



# Banks Road Primary School

## Special Educational Needs Newsletter

February 2020 #2

A message from Mr. Savage (SENCO):

*Thank you to the parents who provided feedback on last month's newsletter. It was recommended by a couple of parents that we signpost parents to LivPac for support so I have included details on the back on this edition.*

*Next month our Spring Term Parent-Teacher-SENCO meetings will take place. They begin on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March and run until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Class teachers, along with myself, will meet together to discuss the children's progress, next steps and discuss what provision the children would benefit from moving forward. If parents/carers cannot make this meeting, don't worry. Targets will be shared by class teachers at Parent's Evening on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March (Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> for Year 6D).*

*We are continuing to develop staff knowledge and skills on a variety of special education needs. A full list of training received by since the last newsletter is listed below.*

*Next month we will be marking World Autism Awareness Day in school with a variety of events during the week beginning Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, including Walk For Autism. Details to follow!*

*Mr. Savage*

### Staff training in 2020... so far!

At Banks Road we are committed to ensuring that all our staff receive regular training to help support all children, including those with special educational needs.

- OSSME Level 3 Autism, including social stories, sensory awareness, sensory circuits and comic strip conversations – all teachers, TAs and Learning Mentor – INSET Day 6<sup>th</sup> January
- "Attachment Disorders" by Dr Lee Randall, our Educational Psychologist – all teachers, TAs and Learning Mentor – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February
- Makaton Level 1 and 2 – Miss Anyiam-Jones – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February
- Developing a Communication Friendly School by Alix Heron from MAST (Merseyside Autism and Speech Therapy) – all teachers – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February
- Quiet Place "Ready, Steady, Learn" – all teachers – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

### Upcoming dates for parents/carers at Banks Road:

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – 1.45pm -3.15pm – Q&A session for parents and carers from the ASD Advisory Team. **Free for all parents to attend. No appointment necessary.**
- wb Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March and wb Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Parent-Teacher-SENCO Meetings
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – 10am – Coffee morning with the Isabella Trust. **Free for all parents to attend. No appointment necessary.**
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 10am – **Free workshop for parents** by OSSME Autism Initiatives
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – 9.30am -11am – ASD Advisory Team at Garston Children's Centre – no appointment necessary. **Free for all parents to attend.**



**ADDvanced Solutions**  
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ADDvanced Solutions course

**Free course** for parents and carers covering: Neurodevelopmental conditions / learning difficulties and associated mental health difficulties such as:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder / Condition - ASD/C
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder – ADHD
- Sensory Processing / Integration Difficulties (SPD)

Challenging behaviours associated with neurodevelopmental conditions

Your local offer, welfare rights and special educational needs and disability support

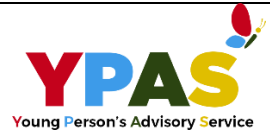
Dates:

- 27th April 2020
- 4th May 2020
- 11th May 2020

Venue:

- Garston Children’s Centre, next door to school

Please speak to Mr. Savage to book a place!



YPAS, part of Liverpool Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), have an open access group every Thursday. This is **free** for all children, ages 6-11 years old.

SMARTY'S (6-11 years)

When: Every Thursday, 4pm – 6pm

Venue: YPAS Plus South Hub, Lyndene Rd, Liverpool L25 1NG, UK

SMARTY'S provide a secure, happy and stimulating environment enabling children to learn and develop attitudes, skills and abilities. It offers a wide range of activities including creative play, arts, drama, dance and singing etc.

Registration to this group will require parent/carers consent, so please call on 0151 707 1025 to complete a registration pack with a YPAS member of staff.



Many parents/carers at Banks Road share with us that their children are very ‘fussy eaters’ or experience real problems with eating and food. This highly recommended course\*, organised by the Isabella Trust, can help:

**13<sup>th</sup> March 20**

**Eating Difficulties**

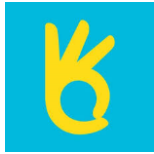
**Venue: DCLP, 5 Shelmore Drive, Dingle, L8 4YL**  
**9.30 – 2.30pm**

This course is being delivered by Lisa Hamer from Shine Therapy who is an experienced occupational therapist and advanced practitioner in sensory integration.

This course explores some of the reasons as to why children experience eating difficulties/“fussy eating” and how all those that care for and support the child can help to increase their confidence, motivation and ultimately the number of different foods that they eat.

To request a place on this course please complete a booking request form at [www.theisabellatrust.org/apply-for-course/](http://www.theisabellatrust.org/apply-for-course/)

\*There may be a small nominal cost for courses with the Isabella Trust



### Makaton

At Banks Road, children in EYFS are taught how to use basic Makaton (which is a type of basic sign language). This helps all children but particularly children with speech and language needs. Mr. Morrissey teaches staff a new sign each week and then children are encouraged to use the signing throughout the day. We have plans to cascade this out to Key Stage 1 and, in the summer term, all staff will receive training on the Makaton core symbols.

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### Who is LivPaC?

LivPaC is a voluntary group of enthusiastic, dedicated and experienced parents and cares of children and young people 0-25 with all disabilities and additional needs.

### What are their aims?

Empower parents/carers to have a voice and enable them to navigate the special education needs and/or disabilities (SEND) processes through awareness, information and confidence training.

### What do they offer?

A listening ear  
A collective voice  
Friendly, relaxing atmosphere  
Fully accessible building  
Coffee mornings and evenings across the city  
Patience and loyalty  
Information / training

### Who to contact

Contact Name: LivPac Steering Group

Telephone: 0151 727 5271

[www.livpac.co.uk](http://www.livpac.co.uk)

Dingle Community Learning Programme – DCLP, 5 Shelmore Drive, Dingle, L8 4YL



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# Liverpool City Council: Benefit Maximisation Team



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## Description

Provides advice and assistance with the full range of welfare benefits.

## Benefits advice

If you are not sure if you are getting all the welfare benefits that you may be entitled to, we can help.

You can use an independent benefits calculator to find out if you are entitled to any benefits or see how starting work would affect your benefits.

Alternatively, we can do a benefit check to see if you are entitled to any additional benefits and:

- check if your existing benefits are being paid at the correct rate
- help you claim for new or increased benefits – including backdating claims
- help you challenge decisions to stop benefits – including help with overpayments
- help you fill in forms
- represent you at appeal tribunals

If we can't help you, we will refer you to a local specialist agency for further advice.

## Request a referral

You can request a referral for yourself or someone else – just make sure you have their permission first.

Things we'll ask you:

- The names and ages of everyone in your household and their relationship to you.
- Details of any benefits, pensions, wages, savings and shares you may have.
- The type of help you would like.

If your problem is urgent, tell us about it on the form and we'll contact you as soon as we can.

## Telephone:

0800 028 3697 or 0151 233 3009, Minicom 0151 225 2500