

Nebula SEND News



Dean Beadle - Sharing his personal experiences of Asperger's

On 19th September ALL Nebula teachers and teaching assistants were lucky enough to listen to the wonderful Dean Beadle talking about his experiences at school, and in his later life, of living with Asperger's. It gave us all a new perspective on how it feels for a child with Asperger's

and Autism to try and make sense of school and all the demands we make on our pupils.

His personal take on everything from anxiety to online dating and fairgrounds were both hilarious and moving.

I can highly recommend checking out his videos on youtube



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Nebula SENCOs

- Executive Deputy for SEND: Jenni Porter
- Mary Board—SENCO for Harnser Federation (Frettenham, Hainford and St Faiths' Primary Schools)
- Mrs. Hewett—Old Catton Junior School
- Mrs. Quiles-Richmond—White Woman Lane Junior
- Mrs. Pratt- Horsford Primary
- Miss Thurston—Horsford Primary

Autism Champions

The Nebula SENCOs, 2 of our teaching assistants and I have been attending Autism Champions Training since the start of this year and are sadly nearing the end of this

amazing course. Every half term we have attended training at Keswick Hall and have enjoyed visits from the incredible Anne Etherington, the course instructor, Anne

has worked with children and adults with autism for most of her professional career and her knowledge and warmth make this training some of the best we have ever

done. The impact of this training can be seen in all the schools—as you will see on the following pages.

Autism Champions—Harnser Federation

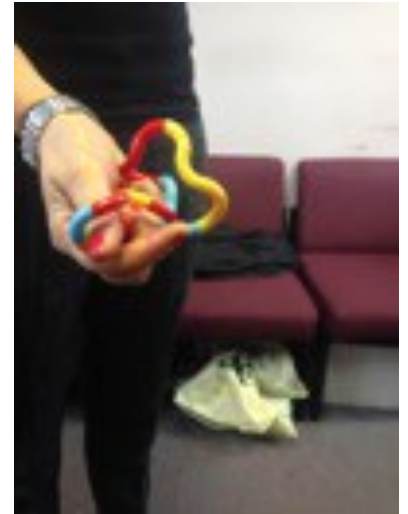
At the Harnser schools we initially looked at communication and anxiety.

Anne Etherington visited and looked at each school's environment and how we could create quiet spaces.

Anne also helped us develop resources to help all pupils communicate that they need help or support with-

out standing out from the rest of the class or group.

We also worked on developing visual timetables for the whole class and individual now/next cards to give pupils a better feel of structure and control over their learning.



Autism Champions—Old Catton Junior School

At Old Catton, Mrs. Hewett has been experimenting with a 'low stimulation' classroom. Her teaching space is very low key with all display spaces being the same pale blue with little work displayed. 'Busy' primary displays can be very distracting, not just for

pupils with ASD. She also developed a colour-coordinated quiet space/work station. Mrs. Hewett welcomes comments on how this environment affects the learning for all member of the school community.



Autism Champions—White Woman Lane Junior

Anne Etherington was very impressed with the variety of alternative learning spaces at White Woman Lane. She particularly liked the library bus, the lodges and the Magic

Room. White Woman Lane had a lot of visual resources available in different spaces and their visual timetables were inspiring for the rest of the Nebula schools to develop further.

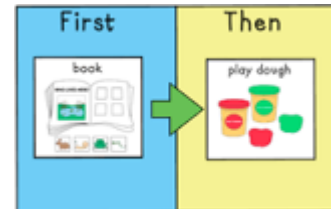


Autism Champions—Horsford Primary

At Horsford we discussed the use of personalised timetables for children who might find a full daily visual timetable overwhelming.

We also looked at using social stories to help the children from the Infant site with their transition to the Junior site.

Anne also helped us find resources to address some specific pupils' sensory needs. Many different areas around the tow sites have been developed to help pupils who have additional sensory needs, including a shed on the infant site and chill-out spaces at the Junior site.



Family Voice—they need you!



Family Voice are a great organisation and any of you can join! The best bit is, you can do as much or as little as you choose.

Family Voice aims to be the strategic consultative body within Norfolk representing families of children with special and additional needs, providing a liaison point for statutory and voluntary agencies within Norfolk. Members can choose just how active or inactive they wish to be, no-one is expected to be a parent representative if they prefer not to be; but we do want and need your opinions and your support, our effectiveness increases with your support.

The more members we have, the better informed we are and the more collective strength we have.

<http://www.familyvoice.org.uk/>



Are you the parent of a child with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)?

Join us for coffee at our new-style information and feedback sessions.

For our first series, we've invited Norfolk SEND Partnership Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) so you can

- Find out more about SEN Support and EHCP assessments
- Tell us about your own experiences of support for your child with SEND
- Ask questions in a relaxed setting
- Share ideas with other parent carers



Tuesday 7 November 2017
10.30am – 12.30pm
Sprowston Diamond Centre,
School Lane, Norwich, NR7 8TR

Thursday 9 November 2017
10.30pm – 12.30pm
Iceni centre, The Campingland,
Swartham, PE37 7RB

Tuesday 14 November 2017
10.30am – 12.30pm
Attleborough Community Hub,
Station Road, Attleborough, NR17 2AT

Thursday 23 November 2017
10.30am – 12.30pm
Kings Centre, Queen Anne Road,
Great Yarmouth, NR31 0LE

If you can come, please email us at events@familyvoice.org.uk or call/text on 07535 895748.

NEED HEALTH ADVICE? WE CAN HELP

From 20th March 2017

Just one number

0300 300 0123

Children & Young People's Health Services NORFOLK

Are you a child, young person or parent/carer living in Norfolk?

If you need to speak to your health visitor, school nurse or any other member of our integrated Healthy Child Programme services for advice or information, we're here to help!

8.00 am - 6.00 pm Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 1.00 pm Saturday

Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust: delivering excellence in children and young people's health services

Fritha Fayers
Speech and Language Therapist

Fritha has been working with the Sprowston Cluster of schools for over a year. Now we have an exciting opportunity to work with Fritha just within our Nebula Partnership through her work with CEPP (The Child and Educational Psychology Practice).

SENCOs and teachers can make direct referrals on behalf of individuals or small groups. Additionally, Fritha offers 'drop-in' sessions for staff and is happy to open this up to parents if accompanied by a member of staff. The dates and times are displayed below. Please contact Jenni if you wish to make an appointment:

deputysend@nebula.norfolk.sch.uk



- Wednesday 8th November**
12:30-17:30 White Woman Lane Junior
- Wednesday 10th January**
12:30-17:30
Horsford, Holt Road
- Wednesday 7th March**
12:30-17:30
Old Catton Junior School

SEN Parent Drop-In

SEN Parent Drop Ins with Jenni!

Please come along for a chat, share your parental expertise, or just for cake! No appointments necessary!

2/11/17	Hainford Primary	8.30-10.00
7/11/17	White Woman Lane	2.00-3.30
14/11/17	Horsford Mill Lane	2.00-3.30
21/11/17	Frettenham Primary	8.30-10.00

