

Dyslexia Awareness Week

2nd - 8th October 2023



The West Sussex Learning and Behaviour Advisory Team are spreading the word of the British Dyslexia Association's theme this year - encouraging everyone to celebrate being uniquely you!

[Dyslexia Awareness Week 2023 - British Dyslexia Association \(bdadyslexia.org.uk\)](https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk)

Over the last three years, over 30 West Sussex schools have participated in the Dyslexia and Dyscalculia Inclusive Practice Award (DaDIPA) - formerly known as the Dyslexia Aware Schools Award (DASA) - facilitated by the Learning and Behaviour Advisory Team.



Dyslexia Awareness Week 2023 provides us the ideal opportunity to share the following school, pupil and family success stories which have been captured through the project and shared with the team:

Y2- Successfully supporting parents and pupil.

Find this resource:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11r7CFIK2sc>

Shared a clip of "See dyslexia differently" (Nessy) with parents and pupil. She (pupil) said this really helped. She showed us her personalised resources and how to use them including spellings and reading tools. She spoke positively about her learning difficulties and her parents are more confident in supporting at home.

Y4 - Resourcing to develop confidence and attainment.

Example products at:
<https://www.talkingproducts.com/collections/talking-tins-learning-resources>

Use of a talk tin increased confidence in writing. She is now using phonetically plausible attempts in spelling. Accelerated progress evident in English book

Year 4 - Developing confidence and a love of reading.

Nessy's "Dyslexia Explained" videos available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZPwx7G0sLNyOKfdVQd3ZKg>

Use of a dyslexia screener led us to understand literacy needs better, including showing the positive side of difference using Nessy videos. Book choices reduced to those he would find easier to access to then build up confidence and try reading more challenging texts, over time. Increased support and understanding at home. Pupil confidence is much increased and he is speaking of a love of reading.

Precision teaching for reading has led to increased confidence in reading and significant progress. This has led to a motivated pupil who enjoys coming to school and sees himself as a learner. He has started to apply reading skills within his writing and is more confident with maths, being prepared to give it a go. Multisensory approach taken and access to Barrington Stoke books have supported this.

Y5 - Making progress and developing confidence.

Books available at:
<https://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk/books/>

Useful resources:

West Sussex Tools for Schools [Dyslexia | Tools for schools \(local-offer.org\)](https://www.toolsforschools.org.uk/), includes LBAT Getting Started Guide to Dyslexia.

Helen Arkell- [Dyslexia Awareness Week 2023 - Join in!](https://www.helenarkell.org.uk/) (helenarkell.org.uk)

British Dyslexia Association- [Dyslexia Awareness Week 2023 - British Dyslexia Association](https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/) (bdadyslexia.org.uk)

Further reading:

[Dyslexia | Dyslexic Advantage - Dyslexia | Dyslexic Advantage](https://www.dyslexia.org.uk/)

Suggested books for children and young people [Characters with dyslexia | BookTrust](https://www.booktrust.org.uk/)

Confidence increased through sports clubs and building on strengths.

Every child has a unique profile of needs and strengths - help them to celebrate their uniqueness!

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/dyslexia-a-strengths-poster-t-ag-1664352096>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/dyslexia-a-awareness-celebrating-difference-dyslexia-awareness-week-2021-au-s-1630533584>

We would love to hear about experiences from adults and children with dyslexia within West Sussex or about anything your school community has done to promote positive inclusion. If you are happy to share, please email:

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