

Autumn Newsletter 2021

PMLD Department



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a delight to welcome our students back into school after the holidays, we hope you enjoyed the sunshine. We said goodbye to our lovely SSAs Lisa and Claire, and our SaLT Victoria and OT Tara at the end of last term,

As a result we have some changes within the school and department itself. Sharon has been given the position of temporary HLSSA and will be working in Amy's class. Amy will be undergoing her teacher training placement within the Autumn term. We have welcomed Ashleigh back from maternity leave.

Our topic this term is the Chronicles of Narnia and we hope to be able to spend some time exploring the outdoors as Summer turns into Autumn. We will continue to focus on our communication, physical skills and sensory exploration, all of which remain integrated throughout all daily sessions.

In speech and language therapy sessions we will continue to develop our sensory exploration skills through sensory stories, call and response sessions and using the eye gaze technology. As a department team we are also planning to begin work on individual student communication passports. Pam's class will be supported by Ashleigh, Amy's class will have Mollie Henaghan and Rachel's class will have Erin Kelly. Additionally, please direct any queries around dysphagia to Erin and Mollie.

Michele McCafferty continues to support the department in her role as middle leader for therapy, later this term we will also welcome Emma Coomber to the OT team who will be supporting Rachel's class. We will continue to focus on gross motor movement development through music and movement sessions and social games. The SaLTs and OTs will continue to work closely together to plan cause and effect programmes.

Very sadly we lost one of our pupils over the summer, Amber Giles. Her family are raising funds to buy an Innowalk for the school in her memory.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us using the contacts below. We are looking forward to another term working with your fabulous young people!

Best wishes,

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