

HI-FLIERS

HEARING IMPAIRMENT TEAM

SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

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Over the last few months, I have enjoyed visiting children in our resource bases and have seen the wonderful work they have been doing. I also enjoyed sharing Deaf Awareness Week with Bramley Grange. This month our leadership team will be carrying out observations of the hard work our specialist staff do, celebrating good practice and identifying ways in which we can get even better as a team! Here are some of your achievements and reasons to celebrate...read on.

Best Wishes

Claire EB



Meet the Team

Spotlight on Susan Winn, Educational Audiologists and Peri Teacher of the Deaf.



My name is Susan Winn. I am currently the Educational Audiologist for the Hearing Impairment Team and have done this for more than 10 years. I also do some Peripatetic Teacher of the Deaf work with families of preschool children. I love helping children and families develop their communication and language skills as well as supporting them to use equipment that gives them better access to sound. It is lovely to see how far a child has come; we help them to talk and then there is no stopping them! I live in Doncaster and love having fun with my nieces, nephews and friends. I like cake decorating, crochet, walking and chocolate.

Team news

On our recent whole team training day, we learnt about the Vision Impairment (VI) team's roles and experienced some tasks that vision impaired people would encounter daily, such as making a drink of cordial and making a sandwich. It was a very humbling experience, and the team valued the training, thank you to our colleagues in VI.



Contact Details

For more information about the HI Team visit Rotherham SEND Local offer website www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org.uk

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Moose-Loose about town.



Moose visited Woodsetts Primary school as part of the foundation stage topic on people who help us. Moose's human, Mrs Wilson, told the children about how Moose helps in the audiology department when children need support having their hearing tested. The children asked lots of questions and loved giving Moose a cuddle. Moose also trains with Andrea to rescue people in trouble in the water, he is such a helpful dog! Moose you are one special boy!



BSL

Well Done Daanish on achieving your Level 1 BSL certificate. Mrs Lawton and the team are so proud of you!



Rotherham Deaf Connections



Event Dates for 2025

11th January -	New Year celebrations
8th February -	Trip- Skating
8th March -	Planting & Pancakes
12th April -	Easter
10th May -	Eid Celebrations
7th June -	Summer party
12th July -	Summer Trip/ Seaside
19th July -	Summer Fair at Woodlands
8th August -	Hooton Lodge
13th September -	End of Summer party
11th October -	Heroes light party
8th November -	Remember in November
6th December -	Christmas Party

*All events subject to change if required.

Any suggestions for events are greatly received. Please email or pop them in our suggestions box at an event.

Email - rotherhamdc@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support, Team RDC xx



Bramley Resource

We are so proud of our children again this half term with the resilience they have shown. They continue to amaze us every day.

This half term the staff set up a games club for the children to attend with a friend. The children have loved bringing their friends. It is so lovely to see them all communicating with each other and building new friendships.



The children have also been busy in PUD working on their negotiation skills, listening skills, about high and low sounds, about the deaf dog Mavis and presenting power points in assembly telling all the children about their hearing journeys.



Jacob has completed his swimming lessons with school and his cycling proficiency.



Wickersley Resource

Staff and students across school were encouraged to celebrate sign language week by finding a member of the HI Team staff wearing a badge with the sign language logo and to sign to them. After signing they were then given a raffle ticket for each sign they completed. The department was super busy at break times and it was fantastic to see students and staff returning to gain more raffle tickets. The winners were chosen by Mr Hardcastle, the headteacher and were rewarded with chocolate treats. There were a staggering 138 student entries across the week! Miss Walker even analysed the entries on a database! Some of the students were so keen to enter the raffle and came almost daily, they were given smaller prizes for their determination and enthusiasm.

During one of our Monday night PUD sessions we had a visit from Abdul at NDCS who talked about post 16 and PIP. Thank you for this really useful information, Abdul!

Over the next few weeks a new starter will be transitioning to Wickersley. Our year 7 student is settling in and making new friends. Hafzah is on the countdown to exams and will be leaving Wickersley soon, the staff and students wish Hafzah all the best in her future studies.

The theme for this year's Deaf awareness week is beyond silence and emphasises breaking barriers and advocating accessibility. The Hearing Impairment Team will be celebrating by having open access to the department and cake available for school staff on Tuesday 6th May.



Peri children



Ellis Harrop is in Y4 at Swinton Fitzwilliam Primary. He started karate lessons just before Christmas and is very proud and happy to have passed his orange belt in his first grading. Well done, Ellis. This is a great achievement, and we are proud of you too.

Mrs Hillman and team.

Further news

Hi, I'm the CEO of Disability Sport Yorkshire and we are running an inclusive sports event in partnership with Rotherham MBC for the Children's Capital of Culture year.

It's taking place on the 14th of June at Rotherham Leisure Complex.

In addition, we run a Deaf Youth Club in Wakefield on a Tuesday afternoon 16:30 - 18:00 and the club sees Deaf or hearing-impaired children coming from Doncaster, Bradford, Leeds and Sheffield. It's around a 40-minute drive from Rotherham but the kids would love it, please get in touch if you would like to join us.

Kind regards,

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welcome

BSL classes- Look out for courses for BSL levels 1 and 2 to commence in September. For more information around the courses and costs please email Tracey.Lawton@rotherham.gov.uk or HearingImpairmentTeam@rotherham.gov.uk or telephone the Hearing Impairment Team on 01709 336430