

SEND Newsletter- Spring Term 2022

Welcome to our first newsletter dedicated specifically for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. We hope you find this useful for information and to keep you up to date with all the SEND news and updates that take place here at Woodpecker Hall. If you have any suggestions of what you would like in the future SEND newsletters, please contact the SEND team on- WHA-SEND@northstarttrust.org.uk

We would kindly like to introduce our SEND team:

Sharon Monaghan
SEND Consultant



Rosanna Ojosipe
Deputy Head teacher/
SEND & Inclusion Lead



Charlotte Six-Rais
SEND Advisory Teacher



Natalie Cunningham
Higher Level SEND
Teaching Assistant



Kate Gold
SENCo Assistant /
SEND Assessment Lead



Sophie Ballantine
Speech & Language Therapist



Dr Sabina Melidis
Educational Psychologist

Please share a warm welcome to our new members of our SEND Team this term!

Sophie Ballantine - Speech and Language Therapist

We are very excited to inform you we have a new Speech and Language Therapist working with us on a weekly basis. Sophie Ballantine is a trained Speech and Language Therapist who will work with individual children as well as support with further developing the skills of our teaching staff.

Charlotte Six Rais- SEND Advisory Teacher

We are fortunate to have an experienced SEND specialist teacher join our team this year. Charlotte works closely with class teachers to ensure the quality of our SEND provision remains to a high standard. She supports school staff with training and advice on how best to deliver lessons



Parent involvement

This academic year the SEND team would like to start a parent support group for the parents and carers of children with SEND. These sessions will run termly and will provide a mixture of support from the expertise available within school and through outside guest speakers. We would like to continue to work closely with parents and carers and therefore to ask you to **complete our SEND Parent Voice Survey**, Please click [here](#). The closing date to complete the survey is Friday 17th January at 5pm.

Five Top SEND Tips!

1. **A good routine.** Talk through what the day will look like with your child/children.
2. **Read, read , read to** and **with** your child for 10 minutes each day.
3. Don't over think the **homework**. If some of the homework is proving tricky, leave it and either come back to it, move onto something else or contact your child's teacher.
4. Finding time to **talk to and listen** to your children's worries.
5. Take time to **play** with and **relax** and have fun with your child/children!

Our Voice is Enfield's SEND Parent Forum / support group for further information go to;

https://www.ourvoiceenfield.org.uk/about_us



Little Ducklings

A playgroup for some of our SEND Nursery pupils.

These sessions are led by our Community Outreach staff with the support from SEND Team, where tips, advice and support is offered to parents in dealing with additional needs.

This runs every Thursday from 1:30pm— 3:00pm.



For enquiries please speak to a member of the SEND team; WHA-SEND@northstartrust.org.uk

Learning Mentor

We now have a learning mentor in school who works with children on 1:1 basis or in small groups.

The aim is to support children with their mental health and well being and provide them with an opportunity to have a trusted adult who they can talk to whenever they need.



Mr Gio Diprima

Learning Mentor

Nurture Group- Buzzy Bees

This term we started our KS1 Nurture group called Buzzing Bees.

We have been fortunate to receive funding from the local authority to run Nurture for our children. The Nurture approach offers opportunities to build upon children's social and emotional skills and enable them to do well at school and with peers.

These sessions run every afternoon and are delivered by our trained staff, Mrs Shelley Shapir and Ms Jen Kyriacou.

Our parents and children have spoken highly of this group and the children are thoroughly enjoying the sessions.



A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Jeans for Genes day and donated to such a good cause. As a school we have raised **£450**.

Jeans for Genes Day is a chance to raise money for children affected by a genetic disorder.



WATCH out for our.....

SEND Parent Information Sessions from the spring term.



First sessions: Thursday 27th January 2022