



Banks Road Primary School

Special Educational Needs Newsletter

July 2020 #4

A message from Mr. Savage (SENCO):

Here is the fourth edition of our Banks Road SEN Newsletter. This edition provides parents/carers with a range of support that can be accessed online during the current pandemic. Hopefully, as we move out of the lockdown restrictions, more and more services will return to face-to-face sessions.

I have also used this edition of the newsletters to begin to introduce you to one of the key members of our SEN team here at Banks Road. I will use each edition to highlight each member of our team to give you some information about who they, what they do and how they support children in our school.

Our new website and Banks Road app have both now launched. I would ask all parents/carers to take a look, particularly at the Special Educational Needs section. This can be accessed at the following link and is the place where key SEN documents such as our SEN Policy and SEN Information Report can found: <https://banksroadprimaryschoolliverpool.co.uk/send/>

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr. Savage



Reachout ASC and the Isabella Trust webinars

Reachout Autism and the Isabella Trust have teamed up to put on a series of free webinars for parents and carers. These take place online via Zoom. All you have to do is request a place by completing the online booking form at <http://www.theisabellatrust.org/apply-for-course/> and you will be sent a link.

- 7th July, 1pm – 3pm - AUTISM & TRANSITIONS
- 14th July, 1pm – 3pm - AUTISM & PUBERTY
- 28th July, 1pm – 3pm - AUTISM & INTRODUCTION TO ADHD



Parenting Forum

The National Autistic Society are a great resource to use and they have put together a forum page. On the forum, people can raise questions or concerns and get help and support from other families and professionals. You can even offer support on other people's threads.

Sometimes it is good to talk with a forum or group when you do not have to worry about face to face interaction of without even revealing your name.

You can access the forum at the following link:

<https://community.autism.org.uk/>

Meet The Banks Road SEND Team

About Dr Lee Randall

We are very lucky to be able to work with Dr Lee Randall, who is our Educational Psychologist, or Ed Psyc for short. Dr Randall, known by the children as Dr Lee, has been an Ed Psyc since 2016. He is highly experienced having previously worked in schools in Liverpool in his previous role as a teacher and mentor to children, young people and their families from a wide variety of backgrounds.



What does an Educational Psychologist do?

When Dr Lee is invited into school to see a child his first task is gathering as much information about the child as possible. So he usually begins by taking quite a detailed history from the parent/carer. He wants to know how the child has progressed through all of the developmental milestones, walking and talking for example, and then find out when things changed.

He then does a very basic observation of the child in their classroom, where he will look at a child's interactions with other children, levels of language, and how they are generally - if they are confident, what things can trigger a change in behaviour. Often you can see a child in an environment behaving calmly until they need to sit down and begin to do a task and you realise it is at that point that they really struggle. Sometimes, Dr Lee will do some cognitive assessments with the child to help assess how the child learns.

Lastly, is a consultation with the class teacher and the staff working with the child to get a broader sense of what the child is like in school. He then takes all the information he gathers away and compiles a report.

An Ed Psyc's report can be used for a number of reasons, including to help the class teacher support the child better in class, to aid in the assessment process for an Education, Health Care Plan, to help support an application for further funding to support a child or to aid in the assessment of a child undergoing the pathway for Autism or ADHD. Educational Psychologists cannot diagnose Autism.



LivPac virtual meet ups

Livpac and the Isabella Trust have virtual coffee mornings and evenings every week. Livpac have regular guest speakers giving information on a whole host of

subjects as well as providing the opportunity for parents and carers to make contact and support each other during these difficult times. The sessions are held on:

- Tuesdays - 10am - 12pm
- Thursdays - 6pm - 8pm
- Sundays - 10am - 12pm

For more information or to request to join the sessions email Donna at livpac@hotmail.co.uk



ADDvanced Solutions **Community Network**

Supporting you to find the answers

ADDvanced Solutions

ADDvanced Solutions are now offering virtual Community Network Groups and webinar Learning Workshops for parents and carers of children and young people living with neurodevelopmental conditions pre, during and post diagnosis. This means that your child may not have any conditions diagnosed. You may not have even been referred anywhere yet but you can still access this support.

They offer one-to-one consultations via the phone 0151 486 1788, you can email them at info@advancedsolutions.co.uk and they have an open Facebook page - ADDvanced Solutions Community Network. They also have a closed Facebook page for parents and carers - ADDvanced Solutions Community Network CIC.

Their phone lines are open Monday - Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm.



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Liverpool SEND Parenting Blog

produced by LivPac and Chris Cavanagh, the Liverpool City Council Parenting Coordinator

Liverpool City Council have co-produced an online blog hub, pulling together as many different online blogs and resources which parents and carers of children with SEN may find useful.

The link for the FREE page is <https://www.cultureliverpool.co.uk/send-parenting/>

The blog covers the following areas;

- Parent Blogs
- Send Resources and Support
- FOCUS: Bereavement resources
- FOCUS: Early Years / SEND resources
- FOCUS: Liverpool SEND Support Groups
- FOCUS: Mental Health support
- FOCUS: Preparing for Adult Life
- FOCUS: Supporting families during Covid-19
- FOCUS: Supporting children through Covid-19
- FOCUS: Transition back to school
- “SEND Toolkit” (an introduction to supporting children with additional needs in the classroom):
 - Supporting Students with Autism
 - Support
 - Partner Websites
 - Website and activity ideas
 - Other Useful Resources

The ASD Training Team

The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of virtual drop in advisory sessions via zoom. They are for parent/carers wishing to talk in a private one to one setting about any questions or concerns they may have about their child. You do not require a diagnosis of ASD to book your place. To book your place please email your choice of date and time and you will be emailed a zoom link. There are two places available for each time slot.

Tuesday 7th July 2020

9.30 – 10.15
10.30 – 11.15
11.30 – 12.15
12.30 – 1.15

Wednesday 8th July 2020

11.00– 11.45
12.00 – 12.45
1.00 – 1.45
2.00 – 2.45

Thursday 9th July 2020

9.30 – 10.15
10.30 – 11.15
11.30 – 12.15

Friday 10th July 2020

10.00– 10.45
11.00 – 11.45
12.0 – 12.45
1.00 – 1.45
2.00 – 2.45

Friday 17th July 2020

9.30 – 10.15
10.30 – 11.15
11.30 – 12.15
12.30 - 1.15



Monday 13th July 2020

12.00 – 12.45
1.00 – 1.45
2.00 – 2.45
3.00 – 3.45

Wednesday 15th July 2020

9.30– 10.15
10.30 – 11.15
11.30 – 12.15
12.30 – 1.15



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