



# THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Neurodiversity Celebration Week

March 18<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> 2024 is Neurodiversity Celebration Week. As a school we are pleased to be facilitating a range of lunchtime activities throughout the week to raise awareness of and celebrate Neurodiversity. These will be available to students across all year groups and will take place in the library.

These include:

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March - 1pm	<b>Sensory Awareness Detectives</b> -exploring how different environments can change the way we experience things.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March - 1:10pm	<b>Self-Soothing</b> -tips and techniques to help stay calm when things get busy.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March - 1pm	<b>Documentary Screening</b> - A documentary exploring what neurodiversity means.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March - 1pm	<b>My Clothes Feel Strange</b> - thinking about how different clothing can make us feel different things.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March - 1pm	<b>Literally, That's What You Said</b> - thinking about how words can be confusing. Cake sale.

As part of the event, the library will be hosting an installation in collaboration with the ADHD Neurodiversity Charity. The Neurodiversity Umbrella Project installation aims celebrate the strengths that different minds bring, whilst acknowledging that these differences can bring their own challenges.

In addition to the student focussed activities, we are looking forward to welcoming Joe Butler to Ecclesbourne on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March to address any parents who wish to find out more about Neurodiversity. Joe is an education consultant experienced in teaching and leadership supporting autistic children and young people. Joe recently collaborated with Zanne Gaynor and Kathryn Alevizos in writing "Is That Clear, Effective communication in a neurodiverse world". The book provides Autism-inspired tips for allistic (non-autistic) people. Joe's talk will start at 6pm and will last for approximately one hour. There is no charge for the event, but please could you register your interest to attend by completing the Microsoft form that can be accessed via the link below. This promises to be an informative and enjoyable event that will involve parents and carers in our celebration of neurodiversity.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Ww8D9ba9pK>

I hope that you are able to attend.

Yours sincerely,

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