

# Specialist Teaching and Support Services

## Education and Learning

### Children's Services

*“Our vision is to provide high quality support for all Bradford children and young people using a collaborative approach through transformational learning experiences so that they can flourish, make excellent holistic progress and successfully transition to responsible citizens”.*

On 15<sup>th</sup> October Charlie Conway (Appleton Academy RP) took part in Autism's got Talent at the Mermaid Theatre in London. He was chosen from auditions across the country as one of twenty performers to take to the stage. Charlie sang one of his favourite songs 'Bohemian Rhapsody' to a packed theatre and he had some amazing feedback including from Anna Kennedy the event organiser, who told Charlie that he was simply 'AMAZING' Well done Charlie!



#### Remembrance Gallery

Pupils from various groups created some amazing art pieces to celebrate remembrance day. Below are some of the pieces. Well done to all children for amazing artwork!



#### Rugby event

On the 18th of October, two of our year 6 pupils (Isaac Johnson and Riley Driver Smith) were invited to represent Thornton Primary School in a tag rugby event at Odsal Stadium. Throughout the day, pupils worked as part of a team showing great skill and communication. They were deemed as showing 'Exemplary,' behaviour as well as having fantastic rugby skills.



The children also enjoyed the sensory use of the glue and paint.



On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, the Bradford Council Excellence Award ceremony took place. The Resourced Provisions Team was a finalist. Congratulations to them in recognition of their excellent work!

We are all very excited about the upcoming visit to the Van Gogh Alive exhibition. At Miriam Lord, we have been looking at works by Van Gogh in our art therapy sessions and creating our take on some of the popular masterpieces

Year 1 enjoyed a trip to the Industrial Museum to learn about their term topic of transport. They attended a workshop that looked at the different types of transport, old and new, including trains and cars.

Our Year 2 pupil joined his class in making rocket clock in his DT session. The class spent the day designing, planning and making their rockets using wood. They had the opportunity to use many wood working tools and the outcome was fantastic.



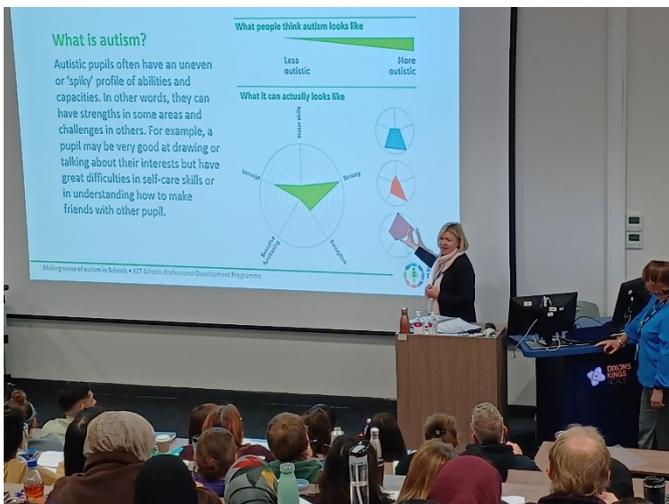
## SCIL Team Updates

As we approach the end of the Autumn Term, I can share that an amazing 140 schools and 29 settings have requested SEND Specialist Support. A link Specialist Teacher (ST)/Access and Inclusion Officer (AIO)/Specialist Practitioner (SP) has been allocated, collaborative plans are in place and the support is well underway.

We're receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback so far about our proactive and collaborative way of working. Here is a collection of the words that have been used to describe the Specialist Support and training and the impact it is having:

thank you, beneficial, amazing, engaging, enjoyed, fantastic, sharing, informative, excellent, impact, development, knowledge, invaluable, fabulous, confidence, responsive, helpful, amazing, grateful, practical, assured, equipped, grateful, delighted, effective, outcomes, plan, proactive

The Fundamentals for Inclusion Training has begun for each team with a total of 150 delegates trained from 97 schools and settings. The Autism Education Trust (AET), Making Sense of Autism training has been delivered to 436 delegates in 14 schools/setting.



Here is a photograph of recent training delivered:

We say farewell to Gail Swinfield (Early Years Specialist Teacher) and Sarah Gates (Early Years Team Lead) who will be leaving the SCIL Team at the end of this term after 12 and 17 years working for Bradford Council. Wishing them both all the best for the future.

## Medical Needs Hospital Education Service 25 Hour Curriculum

### Newsletter – Christmas 2022



We are now welcoming most children at Owlet Road rather than learning at home. There are so many benefits to attending school away from the home; not least the social progress that children make when learning with others. We have an increasing number of small groups of children learning together which is preparing them for successfully returning to school or accessing a different provision or college.

#### GCSEs 2022



33 Y11s sat their GCSEs at Owlet Road and **all** of these are now attending P16 provisions and enjoying their new chosen courses. These include Game Design at Bradford College, GCSEs and Art at PINC and Animal Care at Craven College to name but a few. Congratulations to them all!

#### Whole Provision Visits

On 07/12/22 all pupils were given the opportunity to attend one of the key stages end of term visits. The key purpose of these visits was to encourage social skills and give pupils opportunities that they may not have had, due to not being able to attend their normal school



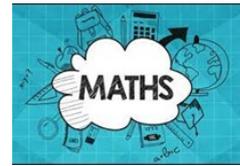
#### Hospital Provisions

There are also 50 regular and recurring children attending the hospital schools at AGH & BRI as well as education offered to any child admitted to either children's ward. These pupils are attending a provision visit to the Media Museum after Christmas.

### SCIENCE+ MEDIA MUSEUM

The staff in the hospitals have started their annual outreach visits to the on roll schools of these children so that we can make sure that we are all working together.

All pupils in MNHES are offered a 25 hour curriculum including:



This offer is universal and personalised and reviewed regularly for each pupil. We encourage parents and pupils to access as many of these as possible.

#### Chrome Books

From the Digital Inclusion Service, we have been in receipt of 30 chrome books for pupils to use when attending Owlet Road. All their work is saved onto their cloud so that they can continue with the work when at home or back at school.

#### Pupil Numbers

There are currently over 130 pupils attending MNHES due to not being able to access school for medical needs. Wonderfully, there have been 30 pupils, since September 2022, who have successfully transitioned back into an educational provision.





### S19

There are lots of exciting activities taking place in S19, especially on the run up to Christmas.

All pupils are offered whole week provision and the creative curriculum is personalised to each child. The S19 children visited the bowling alley in Shipley on 07/12.



### SRE

All children in Y9, Y10 & Y11 have been offered (with parental agreement) sex & relationships education at Owlet Road to ensure that they have the same information given to pupils attending mainstream schools.

### Online Safety



MNHES are prioritising the online safety of pupils and ensuring that all pupils are aware of the dangers and benefits of the internet. We are making sure that all pupils are safe when using the internet and we will be announcing parental online safety groups after Christmas.

### Brathay Youth Work and Counselling



MNHES were granted an ongoing bid for Brathay Youth Work and Counselling to work with the pupils who need additional support whilst at MNHES. Since we started working with them during the pandemic, dozens of pupils have benefited from this provision.

## Physical and Medical Team

### **Dance workshops for children with physical disabilities**

Eight pupils with physical disabilities from different primary schools across the district took part in weekly dance workshops coordinated by Ann, from the physical and medical team.

These workshops ran for six weeks and were delivered by staff from Dance for Life, a Bradford based project and hosted by Grove House Primary school.

Their celebration performance was well attended by parents, physiotherapists and each pupil received a certificate of achievement.

### **Wheelchair Skills Training for Secondary age pupils.**

The first wheelchair skills group training session, delivered by Deborah and Julie (specialist teachers from the physical and medical team) took place on 30<sup>th</sup> of November hosted by Carlton Keighley School.

Their performance accomplishment boosted confidence in areas related to maneuvering around the physical environment, knowledge and problem solving.

Further training sessions are being organized for primary age pupils.

## Hanson Resourced Provision for Deaf Children and Young People

All our students were very lucky to be invited to a DEX adventure day at the Bradley Wood Activity centre in Brighouse in October. Newsome High School Resource Provision were also invited so it was a great day for new friendships to be made and fantastic opportunities for them to learn how to work as a team and develop new skills. The students had the opportunity to try axe throwing, archery and also a zip wire and they loved it! They were very brave as the zip wire was high but with encouragement from others, they all gave it a try. The staff there were great and a big thanks to DEX who organised it and we look forward to some more opportunities next year. P.S. the homemade cakes for lunch made the staff very happy!



On 5<sup>th</sup> October, Deaf pupils and pupils with vision impairment took part in a session with Sally Skipper, SEND Transformation and Compliance Coordinator, where they shared their lived experiences and views to feed into the Bradford Youth Democracy work that is taking place.

## **Hanson Resourced Provision for Children and Young People with Vision Impairment** Grove House

### **Rowing club!**

Our superstar vision impaired rowers have been working on their rowing skills since September.

The students have rowing lessons included throughout their VI curriculum.

### **Year 11 rewards evening**

In October this year our two year 11 students were invited to the school's rewards evening. Laiba Khan received an award for 'endeavor in English!' She was thrilled to receive this. Parents were also invited and both students thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

We would like to congratulate our ex pupil – Zakiya Kouser who has been offered a place to study at 2 different universities next year to pursue her dream of becoming a teacher. In order to prepare for this, Zakiya has been volunteering her services on work placement within the Resource Provision and teaching groups of both Deaf and Vision Impaired children and young people.

### **Central Team News**

During 2022 the Low Incidence Team supported 5 Kick start placements through the council scheme. The scheme has now finished and Bradford Council held an awards ceremony to celebrate the success of the scheme.

Through the Kick start scheme the council supported over 800 young people who were claiming Universal Credit and struggling to find work to complete a 6-month placement to provide them with work skills and work experience to aid them finding full time employment currently 7 out of 10 Kick start placements have gone onto find employment since completing their placement.

Two of our Kick start placements are still working within the Low Incidence Team Aisha Anwar as the Business Support Officer for Hanson Delta Academy Resourced Provision and Muhammad Khan as a Specialist Support Assistant at Grove House Primary Resourced Provision. Both were nominated and shortlisted for a Kick start Award and Aisha Anwar was successful in winning the Rising Star Award

### **The Climbing Hub**

The Y5 and Y6 children went on their first transition trip to The Climbing Hub in November. The children were introduced to some other pupils who have a vision impairment and would possibly be attending the same secondary school. Although they were anxious to begin with, all our children had a go on the climbing wall and some managed to get to the top, which was an amazing achievement.



### **Abacus**

Some of our tactile learners in school have been trialing using an abacus to help with their math's addition, subtraction, multiplication and even division this term. The abacus has an ancient history of being used to calculate answers and for a child with no useful vision, it provides a tactile way of doing calculations. It also has the advantage over other resources like blocks because they never scatter out of reach.

### **Shipley Library Event**

The qualified teachers for the vision impaired organised a social event for children with a vision impairment from around Bradford. They had the opportunity to take part in some team building activities and to make some new friends. They were given some challenges to complete in pairs such as building a bridge, making a character or a marble run out of Lego bricks.



## Lego Braille

Bridget Thompson, our Curriculum Resource Officer based at Grove House Resourced Provision for Children with a Vision Impairment has been invited to be an ambassador for Lego Braille and to join the training in Denmark during January 2023.

Bridgett has been working with and using Lego Braille Bricks since September 2020 and regularly uses the [legobraillebricks.com](http://legobraillebricks.com) website to find new activities to use with the children.

Bridget was also invited to London RNIB office in October to take part in a webinar where we exhibited and discussed the 'Lego experience tool' (a way to record the effectiveness of braille Lego).

Lego Braille Bricks are used at Grove House Primary for:

- learning braille interventions.

- Braille Club sighted and non-sighted pupils playing together.

- To develop and build social skills



## Swain House

On the 19th October, Swain House Resourced Provision welcomed some visitors from the Sylvia Wright Trust and the Rangammal School for Deaf Children in Southern India. They wanted to see good practice in deaf education, which they did during their visit and have taken some ideas back to look at implementing in their school in India.

Year 6 have been on their last Swain house residential, they went to High Adventure Activity Centre. The children took part in many activities.

Had fun getting wet canoeing, being brave going on the zip wire, abseiling, as well as other team building activities all having a great time whilst learning new skills.

