

# COSY UP



A half termly newsletter for by the Autism Advisory Teacher Service for Peterborough's Autism community

## PINS PROJECT

PARTNERSHIP FOR THE INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS

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Across the country 10% of primary schools have been participating in the 'Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project from September until March. In the Peterborough area 18 schools will have participated in at least 5 days of training, audits and support. This has been delivered by health, the local authority and some third-party charities and organisations to meet the needs of the differing schools and the needs of their students.

Despite the limited delivery time of the project the uptake and interest from school staff has been good, hopefully leading to more positive experiences and more support for our youngsters in schools. Family Voice have also been very active during this project with supporting each of the schools to host family/carer workshops and feedback, thank you to those of you who have given feedback and been involved with this project. The impact of the project and whether we will participate in a Year 2 of the project is being currently considered. We will update you when we know more.

## PINS SEND LITERACY CONFERENCE

Thanks to funding from the PINS project, we hosted a Literacy conference focused on supporting our minimally verbal learners. Dr Sarah Moseley delivered a great day's training which really enthused everyone who attended. She covered the importance of making reading accessible to all, developing early attention and auditory skills and engaging those reluctant and struggling readers.

It was great to see so many professionals excited about reading and been provided with some great ideas and practical resources which since the conference we have witnessed been used in many of the PINS schools to support our students. The feedback from the conference was excellent with 100% saying they would recommend the training to others and commenting on the great practical ideas and resources as well as a range of useful technologies for enhancing and supporting reading skills.

As a service we will sharing resources and supporting colleagues in schools and families to use to engage our students in reading.



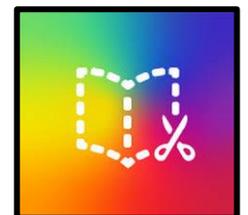
The oxford owl website has a range of resources, but their free online book library is great for kids to access a range of appropriate books. It will also read books aloud.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>



Book Creator is a free app that can generate books on any topic. It's perfect for engaging children in reading about their special interests.

<https://bookcreator.com/>



# I have a diagnosis; what does this mean to me?

**Wednesday 21st May, 3:30pm – 5pm**  
*Ormiston Bushfield Academy, PE2 5RQ*

For both professionals and parents!

[Sen.inclusion@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:Sen.inclusion@peterborough.gov.uk)

## What will we cover in the session?

- What autism is in simple terms? -clearing up some misconceptions
- It will focus on aspects of explaining diagnosis to a child. (What? When? How? Who? Why?)
- Troubleshooting: What to do if a child doesn't accept their diagnosis? What if they don't want to be different from others? What if they using it as an excuse?
- Provide resources that can assist and guide you and the autistic individual.
- Opportunity to ask questions in a general context in the chat section.
- Signposting to useful sites/links/literature
- We are also happy to have 2 guests who will share their personal experiences.

**pinpoint**

for parents by parents

Pinpoint Cambridgeshire have a range of webinars and talks from guest speakers that are free to access.

**Sensory Needs and School**  
*23rd April, 12pm*

**ADHD and Sleep – Peak Sleep**  
*30th April, 12pm*

For more webinars, talks and events,  
[click here.](#)

## Out & About

### Nene Park

lots of activities including the Easter Activity Trail [Click Here](#)

### Peterborough Museum and Art Gallery

Easter Egg Trail and more!  
See what's on:  
[Click here](#)

### Showcase Cinema

Autism Friendly Screening on the 2nd Sunday every month.  
[Click here](#) for more.

### Peterborough Cathedral:

Climb the narrow steps of the tower! Must book in advance and be 14+. [Click here](#) for more.

### VIVACITY

Short breaks for children and young people aged 7-19 with SEND.  
[Click here.](#)

### ANGLE GAMING LOUNGE

Enjoy a boardgame library, virtual reality headsets and games consoles for a £5 daily wristband.  
[Click here.](#)

## Try these...

### Easter Hunt Tips:

Create the perfect Easter Hunt!  
[Click here](#)

### Easter Treat Recipes:

Bake some Easter treats!  
[Click here](#)

### Egg Decorating Ideas:

[Click here](#)

### Easter Activities:

Easter Egg Pebble Crafts.  
[Click here](#)

### Egg Boats:

[Click here](#)

### Chocolate Playdough:

Great for Easter themed sensory play!

[Click here](#)

## NOTICE BOARD

### To do:

- Consider exam preparations [Click here.](#)

### Upcoming events:

- 21st May - I have a diagnosis – session for parents and professionals – See above
- PinPoint have a range of webinars on a range of topics [Click here](#)

### PARENT AND CARER PHONE CONSULTATIONS

Advice and support at home.

To book a phone call with one of our Autism Specialist Teachers please email [SEN.Inclusion@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:SEN.Inclusion@peterborough.gov.uk)