



# Joy Lane Primary School

*A Love of Learning, for Life, for All*

Oyster Bay Nursery & Oysters SRP (ASD)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, we are celebrating **World Autism Awareness Week**. Throughout the week, we will be looking at what makes us different and unique through the use of different stimuli, such as quotes, videos and song, whilst learning a little more about autism. With 1 in 100 people on the autistic spectrum, we will spend time celebrating the challenges, differences and, most importantly, the gifts of autism by looking at what makes us all individual and one of a kind.

As a school community, we are privileged to work with many beautiful individuals who each bring something special to Joy Lane, and we are eager to celebrate this. However, we also recognise the need to be sensitive around this awareness and will continually remind our children to be respectful of one another and their differences. We hope that by focussing on what makes us unique this will involve all children reflecting on their individuality and their wonderfulness!

On Wednesday, I will be leading an assembly focussing on autism. I intend to use the 'Amazing Things Happen' video as this provides a beautiful explanation of autism and how people with autism add colour to our world. Leading on from this, I will spend a little bit of time discussing some of the points raised and encouraging the children to reflect on ways they can help each other. I have attached the link to the video below so that you may watch this prior to the assembly on Wednesday morning. If, after watching, you are concerned around the content of the video and the impact this may have upon your child, please speak with your child's class teacher beforehand.

[Amazing Things Happen - YouTube](#)

On Thursday, the following videos will be shared in class to help expand our understanding:

[How can I be Friends with Theo?](#) for EYFS/KS1

[Amazing Kids - Autistic Spectrum Condition - YouTube](#) for KS2

As a final celebration, we will be ending the week by launching our 'Let's get moving - Super 7 (hundred) Challenge'! Keep a look out for more information about this as the week progresses!

We hope you will join us in celebrating and raising awareness for autism by supporting us throughout this week, and beyond.

Yours Sincerely,

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