

SEND Newsletter Spring 2024

We hope you've all had a wonderful Spring term. At Lawley, we ended the term by celebrating our differences and participating in our own 'Spectrum Colour Walk' in recognition of World Autism Acceptance Week that falls during our Easter break.



With approximately 1 in 100 people being diagnosed with autism, we wanted to share important information with our children about the condition that can change the way people see and understand the world around them.

In our KS1 assembly, the children explored how we are all amazing, each in our own way, using a clip from Sesame Street.

In KS2, we explored extracts from the book, '**M is for autism**'. In this book, we were welcomed into M's world, a tipsy-turvy, sweet and sour world where the beast of anxiety lurks outside classrooms ready to pounce!

Written by the students of Limpsfield Grange, a school for girls with autism spectrum disorder, this book gave our pupils an insight into the real-life experiences of autistic children and reminded us that although they might need some support and guidance, they could have a glorious, fulfilled life.



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Autism Acceptance Week

During national autism acceptance week, the National Autistic Society have arranged several official colour walks across the country and so we decided to join in the fun and what a great time we had with our pops of colour, walking together for autism.

For anyone interested in joining a local colour walk, please see details on the additional attachment about an event organised by Telford Autism Hub.



Parent's evening and SEN/ELSA support:

Mrs Olenik and Mrs Robinson were pleased to see so many people last term during parent's evening and they will be offering the same support again next term. Mrs Olenik will be in the Rainbow room for both sessions and Mrs Robinson will be joining her on Monday 22nd April.

No appointment is required, please just pop along and we'll see you as soon as we can.

School Nurse:

Next term, our school nurse will be coming into school on **Thursday 11th April**, at 3:30pm to share information on **sleep and eating**.

This is a great opportunity to come along, listen to a short presentation, ask questions, and receive advice and support for any individual concerns you might have.

This will take place in a year 1 classroom and entry will be at 3:25pm, after the year 1 children have left safely.



Important Information:

School Support Maps

During parent's evening next term, your child's teacher will share with you the spring support map and discuss progress. They will also provide you with a copy of your child's new summer term support map.

BEAM

Unfortunately, Shropshire Beam and Shropshire Wellbeing Zone will be closing on the 30th April 2024.

Please see the attached document which includes signposts to available support.

Happy Easter

We wish all our families a very happy Easter and look forward to an SEN coffee morning next term. Dates to be sent out in due course. In the meantime, if you have any concerns or would like to talk, please contact Mrs Olenik-Pritchard on the school telephone number or using the email below.

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