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Parent carer newsletter

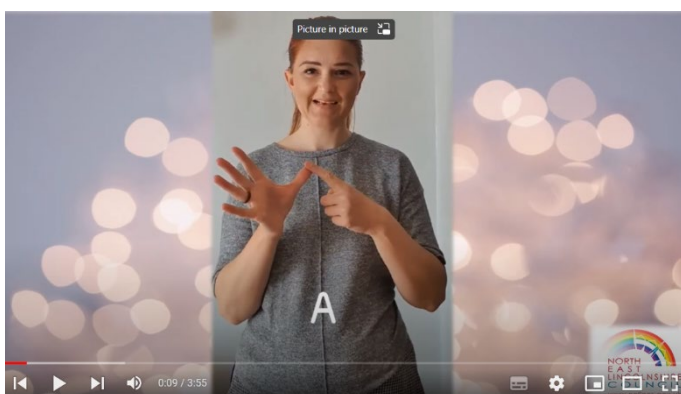


This is the SEND Newsletter for 2- 8 May 2022.

Deaf Awareness Week

This week is Deaf Awareness Week.

Have you seen these great story books that have deaf characters? [Our children's storybooks | Parenting a deaf child \(ndcs.org.uk\)](#)



Did you try the recent 'I can sing a rainbow' tutorial? It's part of a whole playlist of British Sign Language (BSL) tutorials made by your local Educational Team for Hearing and Vision.

Try some simple alphabet and phonics. Why not click through to see the rest of the playlist.

[BSL Alphabet & Phonics - YouTube](#)

Also, Rose Ayling-Ellis is making her debut in CBeebies' story corner when she tells the story of a young bear and his dad on their journey into the discovery and management of deafness.

Check it out! [Rose Ayling-Ellis to sign CBeebies story for Deaf Awareness Week.](#)

Autism in Schools



Autism in schools continues to make great progress.

One part of the project is a book club that brings together parent carers and professionals and gives both the chance to upskill.

Parent carers and school SENCo's, teachers and teaching assistants from five of the schools discuss the book 'Uniquely Human' by Dr Barry Prizant.

Last week the group read chapter 2, Listen. This chapter frames echolalia as a purposeful way of communicating and talks about listening to what children are trying to communicate in their own way.

Free speech and language workshop

contact *For families with disabled children*

Contact have four free speech and language workshops in June for parent carers of disabled children aged 4 to 16.

Primary school

- [Speech, Language and Communication Workshop \(Primary\) Tickets, Wed 8 Jun 2022 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- [Speech, Language and Communication Workshop \(Primary\) Tickets, Thu 30 Jun 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Secondary School

- [Speech, Language and Communication Workshop \(Secondary\) Tickets, Tue 14 Jun 2022 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- [Speech, Language and Communication Workshop \(Secondary\) Tickets, Thu 23 Jun 2022 at 09:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Ambitious About Autism: Supported internships



Applications are now open for the Ambitious About Autism Supported Internships programme. It's open to young people aged 16-25 with special educational needs and disabilities, who have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan to give them the best chance at gaining competitive work skills for future employment.

Find out more by booking a place at their information event on Thursday 12 May.

[Supported internships | Ambitious College](#)

Help filling in DLA forms



DLA (Disability Living Allowance) is the main benefit for children under 16 with a condition or disability. Families Contact speaks to describe getting this benefit as 'life-changing'.

[Disability Living Allowance | Contact](#)

The DLA form is long and requires lots of information. So to help, Contact's benefits expert Derek has recorded three videos taking you through the process.

[Tips on completing the Disability Living Allowance form \(contact.org.uk\)](#)

Keep an eye out for more videos soon, or read our other tips on completing the DLA form.

[Need help completing your child's DLA form? | Contact](#)

Contact's Frequently Asked Questions tool can help you find answers to some of the most common questions about DLA and other benefits.

[FAQs | Contact](#)

Free bike scheme



Together for Childhood have teamed up with R-Evolution and Freeman Street Market, to develop a free 'Bike Project' for anyone aged 14 to 17 years of age.

If the young person has additional support needs, please get in touch to discuss how to work together to meet their needs.

There is a taster session where you can decide if you'd like to sign up for the six week course.

Places are limited for each 6-week programme, so applications are essential.

Find out more and book. [NELC SEND Local Offer | Free bike project for young people \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

If you have questions about SEND we are always here to help. Please don't hesitate to email sen@nelincs.gov.uk. We always try to make sure that children and parents/ carers voices are heard.

These Weekly SEND parent/carers newsletters are shared with teams within education, health and social care as well as parents/carers SENCOs, the DfE and local charities.

If parents/carers or young people over 16 do not have access to the internet or if they prefer to receive paper copies only please contact sen@nelincs.gov.uk.