



SEND

Parent carer newsletter



SEND Newsletter- 18 October 2024

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Pantosaurus visits children with vision or hearing loss

There's lots of great things going on in the world of SEND. This week we wanted to bring you the story of Pantosaurus who visited local children with vision or hearing loss.

The NSPCC's Pantosaurus teaches children and young people and their parents and carers about how to stay safe from abuse. They did a special session with our Educational Team for Hearing and Vision and some of their children that they support.

Pantosaurus visited the 'Shake, Rattle and Read' group at Cleethorpes library on Monday the 14 of October to deliver the message about keeping our children safe.

The group meets weekly and is specifically designed for children with hearing or vision loss.

The group is run by LincsInspire in partnership with NELC's Education Team for Hearing and Vision (ETHV).

Sessions include nursery rhymes, songs and stories which are signed using both British Sign Language and Makaton.

The Sensory Room is also available during the play session for anyone needing a calm space.

The session starts at 10am until 11am and parents are welcome to stay and chat to other parents and ETHV staff until 12noon. There is a small charge of £2.50 per child.

Please come and join us. Our next session on the 28 is Halloween themed.

Our ETHV Team have lots of resources for young people and parent carers as well as sign along video's you can do with your kids. See them here [NELC SEND Local Offer | Hearing and vision – NELC SEND Local Offer \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](https://nelincs.gov.uk/nelc-send-local-offer-hearing-and-vision).



[Watch the Youtube Video: NSPCC Underwear rule- Keeping deaf children safe from abuse](#)

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Opt in to regular updates from Neurodevelopmental Service

Following input from parents/carers to ask how NAViGO can improve communication for those with children on the waiting list we have amended the Consent section of the form to ask for their consent to text/email and from this will **be setting up a system to send regular updates to those on the waiting list**. Schools should all be using the new version of the referral form.

For those who already have children on our waiting lists we are working through to check text/email consent but again we would welcome parent/carers/referrers emailing us with the below if they don't think that they have given this consent:

Does the young person/their parent/carer consent to receiving SMS (text) messages and/emails? This may include waiting list updates and appointment reminders.

SMS: Yes No

EMAILS: Yes No

If yes, please provide a mobile number/email address to receive these on: Tel: Email:

We have had lots of great feedback so far on the new referral form and are still keen to hear more from parents/carers before we review this feedback with the Parent Carer Forum using the links below.

Parent/Carer feedback <https://bit.ly/470cY81>

Referrer Feedback <https://bit.ly/3XgPGHY>

Developmental Coordination Disorder campaign

This week was dedicated to raising awareness of Developmental Coordination Disorder (formerly Dyspraxia).

You may notice signs of this in your child if they struggle with fine and gross motor coordination such as writing, self-care tasks or riding a bike.

There's a lot that you can do to help your child in practical ways. Schools can also make adaptations in lessons.

You can find out more about DCD here: [NELC SEND Local Offer | Developmental Coordination Disorder \(DCD\) - NELC SEND Local Offer \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

Linkage 3.5m Heritage Enterprise Grant

As you may have seen in the Grimsby Telegraph, Linkage have been awarded a Heritage Enterprise grant to preserve Weelsby Hall and expand their provision.

[Linkage lands massive £3.5m windfall to restore Grimsby's historic Weelsby Hall and create 37 jobs - Grimsby Live \(grimsbytelegraph.co.uk\)](https://www.grimsbytelegraph.co.uk/news/local-news/linkage-lands-massive-3.5m-windfall-to-restore-grimsby-s-historic-weelsby-hall-and-create-37-jobs-1.1000000)

They are seeking public opinion in relation to the creation of a multipurpose small animal care facility, which will create a vibrant, inclusive, and engaging place to visit, where people of all ages can interact, learn new skills, socialise, and enjoy.

The facility is intended to be used as:

- a unique learning experience
- create volunteer and work experience opportunities
- promote health and well-being through a range of animal related activities and interactions
- a place to hold community events and hold open days and family fun days

They would like to contact local businesses, schools and community groups and parents to work collaboratively to further strengthen community engagement, namely:

- School partnerships - To offer educational programmes that align with their curriculum. Offering hands on practical learning experiences incorporating maths and English, within an animal setting.
- Adult learning - Offer animal 'first aid' and animal grooming workshops.
- Local businesses – Partner with pet stores, veterinaries, and other animal related businesses to offer joint events and promotions.
- Community groups – Engage with local groups such as scouts, youth clubs, SEND groups, care homes, to provide tailored programmes for their members.
- Families - To offer facility tours, demonstrations, interactive activities and themed holiday events.

Linkage will also offer on-line interaction, which will include virtual tours, demonstrations, and educational activities., on-line workshops, hosting workshops and webinars relating to animal care topics, how to make engaging enrichment toys etc.

They would like to gain opinions regarding our offer from all the named groups and feel it would be beneficial to gain opinion from a wide audience. We would therefore welcome people to complete a short online survey. (Links below) The links can also be shared to whoever people feel may be interested.

- Public survey: <https://www.linkage.org.uk/sac-say/>
- Educators Survey: <https://www.linkage.org.uk/sac-edu-survey/>

Linkage Website page: <https://www.linkage.org.uk/sac/>

New SEND Bridge Programme from CLIMB 4 Limited

You can now book on our SEND BRIDGE program using [Bookwhen.com/climb4](https://www.bookwhen.com/climb4)

This is a 12 week comprehensive programme focused on understanding and supporting children with SEND. Each session will equip you with essential knowledge, practical strategies, and you will gain awards from AQA within a supportive network.


Please book on the 28th October to reserve your space.

For further information email tracy.fisher@climb4.co.uk



CLIMB 4 **SEND PARENT SUPPORT** 
B.R.I.D.G.E Programme

Join us for a comprehensive 12-week programme focused on understanding and supporting children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Each session is designed to equip you with essential knowledge, practical strategies, gain awards from AQA and a supportive network.

1. UNDERSTANDING THE PROGRAMME <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to the 12-week journey.• Set personal goals for your participation. 	2. UNDERSTANDING SEND <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn key concepts and categories.• Recognise diverse needs and their importance. 
3. NAVIGATING EDUCATION & LEGAL FRAMEWORKS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand the SEND Code of Practice and EHCPs.• Know your rights and the role of advocacy. 	4. COMMUNICATION & RELATIONSHIPS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop effective communication skills.• Strengthen relationships with children and professional 
5. SUPPORTING LEARNING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discover strategies to aid your child's learning.• Explore resources for skill development. 	6. BEHAVIOURAL CHALLENGES. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify and manage challenging behaviours.• Learn positive behaviour support techniques. 
7. PROMOTING EMOTIONAL WELLBEING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support emotional regulation and resilience.• Practice mindfulness and stress-reduction techniques. 	8. SELF-CARE FOR PARENTS & CARERS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus on your own well-being.• Reflect on your progress and celebrate achievements 

For More Information or to Book Your Spot:
Contact: Tracy Fisher
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Let's Climb4 a Better Future Together!

Improvements recognised in the Council's children's services

OFSTED inspectors have recognised the ongoing improvements made in the way that vulnerable children and their families are supported in North East Lincolnshire.

Read more: [Improvements recognised in the Council's children's services | NELC \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](https://nelincs.gov.uk)

SEND Annual Survey

There's not long left to respond to the SEND Annual Survey. If you live in North East Lincolnshire and have a child with additional needs, or who you think may have additional needs please let us know your experience of access to information, support from services across education, health and social care, transitions and more.

You can respond to the survey anonymously, or leave your contact details and a member of our team will get in touch to discuss any of the points that you raised, or signpost you to more information.

We encourage you to capture your child's views in your answers but there is also a children and young people's survey that was written with young people with SEND, for young people with SEND.

- **Parents and carers can complete the survey via:**
 - [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) – Parents Survey 2024 | QuestionPro Survey](#)
- **Children and young people can complete the survey via:**
 - [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) – Young People & Children's Survey 2024 | QuestionPro Survey](#)

If you need to speak to someone to give your views or ask any questions or you need a copy of the survey posting to you, you can ring the Engagement team on 01472 324380 or send an email to consultation@nelincs.gov.uk. The survey can be produced in large print upon request.

The survey closes on Sunday 3 November at midnight.

Preparing for adulthood- Ask Annie



Email: askannie@nelincs.gov.uk

Text: **07595 122306**

Are you a young person with Special Educational Needs?

Do you have any questions about post 16 education, training and employment or do you want to know more about preparing for adulthood?

You can always “Ask Annie” about...

- **Planning for the future**
- **Employment**
- **Transport**
- **Leaving school & starting college**
- **Daytime activities**
- **Health**
- **Training & work experience**
- **Living independently**

Find out more about preparing for adulthood and transitions. [NELC SEND Local Offer | Preparing for adulthood \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

NELPCF- upcoming events



SEND Coffee Mornings at Family Hubs

North East Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum (NELPCF) are pleased to announce we will be hosting coffee mornings at family hubs on the first Friday of the month during term time.

Come and join us for an informal chat, we're here to listen to your experiences and signpost you to local services and support. No appointment necessary – drop in any time between 10am – 11.30am.



East Marsh	6 th September 2024 4 th April 2025 5 th December 2025	Reynolds	10 th January 2025 5 th September 2025
Queensway	4 th October 2024 2 nd May 2025	Immingham	7 th February 2025 3 rd October 2025
West Marsh	1 st November 2024 6 th June 2025	Central	7 th March 2025 7 th November 2025
Nunsthorpe	6 th December 2024 4 th July 2025		

NELPCF is a collective group of parents passionate about driving positive change, we have come together to rebuild a Parent Carer Forum. Our aim is to be a true representation of the voices of parent carers of children with additional needs and disabilities. We strive to have a positive impact on the planning and provision of services and decision making for the families of North East Lincolnshire- now, and in the future.



Find out more about the forum and how to get involved by visiting their Facebook [North East Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum | Grimsby | Facebook](#), or the [NELPCF website](#).

SENDIASS

SENDIASS provide support for SEND, across education, health and social care.



[Sendiass North East Lincolnshire | Facebook](#)

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To receive this newsletter by email please contact lauren.thompson2@nelincs.gov.uk.

If you have questions about SEND we are always here to help. Please don't hesitate to email sen@nelincs.gov.uk. We always try to make sure that children and parents/carers voices are heard.

These Weekly SEND parent/carers newsletters are shared with teams within education, health and social care as well as parents/carers SENCOs, the DfE and local charities.

If parents/carers or young people over 16 do no