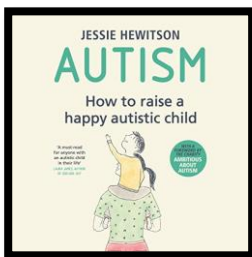


News from Radlett

Parent Network:

Thank you to all of you who came to our last Parent Network meeting with the Hertfordshire Dental team. I hope you all found it useful. If you do have any questions about accessing a dentist, please do get in touch.

Book of the Month:



This book written by an award-winning journalist at the Times, combines her own experiences with tips from autistic adults and other parents. This book looks at the condition as a difference rather than a disorder. Well worth a read.

If you would prefer to watch rather than a read I would recommend "The Assembly", available on the BBC iPlayer.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001xyj5>

Actor Michael Sheen faces an interview from The Assembly, a group of autistic, neurodivergent and other young people with additional needs. I so enjoyed this 30-minute watch where no question was off the table and no subject out of bounds. I smiled and laughed throughout.

And finally...

Please do not forget about Autism Central, where you find lots of events and resources for parents and carers of autistic children and young people.

<https://www.autismcentral.org.uk/>

Principal's Perspective.....

I trust you are well and are looking forward to what will be a very busy Summer term and hopefully some warmer, dryer weather!

World Autism Acceptance week took place between the 2nd and 8th of April and Chloe, our Lead LSA in Neptune organised a Spectrum Colour Walk locally to raise funds for the NAS. She was joined by staff members, their families, together with some canine friends. In addition to this local walk, one team member joined the NAS in Battersea Park and finally a teacher and her son completed the walk whilst on holiday in Turkey!



What a fantastic job by our Radlett Lodge Team who raised an incredible £1677. Thank you and well done to you all.



Events for May

1st May – International Dance Day

6th May – Bank Holiday Monday – School Closed

7th May – National Nurses Week

13th May – Mental Health Awareness Week

17th May – Pyjamarama Day

20th May – Outdoor Education Week

24th May – Last day of the half term

(School re-opens for pupils on Tuesday 11th June)

Spotlight on Roman class:

In Roman class we have been learning about the environment. We made our own recycling bin and are learning why it is important.



We will be using some of the containers we have recycled to create our own sensory garden up in the nature sanctuary of the big playground, with wind chimes and mobiles which will create sounds as the wind blows.

We have started to plant some of the flowers and herbs we would like to use in the garden. We are looking forward to enjoying the different smells and textures the garden will bring.

In "My World" we have been learning about the seasons and throughout this year we have been cooking with seasonal fruit and vegetables. So far, we have made crumbles, smoothies with fruit and vegetables and are looking forward to making ice lollies to celebrate Summer. Let's hope we get some warm weather soon.



Our Focus of the Month: Feedback

To embed teaching and learning our pupils always need access to high-quality and relevant feedback to understand what they have done well and how to further develop their skills.

Top Tips:

- **Label** the behaviours or skills displayed.
- **Describe** what is happening
- **Adjust** your language to their understanding
- Adjust the **tone** of your voice keeping the low arousal approach

For example:

Instead of:	Say:
Good boy/girl!	Good learning in Maths!
Well done!	Good choosing
Nice try!	Nice try! Let's try it together
	Trying to throw the ball
Finished (to indicate a behaviour is unsafe)	Stop! That is dangerous!
Finished (the activity)	Maths has finished
	Trampoline has finished

What has been happening around school?

Just before the Easter, Neptune class visited Aldenham Country Park Farm. We looked at seasonal changes and signs of Spring. We were lucky to see many new born animals, including piglets, lambs, kids, calves and even ducklings still under a heat lamp.



As well as looking at the animals we walked around the vegetable garden seeing many crops and plants growing. We identified the seasonal changes and ultimately decided that Spring had finally sprung!