and using Makaton and key words to using sentence stems. All children are encouraged to communicate with each other and with adults in school, preparing them for the wider world in which they live.

Speech Link Assessments



We are pleased to have been able to use our new access to Speech Link Junior Language Link Assessment to run language assessments for pupils in Key Stage Two. Parents of pupils with SEND (year 3+) should have received a report in the autumn term to outline the results. Interventions for a small number of pupils will begin in January. Class teachers also have access to recommended strategies that will benefit the language development of all pupils in their classes.

Provision Map Update

We're now into our second academic year with Provision Map, which is an online platform used for creating and sharing learning plans and passports. Parents were sent log in details in November. If you need any help logging in to see your child's passport and learning plan, please ask your child's teacher in the first instance, or contact Mrs Mackay.



Following recent whole-staff training, we are starting the learning plan reviews early this term. Children have the opportunity to talk about their targets with their teachers and review their progress together. When new plans are available, you can request a meeting with your child's teacher to discuss their targets or you can add a comment on Provision Map which can be added to the plan.

Jargon Buster: Neurodiverse or Neurodivergent?

An individual can be **neurodivergent** where a group can be neurodiverse.

Neurodivergent refers to an individual whose brain type is atypical.

Neurodivergence includes but is not limited to: Autism ADHD Dyspraxia Dyslexia Dysgraphia Dyscalculia Tourettes.

Neurodiversity is the term used to refer to the different ways that our brains process information.



PINS Project

Burton Green Primary School was invited by City of York Council to take part in the Department for Education's PINS Project this year (Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools) and we have been able to access specialist training including whole school training from Neurokin on our training day in January.

Mary from Parent Carer Forum York has made several visits to school as part of the project and she has taken ideas and concerns from parents who were able to attend her coffee mornings, to provide a link between parents and the council.

Mary will be offering another coffee morning/meeting soon so please look out for the invitation which will be sent home.

<https://www.parentcarerforumyork.org/>



Regular Eye Examinations

Did you know that you can access a free sight test for your child at most opticians? It's important to have a sight test at least every two years, and some practices will offer a test annually. Developing eyes need to be checked to ensure there are no sight difficulties that are causing delays in learning or processing information.

Support for Parents and Carers in York

The City of York Local Offer website contains a whole host of information about groups and services that are available in York, including links to activities and things to do: <https://www.yorksend.org/>

Other Useful Sources of Information

ERIC: Supporting children and families with bowel and bladder issues:

<https://eric.org.uk/>

BBC Tiny Happy People: Tiny Happy People can help you develop your child's language and communication skills, so they get the best start in life.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>