



# Clarity Independent School

28<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear parents and care-givers,

I hope this brief, mid-half-term update finds you well on this bright Tuesday morning!

## Our Therapeutic Behaviour Training for Parents

It was lovely to see the parents who attended our Therapeutic Behaviour Training on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November with Joel Shaljean from Therapeutic Thinking (formally known as Essex Steps). We had some fantastic feedback from the event and several requests from parents who could not attend on the day, wanting to watch it later online. Apologies for the delay in sending the link, we have to do some editing on this first but it will be available as soon as possible.

## Our E-safety Training for Parents

To launch the ESCB Online Safety campaign in December, The 2 Johns will be running one of their popular Q&A sessions online on Sunday 10 December 2023 at 7pm. This will be a Zoom session but will also be broadcast live via their [Facebook page](#) at the same time. Please join us and feel free to spread the word to any friends and family with children.

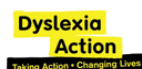
## Children's Achievements

We have been amazed once again at the milestones the children have achieved. At half term I sent my Headteacher's award certificates directly to you (by email and via the children themselves) and I am sure like us you are amazed at how hard they have been working, in all areas, not just academically. Children won awards for:

- Neatly presented work in Science
- Showing diligence and persevering in settling in during transition from another school
- First aid Training (level 2)
- Food Hygiene Training (level 2)
- Overcoming a fear of heights and persevering
- Cookery (overcoming huge sensory challenges)
- Getting involved in activities and encouraging others to participate



Approved Assessments for  
Disabled Students'  
Allowance



Guild Member  
Assessment Practising  
Certificate Holder



INPP  
Practitioner



AMBDA Status

- Descriptive writing

Well done to all of you - keep going!

### **Green Pass Behaviour Awards**

At Clarity, the children have the opportunity to achieve recognition for reaching a standard of being able to stay regulated over a consistent period of time and using their strategies to re-regulate themselves again if they become dysregulated. They demonstrate their ability to manage their own phase of regulation when offsite as well as around the school. When children join Clarity, as well as being educated academically, they begin a pastoral journey of learning about their emotions, regulation state and wellbeing. One of our new starters, Reggee, has met his green Pass Standard and achieved his award in October. Well-done Reggee! We will continue the work with other new starters to support them to reach this standard soon!

### **Water bottles**

Please can parents and care-givers kindly supply a reusable water bottle for your children to use during the day each day. We have a water fountain which is available to the children to top their water bottles up at all times during the day to stay healthy and hydrated, but they do need their own reusable water bottle in order to use it. We have a small number of disposable plastic cups for emergencies if a child forgets but are unable to supply a fresh plastic cup for each drink of water they have during the day, each day. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Termly Trips and Activities - Pantomime, important letter attached**

This term, we have the opportunity to visit the Chelmsford Theatre to see Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Please see attached letter with important information and consent form, and the support we will be providing to ensure that as many children as possible can attend this fun event.

### **Information and Advice for Parents / Care-givers**

Please find attached an info poster about Autism Central peer support programme run by Essex County Council.

### **Positive Feedback**

Thank you as always for the lovely feedback we have received recently. We are always happy to help with any concerns and worries or queries people may have, but it is so lovely to hear feedback from happy parents and care-givers too.

*"Wow this is amazing, thank you, he has come so far since being at Clarity and I can only thank you all for the help getting him to this point, thank you."*

*"I'm super proud of all his achievements and thank you to all the staff at Clarity who have made it possible for him to achieve what he has."*

*"I'm so incredibly proud of [child], he is a totally different boy and a lot of that credit goes to you and your staff. I have never seen [child] write as much as he does now and this year he actually wrote my Birthday card himself - something I thought I would never see so thank you."*

Have a wonderful rest of the week and term, in the build up to Christmas!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Debbie Hanson', written in a cursive style.

Debbie Hanson, Head Teacher and Director

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