SEND in the SPOTLIGHT @ Elizabeth Woodville

Issue 1: Autumn term 1 26-27

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SENDCo

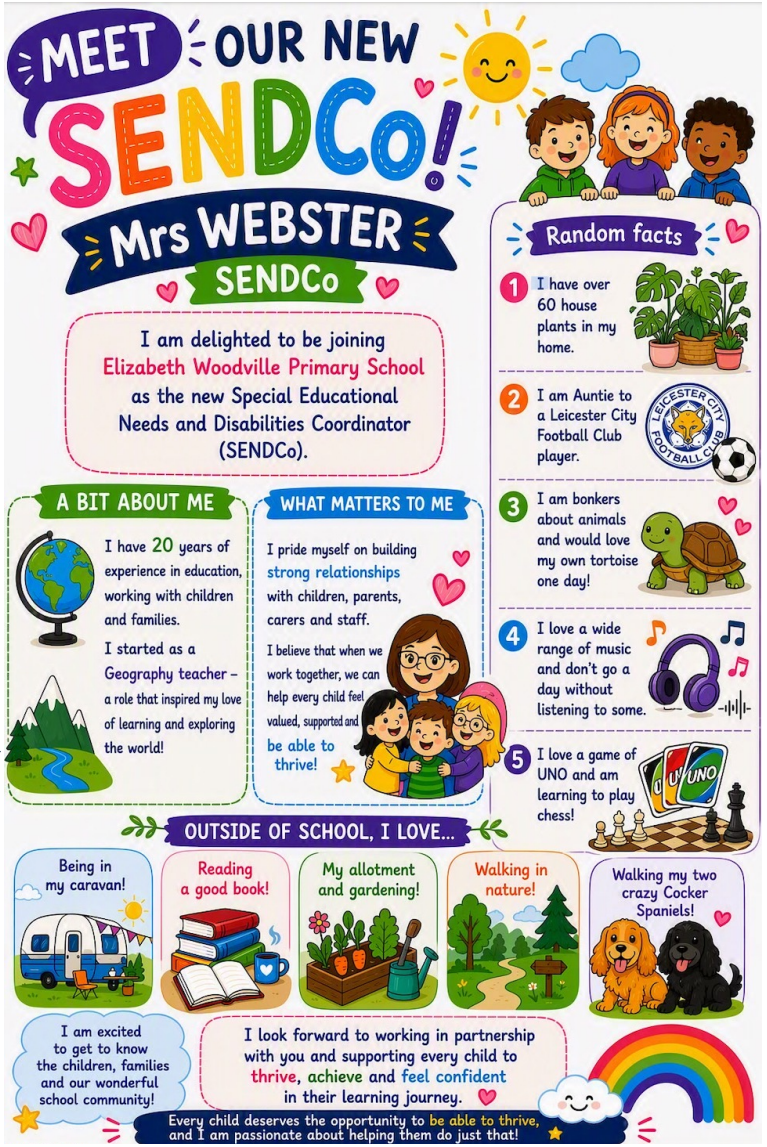
I would like to introduce myself, as the new SENDCo for Elizabeth Woodville. Please see my start of term letter, sent out recently and a pen portrait for students. I am really looking forward to meeting the students in school, and in the coming weeks meeting with you. In the meantime, should you wish to speak with me, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.



PEN PORTRAIT

Please see a Pen Portrait from me, that you are welcome to share with your child. This will hopefully help introduce who I am. I look forward to sharing conversations with your children to get to know them and their interests over the next couple of weeks.

DID YOU KNOW?





School SEND updates

Autumn term focus: Top 10

What are we planning for Autumn term 1?

1. Initial meet & greets for students & parents with Mrs Webster
2. Appropriate support to settle students back into another academic year
3. Learning walks to audit the strong foundations and share good practice
4. Re-launching new methods of communication such as newsletters, coffee mornings & parent voice surveys
5. Engaging with SEND reform updates
6. Training opportunities to support further professional development
7. Continuing teaching of specific interventions supporting a range of needs
8. Reviewing provision menus to maximise the variety of support available
9. Supporting friendships and social skills, especially for new starters
10. Making effective use of external support and services in the wider community



Parent noticeboard

Connecting you to local support

Please find the link below to the Autumn term parent voice Google form – please complete this by Friday 11th September

https://forms.gle/CXmP29NrqDEuJ9s6A



Parent Voice Autumn 26

Autumn 26: Audit of parent voice on SENDCo transition

With the recent transition of school SENDCo, now feels like an excellent opportunity to glean your voice on what is already working very well, as well as other good practice that might further enhance the strong foundations already in place for SEND support at Elizabeth Woodville. Please take the opportunity below to offer your thoughts and should you wish to discuss anything in further detail, please do not hesitate to get in touch.





The flyer to the right highlights the Leicestershire Local Offer SEND roadshow hosted by Leicestershire County Council on Thursday 24th September.

Scan the QR code to book a place



The following link to Heads Up Leicester, is a county service that offers 'Thrive' parent workshops, as well as 'Connect' peer support groups. This is for young people with or without an ADHD diagnosis

https://www.headsupleicester.org.uk/adhd.html

The workshops for August are now booked, but you are able to sign up for information on future dates.

HEADS UP
Supporting families through life's challenges

Leicestershire Local Offer Updates

Click the link below to participate in the Leicestershire SEND quick survey

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=S2vPH8khwkC3U6KdVwFzWVUrB7m6-JRIv8GJBWNwL35UNVhSTFBXMzRUNko5OU1WRTIQMEFXSlRaNS4u





Parents 4 Parents

Sharing parent voice & keeping you in touch



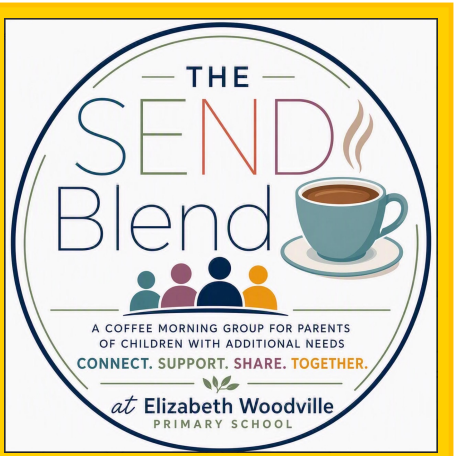
In future issues of this newsletter it would be great to hear of opportunities of support, recommendations etc that you might like to share with other parents in our school community. Please feel free to get in touch with me to share any such items. These could be SEND enrichment opportunities for children, parent support groups, local offer updates, activities in the community that you would recommend etc. Basically a sharing board of brilliantly useful things!



The SEND Blend

Coffee – Conversation - Connection

In the coming weeks I would like to relaunch the coffee morning opportunities that were available to you previously. These will be 'The SEND Blend', half termly opportunities (with other ad hoc pop up extras) to come together. These will vary between opportunities simply to chat shared experiences, as well as workshops with a specific focus. Please do provide your thoughts via the parent voice google form link, to help the planning for these





In the spotlight, for issue 1…

Back to School!

After a long Summer break where there are many changes day to day, easing back into school routines can benefit from preparation and a combined effort from everyone.

The National College have produced a really useful 10 top tips infographic that offers some simple, easy to embed strategies to make back to school that bit smoother.

If there are barriers and challenges for your child in these early days, do reach out to us, so that we can ensure that with a joint approach, we can make the start to school a positive one

Please be assured that I will introduce myself to your child and ensure that they know who I am.

It will be great to speak to the children about their experiences over the Summer holidays and to learn of what they might be looking forward to in their next year of school.

May the new academic year be a brilliant one for us all!