

Special Educational Needs



& Disability



AUTUMN 2019 Newsletter

MARICOURT PARENT/CARER NEWSLETTER

We welcome our new parents to our SEND community and hope you find the termly newsletters useful. To those parents whom we worked with last year - a sincere thank you for your support in helping us achieve the SEND Inclusion Award. This award offers mainstream schools the opportunity to gain accreditation for high-quality provisions and outcomes for children with SEND. We were successful and have been awarded the accolade for the next 3 years. Our strengths have been highlighted as

'The school is committed to removing barriers to learning. The SENCO, SLT and Governors ensure that inclusion is at the heart of the school and central to the school ethos.'

'The school understands the needs of children with SEND and their families and that parent / school relationships are based on honesty and trust. These views were supported by the SEND parent and student surveys'

'The Leadership of SEND is outstanding overall'.

'The school ensures that all children can access all aspects of the curriculum and school life, including residential visits and extracurricular activities'

(The full report is on our website in the SEND area)

The focus of this term's newsletter is to raise awareness of Dyslexia and offer support to students and families who struggle with this and other specific learning difficulties

October saw Dyslexia awareness week and as a school information and resources were shared with staff. Within our SEND department our specialist reading support assistant Mrs Byrne attended the "Dyslexia and Dyscalculia - A Neurodiverse Approach" Conference in Liverpool.

Training was disseminated to all our department and key messages will be shared with staff in one of our SEND clinics. Both Mrs Byrne and I attended phonics training last month and are ready to roll out a new phonics intervention for secondary students - Fresh Start

In most recent research the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Dyslexia and Specific Literacy Difficulties released their report on the Educational impact of Dyslexia
<https://cdn.bdadyslexia.org.uk/images/Educational-cost-of-dyslexia-APPG-for-Dyslexia-and-other-SpLDs-October-2019.pdf?mtime=20191024132817>

This report offers some grim reading as it outlines the current state of affairs. But it does offer a practical approach to improve outcomes for young people with dyslexia in the short and medium and long term

Dates for your Diary

Parent workshop - Fresh Start training Year 7 & 8 parents (invites will be sent) - 9th December 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Year 7 Parents' Evenings - A-F 5th Dec and H-R 12th Dec

School Musical - 'Annie' - 4-6th Dec

School closes for Christmas - 20th Dec

The Dyslexia Show 2020 - NEC 20th-21st March 2020 - www.dyslexiashow.co.uk

Useful websites/resources

For up to date national information for parents you may find this website useful

<https://www.specialneedsjungle.com>

School website - SEND area for parents.

<https://www.maricourt.net/about/parents/send>

- Maricourt SEND Offer
- [Sefton Local offer](#)
- [Access Arrangements for examinations policy](#)
- [Dyslexia and Specific Learning Difficulties resource booklet \(2019\) from Dyslexia Action](#)

Support for ADHD

- <https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/>
- <http://www.advancedsolutions.co.uk/>
- ADHD Nurses (Sefton) 01704395720

Support for Autism

- <https://www.autisminitiatives.org/ossme>

Together Trust Autism Support for parent workshops

- James.Clark@sefton.gov.uk

Parents SEND Support

- <https://witherslackgroup.co.uk/events-support/>
- <http://www.livpac.co.uk/>

LivPaC is a local parent carer forum in Liverpool



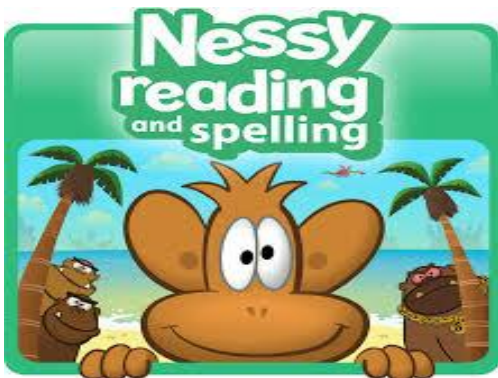
Literacy Driver Trust

<https://www.driveryouthtrust.com/category/news/>

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for literacy

Resources can be found on our SEND area in the Parents section of our website

<https://www.maricourt.net/uploads/web/245/docs/Finding-out-more-about-Dyslexia.pdf>



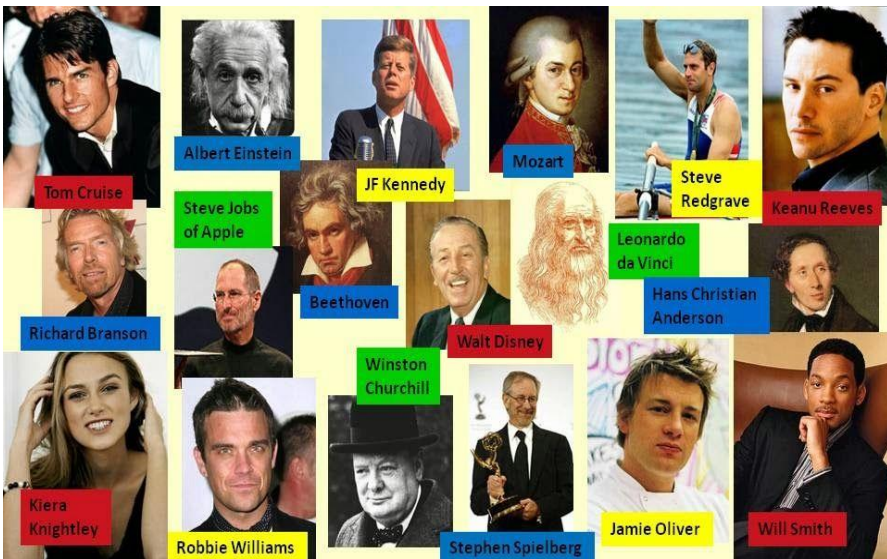
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Resources accessed by school and families



<https://www.specialneedsjungle.com/>



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Educational cost of dyslexia

Financial, standards and attainment cost to education of unidentified and poorly supported dyslexia, and a policy pathway to end the educational cost of dyslexia

Report from the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Dyslexia and other SpLDs

October 2019