

Dear Parents,

Inclusion Newsletter

Welcome to another Inclusion Newsletter. We are rapidly approaching the end of **Autumn 2 2024** another productive and busy term.

We hope you find the information and links to further resources helpful.

We wish you and your families a peaceful and enjoyable festive break.

The Inclusion Team



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Dyslexia Support and Resources

Over the school year, we will be gathering evidence to support our reaccreditation for the Dyslexia Aware Quality Mark. As well as embedding classroom strategies, we will be reviewing the use of assistive technology so that children with Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD) can access the full curriculum and develop a range of skills in recording and accessing information. There are some useful resources on the Call Scotland website:

[chromebook-apps-and-extensions-for-learners-with-dyslexia.pdf](#)

[ict-to-support-learners-with-dyslexia.pdf](#)

[ipad-apps-for-learners-with-dyslexia.pdf](#)

To support children's skills in using assistive technology, programmes to develop keyboard skills are highly recommended. The following websites provide programmes to practise keyboard skills and touch typing:

[Doorway Text Type](#)

www.typing.com

www.typingclub.com

www.readandspell.com/dyslexia

For further information about dyslexia, the website Made by Dyslexia is a useful resource. Made by Dyslexia state that their mission is 'to teach the world the brilliance of Dyslexic Thinking'!

[Made By Dyslexia – Redefining Dyslexia](#)

If your child has a diagnosis of dyslexia, the following clip by Jo Crawford helps to explain some of the great things associated with dyslexia:

[Three great things about being dyslexic - Jo Crawford](#)

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Audio Books

Some of our children will soon be receiving information about Listening Books which is an organisation that provides audio books to schools. We are keen to ensure that all children have the opportunity to listen to and enjoy a range of texts which will support their exposure to vocabulary and language.

To access audio books outside of school, children can use their library membership to select books from BorrowBox. The audiobooks are free from the library and can be accessed by downloading the BorrowBox app.

[BorrowBox – Your library in one app](#)

SENDCo drop in

It was lovely to meet so many parents on 13th November. We found it really helpful to discuss Pupil Profiles with parents and answer questions about referrals and resources. It was so positive to hear about how well children have settled into their new year group.

We look forward to meeting more parents in the Spring term. Further information about the next SENDCo drop in will be shared in the new year.

Looking After Ourselves

At this busy time of year, it can be difficult to think about our mental health and wellbeing. However, help is available if you or anyone in your family feels that they need some advice or resources. The following link to Kooth provides a range of contact details and links to webinars and resources that may help (age 11-18 years).

[Home - Kooth](#)

For adult assistance, the following website offers anonymous support to meet a wide variety of needs:

[Home - Qwell](#)

Baby News!

We are delighted to share that Mrs Jones has welcomed baby Edward into their family. Evelyn is being a wonderful big sister and Mrs Jones is looking forward to hopefully getting a bit more sleep in the coming months!



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