

# SENCO NEWSLETTER



Hi all,

I wanted to get a newsletter out before the end of this term but it will be a short one with highlights.

As I am sure you will all be aware we got the call for our SEN Local Area Inspection at the start of May. It was a slightly longer period due to the 2 bank holidays that fell within this period.

Many schools and staff have supported us in the process as the inspection was very different to last time and focussed very much on the experiences children and young people and their families have in Greenwich, as a consequence of the arrangements that the LA Partnership have put in place. Some of our schools had on site visits to look at the arrangements at school level, others were involved in the tracker meetings that followed the experiences of 6 young people through our systems and processes. This involved giving up a lot of time to get notes together, attend pre meetings and also on the day. Many schools also had to set up on line meets with the parents and the children too where they could participate this way. We are very grateful to all of you as this was a lot of work to pull together very quickly.

I hope you have all now seen our SEF which Inspectors have fed back reflects what they saw in Greenwich too in terms of strengths and areas for development. . We had a lot of great practice to celebrate as well as a clear plan about what we need to get things better.

We expect to get a draft report within 14 days, so by the end of the half term holiday, but have been pre warned that, as we are only the 7th are to be inspected within the new framework, that there will be extensive external moderation. As soon as we get it back we will circulate to all of you.

On another note pls do look at the training brochure for all the courses next year which should all be out now. Pls note the date below of the next SENCO Forum 06/06/23.

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**SENCO FORUM DATES 2022/23:**

**13th June 2023 (2:00pm - 5:00pm) focus on supporting mental health needs**

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## HIGHLIGHTS DURING THE INSPECTION

We can't share the detail of the Inspection at the moment but we wanted to highlight the involvement of our incredible children and young. Many engaged in tracker meetings etc.. But some groups met directly with Inspectors and were amazing ...Big thanks to all the staff that supported them in this process:

Our Bannockburn ACE group met with Jo and Lesley, the Lead Inspectors on line, a challenge in using Zoom for this group of our youngest children but were ably supported by Hayley (SENCO). Jo ended up getting her puppy, Dora out to meet the children. The children are now looking at ways to spend the book token we have given them to buy books for the school library,



Our supported interns who are working with Berkeley homes and Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust met the team to talk about their experiences on our relatively new internship programme. They were able to talk about their transition to a work environment and the support in place at their employers. The room was like a picnic with all the treats that had been bought to keep them going. They all had vouchers to spend after for helping us out.



Finally the Woolwich poly ACE group came and met the inspectors at the Woolwich Centre. They showed them the film they have made that you can see on the ACE page and impressed all with their knowledge of how they were changing things in Greenwich for all young people. At the end they were all crowded round the Inspectors laptop, singing, dancing and signing to the film. They then all went off to Nando's for lunch.



Thanks all for helping us out ...

## SEND OUTREACH SERVICES: General inboxes

Following the success of using a generic email for ASD Outreach Service and to improve the SEND Outreach Services communication with our parents, schools and other professionals as **from 1st of September 2022** we have introduced an individual email address for each service:

STEPS- [STEPS@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:STEPS@royalgreenwich.gov.uk)

Sensory Service – [sensory-service@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:sensory-service@royalgreenwich.gov.uk)

EYIT – [EYIT@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:EYIT@royalgreenwich.gov.uk)

ASD Outreach Service – [ASD-outreach@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:ASD-outreach@royalgreenwich.gov.uk)



Please use the above addresses when you wish to contact us with your queries and the new referrals. This will make the systems clearer and more responsive as these boxes are checked and managed daily . it also reduces the risk of things going missing etc...

Our referral form (attached) has been updated to reflect these changes so please use this from now and destroy any earlier copies



STEPS TRAINING			
July 23			
Evidence based literacy/dyslexia interventions (Secondary)	<b>12/07/23</b>	2.00pm-3.30pm	Free RBG

# TRAINING

ASD TRAINING			
May 23			
Supporting Students with an ASD in Primary Schools x5 weeks	<b>15/06/2023</b> <b>22/06/2023</b> <b>29/06/2023</b> <b>06/07/2023</b> <b>13/07/2023</b>	9.30am 12.30pm	RBG Free OOB £155
Setting up a Sensory Programme for children with an ASD in your school: To include sensory circuits and sensory diets ALL DAY COURSE	<b>28/06/2023</b>	9.00am 4.00pm	RBG Free OOB £155
July 23			
Autism and Mental Health	<b>12/07/2023</b>	9.30am 12.30pm	RBG Free OOB £70



## Dear SENCO

### Your feedback is important to us!

We need your views to help us adapt our service offer. STEPS recognises the changing needs of children and young people (CYP) with SEND and we want to respond more effectively to the challenges that schools are facing.

Please scan the QR code to complete a short survey to help inform our service offer:



Here is a virtual chocolate to say thank you for participating:

