

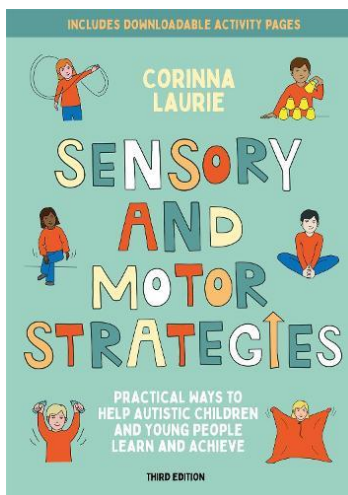
News from Radlett

Parent Network:

Thank you to all those who attended our last Parent Network meeting. If you would like any further information on Intensive Interaction, please get in contact with me.

This month's meeting will be led by Zecare and Val from our behaviour team. They will be focusing on how they work with our pupils around school and how these strategies can be adapted to home life. More details to follow, but if you have any questions you would like to ask them please feel free to email me.

Book of the Month:



Corinna Laurie is the Clinical Lead for OT at the NAS. This book sets out practical strategies to help autistic children develop their sensory and motor skills. The simple, low-cost activities provide practical solutions to help children meet the demands of any situation, building skills from handwriting and using scissors to improving posture, co-ordination and motor planning.

And finally....

Don't forget pre-loved uniform

If you have any uniform that your child has grown out of and you are happy to donate it to school, we are compiling a catalogue which we will share with you.

Principal's Perspective.....

Firstly, I would like to share some fantastic news with you. In December we were assessed for our Autism Accreditation. The Autism Accreditation Programme is the UK's only autism-specific quality assurance programme. Achieving accreditation proves that an organisation is committed to understanding autism and excellent practice and support. I am delighted to say that we achieved **Advanced Status** which is fantastic! I want to say a huge thanks to all of our Radlett Lodge family, not just the amazing team at school but to our parents for completing questionnaires and for those who gave up their time to be interviewed by the accreditation team.

In other news we have held our first Staff Fish and Chip Quiz Night. A truly competitive affair with teams trying to win the golden crowns. No love lost between the teams with Jupiter class coming out on top. Looking forward to a re-match.



Events for February

6th February – Safer internet day

7th February – National send a card to a friend day

13th February – Pancake day

13th February – Parent Network meeting via Teams

14th February – Valentine's Day

16th February – Chocolate day

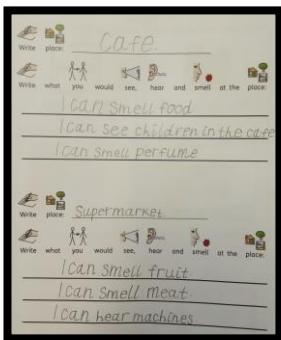
Spotlight on Juno Class:

This term Juno class have been learning about different bodies of water. From rivers and lakes to streams and the sea.

We took a drive out in the community and looked at rivers, streams and even came across a ford.



Understanding our senses has been another topic and in Literacy we have focused on descriptive language to describe all our senses, both at school and in the community.



Finally, in "My World" we have begun looking at the water cycle, focussing on where our water that we drink comes from. We are learning new vocabulary and meanings for this topic, such as precipitation and evaporation, breaking them down into syllables and clapping the beats of the words.

We will be creating our own model water cycles, to better understand the process in a hands-on way!



Our Focus of the Month: Low Arousal

The Low Arousal Approach focuses on the reduction of stress, fear and frustration.

By using these strategies, we all can learn to spot the signs of escalating anxiety and stress and defuse them in a calm non-confrontational way.



Top Tips:

- **Adapt** the environment to meet the person's sensory needs.
- Consider **your** impact on the person's arousal levels.
- Consider how **you** dress and communicate
- Adjust **your** approach
- Reflect and learn

What has been happening around school?

Our Student Council provides a meaningful way for our pupils to voice their opinions in decisions that affect them.

This term they are choosing what equipment they would like to have in the playground. We can't wait to see what they choose.

