

SEPTEMBER 2021 EDITION 1

EWS SEND NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO THE EWS SEND NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our very first newsletter which we hope you find informative and packed full of helpful resources. We plan to send this out every half term to show what our SEND department have been up to, open up lines of communication with our families and offer support.

Our priority as a team is to ensure that our SEND students are safe, supported and happy during their time with us. We are an approachable and friendly team, always willing to go the extra miles for our students and their families.

In this edition, we will introduce you to our teams and our hub space.

We also welcome any feedback from you.

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Respect



I am Claire Wright and I have been at EWS for nearly 8 years, I love the community feel of the school and the fact that we know our students really well. I want to be able to help all students achieve our school values.



Hi, I'm Mrs Harry and I am based on South Campus overseeing the inclusion team. I have been at EWS for nearly 3 years and really enjoy working in our school, I like how it's small enough that everyone knows everyone, which means we can really support our students to reach their full potential. Outside of school I enjoy exercising, playing women's rugby and also walking my dog.

CLAIRE WRIGHT

KELLY HARRY



Our Aims for 2021/2022 -

INCREASING STAFF AWARENESS OF QUALITY FIRST TEACHING FOR SEND STUDENTS.

What do we mean by this? Teachers will deliver high quality and inclusive teaching for all students.

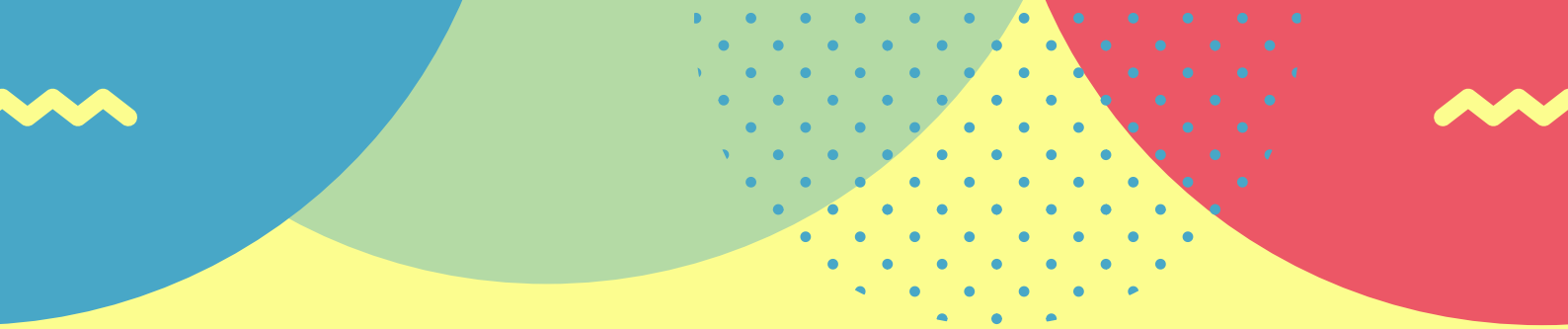
TO ENSURE THAT ALL STAKEHOLDERS ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE SEND PROVISION AND OUTCOME.

We will be working closely with families, students and staff to improve our provision.

Our SEN community is built upon trust, good communication and honesty. We pride ourselves on the relationships with build with families and students.

We welcome suggestions and feedback and look forward to working together in partnership with parents and carers of all our students.

Should you require any information or wish to speak to either of us, please email us on claire.wright@ewsacademy.org.uk or kelly.harry@ewsacademy.org.uk



THE HUB

is open to all our students on
both sites at breaks and
lunches. We look forward to
welcoming you to the hub.

Please just turn up.

You're off to
GREAT PLACES!
Today is
YOUR DAY!
Your mountain
IS WAITING
So...get on
YOUR WAY!
- DR SEUSS -



HOMEWORK CLUB

Does your child struggle to do homework when they get home? Our TAs run homework clubs on both sites from 3.05pm - 4pm Monday to Thursday. Please register your interest with either Claire Wright or Kelly Harry.



NEVER BE AFRAID
TO TRY SOMETHING
NEW BECAUSE
LIFE GETS BORING

WHEN YOU STAY
WITHIN THE LIMITS
OF WHAT YOU
ALREADY KNOW.

SEN AMBASSADORS

WE ARE LOOKING FOR AMBASSADORS FOR OUR SEN TEAM.

ANY STUDENTS ARE INTERESTED IN THIS, PLEASE ASK THEM TO SPEAK TO CLAIRE WRIGHT ON NORTH OR KELLY HARRY ON SOUTH

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Free training for 18 - 25 year olds

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Saints Wheelchair Rugby are constantly on the lookout for new players – young and old, experienced and amateur – with any level of disability.

The club operates an Adult (18+) and Youth (8-17) section with weekly training sessions delivered by qualified Wheelchair Rugby coaches.

WHEN Every Monday

Youth (8-17): 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Adult (18+): 7:15pm – 8.15pm

WHERE Rodber Bar, Franklin's Gardens

If you have a disability and want to play for Saints Wheelchair Rugby, if you want to volunteer in any way, or if you want to help the club financially, please contact community@northamptonsaints.co.uk. For more information please visit [Saints Wheelchair Rugby's fixtures and results](#) For full details on [how to pay your Wheelchair Rugby membership](#).



Family Support Hub Northampton
Session dates for 2021
Kingsthorpe Baptist Church
High Street, Kingsthorpe NN2 6QF

The Hub provides a regular meeting point for families affected by autism. We provide activities for children and families can gain support, information and advice. These are free drop-in sessions and the whole family are welcome to attend. Suitable for up to 11 years and under. **Please contact Lesley to let me know you're intending to come so that I can keep an eye on numbers because of Covid (mobile number and email are below).**

Usually the 1st Monday of the Month from 4.00-6.30pm

- June 7th
- July 5th
- August 2nd
- September 6th
- October 4th
- November 1st
- December 6th

For further information contact:-

lesley.lock@autismeastmidlands.org.uk
linsey.atkins@autismeastmidlands.org.uk



How to find the Kings Thorpe Baptist Church:

By bus from Northampton centre: 19 Violet/19A Violet from Broad Street and Regent Street every 15 min.

By road: Head north on Crispin St towards Herbert St, turn right onto Herbert St, turn right onto St Andrews St, turn left onto Broad St/A508, Continue to follow A508, Slight left onto Welford Rd/A5199, turn left onto High St. There is on road parking. You can also park in Waitrose for a maximum of 2 hours.

The Baptist Church is located behind Waitrose at the back of the car park – as you look at Waitrose, walk round it to the right (still in the car park) and you will see a red brick building on the right – that's where we are!

If you have difficulty finding us then give me a call – 07970 397 456.

THINGS TO DO LOCALLY

NHS Cadets

Start your path way into healthcare. This is a FREE 12 month programme (two hours a week). If you are aged between 14 and 18 years old and meet the joining criteria we can help you develop the skills you need for a future in one of 350 different roles in the NHS. Weekly sessions and activities are offered.

This project is designed to help young people from under-represented backgrounds get into careers in Healthcare.

Some of the criterias that can make an application viable are:

Living with learning difficulties and/or disabilities, young people in the care system or recent care leavers, refugees and asylum seekers, young carers, homeless young people or those at risk of homelessness, those previously involved with drug or substance misuse, those not in education, employment or training, those who identify as being part of the LGBTQ+ community, those living with mental health concerns, young people in receipt of free school meals, British ethnic minority young people whose race/religion could be or has been a barrier to considering a pathway to healthcare.

You will be supported all the way and get a NHS cadets polo shirt for free. For more information please visit [Youth Volunteering & First Aid Training - NHS Cadets | St John Ambulance \(sja.org.uk\)](#) or email nhscadets@sja.org.uk

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TESTIMONIES

WHEN I FIRST STARTED SECONDARY SCHOOL THE SUPPORT THAT I GOT FROM SENCO WAS TO HELP ME MANAGE MY ISSUES AND SUPPORT ME IN SOME LESSONS I MISBEHAVED IN. I GOT A CALM CARD AND GREEN , ORANGE AND RED CARDS, TO USE IF I EVER FELT LIKE I NEEDED TO EXIT THE CLASSROOM, OR (USING THE COLOURED CARDS) TO SHOW HOW I WAS FEELING. I AM NOW IN YEAR 10 AND I HAVE STOPPED HAVING SUPPORT FROM SENCO AS I FELT LIKE I DID NOT NEED IT ANYMORE - CURRENT YEAR 11 PUPIL



INTERVENTIONS

**WE ARE PLEASED TO
OFFER:-
LITERACY AND NUMERACY
INTERVENTIONS.
SOCIAL STORY WORK.
SOCIAL EMOTIONAL AND
MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT.
WORKSHOPS RAN BY OUR
ETHOS TEAM.
ONE TO ONE SUPPORT**

**THE HUB IS OPEN DURING
LUNCH AND BREAKS AND
EVERYONE IS WELCOME.
WE OFFER A SAFE NON
JUDGEMENTAL
ENVIRONMENT SO PLEASE
POP ALONG AND SEE US.**

THE MIND JAR GIVES US A VISUAL ANCHOR SO THAT WE CAN CALM AND RE-CENTRE OURSELVES AS WE VIEW THE GLITTER IN THE JAR SETTLE TO THE BOTTOM.

WHEN YOU SHAKE THE JAR, ALL OF THE GLITTER WILL DISPERSE, CLOUDING THE WATER CAUSING THE GLITTER TO MOVE AROUND IN

CHAOS. THE SHAKEN MIND JAR REPRESENTS WHAT WE FEEL LIKE

WHEN WE GET SHAKEN BY TOUGH EMOTIONS.

WE BECOME

SHAKEN WHEN WE EXPERIENCE AGGRAVATION, ANGER, SADNESS,

NERVOUS, ETC.

OUR MIND AND BODY CAN THEN FEEL LIKE A MIXED UP MIND JAR.

OUR THOUGHTS BECOME CLOUDY. OUR BODY CAN FEEL UNSETTLED.

SOMETIMES WE MAY FEEL AS IF THERE ARE “BUTTERFLIES IN OUR STOMACH.”

WE CAN HELP SETTLE OUR OWN BODY AND MIND

AS WE WATCH THE GLITTER WITHIN THE MIND JAR SETTLE. AS YOU VIEW THE GLITTER SLOWLY TOUCH THE BOTTOM OF THE JAR,

NOTICE

YOUR BREATH. KEEP YOUR ATTENTION ON YOUR BREATH UNTIL ALL OF THE GLITTER REACHES

THE BOTTOM OF THE JAR. ONCE IT IS ALL SETTLED, CLOSE YOUR EYES. CHECK IN WITH

YOUR

OWN BODY/MIND. IS IT SETTLED IN THERE? IF YOU ANSWER, “NO,” THAT’S OK. TAKE A FEW MORE DEEP BREATHS INTO YOUR BELLY

Mind Jar Recipe:

Fill a glass jar with warm water

Add glitter, liquid glue (elmer's), and food coloring





USEFUL WEBSITES

WWW.IPSEA.ORG.UK

WWW.SPECIALNEEDSJUNGLE.COM

AUTISM.ORG.UK

WWW.NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.GOV.UK/COUNCILSERVICES/CHILDREN-FAMILIES-EDUCATION/SEND/

WWW.IASSNORTHANTS.CO.UK

NORTHANTS.DYSLEXIA.CO.UK/DYSLEXIA

WWW.NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.GOV.UK/COUNCILSERVICES/CHILDREN-FAMILIES-EDUCATION/SEND/LOCAL-OFFER