



Celebration & Recognition

Children and Young People are at the heart of everything we do. In this 'Finale', you will find some good stories about our children and young people's learning journeys and experiences. Not only to celebrate their achievements but also recognise their efforts or small steps towards long-term outcomes.

Well done everyone!

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Useful Contact:

- ❖ MASH Team:
020 8227 3811 (Monday-Friday)
020 8215 3000 (Out of duty hours)
- ❖ Child at immediately risk, call police on 999
- ❖ Travel Assistance:
transport.request@lbbd.gov.uk
- ❖ Early Help Service/Family Hubs:
020 8227 5600
familynavigators@lbbd.gov.uk
- ❖ Carers' Hub (IASS):
020 8593 4422
carers@carerscentre.org.uk
- ❖ Family Information Team
020 8227 5395
fis@lbbd.gov.uk
- ❖ Education Inclusion Team
inclusion@lbbd.gov.uk
- ❖ EHCP Team
EHCenquires@lbbd.gov.uk
020 8227 2400

Time to Celebrate our Children and Young People's Achievements



An absolutely MASSIVE shout out to **Reece** who has secured a contract at his placement at Becontree Leisure Centre - this is only the start for you and what a progression story! We are so proud of you Reece ⭐

Leah has been taking part in interviews online and has been doing an aptitude test! She is also interviewing for bank staff here at the college! Leah has been acting as Job Coach on site for certain days a week and has thrived learning off her own job coach and went and covered Becontree! Her caring nature is shining through! Well done Leah ⭐



Special thanks to Christina Hebron, Project Manager Supported Internships, **Barking and Dagenham College**



The pupils at Riverside Bridge School recently enjoyed two exciting trips. At Stubbers Adventure Centre, the pupils were able to engage in sporting outdoor activities like kayaking, archery, and climbing, fostering teamwork and confidence. Meanwhile, the Trewern trip offered our pupils an enriching outdoor experience, with hiking and wildlife observation. Both excursions provided invaluable opportunities for personal growth, hands-on learning, and unforgettable memories for all participants 👍

Special thanks to Leonel Carvalho, Assistant Headteacher, **Riverside Bridge School**

In my role as the SEND Co-production Lead, I've had the amazing opportunity to engage families, schools and communities in many exciting SEND co-production projects.

This year, I also had the privilege to support the Trinity School Rock Band's exceptional shows in the International Day of Disabled People, Just Say Conference and CYPD Hub Launch Day. Each band member's unique strengths were showcased beautifully through confident performances. Their ability to connect with the audience and collaborate with their fellow bandmates was truly remarkable 🎵🎶



Special thanks to Ryan Jones, Head of Secondary School, **Trinity School**

One Borough, One Community, No one left behind



We are pleased to celebrate co-production and our achievements resulting from attending many meetings with the Council.

Following our successful Conference in March, we've had IPSEA training on Introduction to SEND Law, ADHD training by Add Up and Sensory Needs training by Sycamore Trust - all fully booked with positive feedback!

Our July Open Forum meeting covered Short Breaks for children & Direct Payments (DP) for Young People over 18 years of age.

For more information, please visit:

- [Short Breaks 4 Me grant](#)
- [Adult Social Care / DP in Adult Social Care](#)
- Vibrance – find a personal assistance: on 020 4513 2233 or bdsds@vibrance.org.uk

Steering Group members have represented families at meetings & conferences particularly on Preparing for Adulthood. The Autism & Learning Disabilities Conferences began with Just Say's members' lived experience. Key points raised were discussed with Health & Social Care in adult's provisions involving carers and recipients of those services.

Huge thanks to the 23 families who have taken the time to fill out our SEND survey. It gives us a good insight into what's working well in the borough and what needs improving. We will share the results on our Facebook page and website, also with all relevant organisations working with them to improve services for our children & Young People with SEND. (Please be assured that no one is identifiable in the report). **Have a great summer holiday!**



Just Say Parent Carer Forum

jusaysbdforum@gmail.com

07936 851199

Special note from SEND Partnership Board: 🌸 Thank you so much to Just Say for the co-production, your time, energy and volunteering this year. You've made a significant difference to our communities and families!



Early Years SEND Awards 2024

On Friday 5th July 2024, the Early Years SEND Team hosted the annual SEND awards to celebrate the achievement of Early Years practitioners and settings in delivering inclusive provision for our youngest children with SEND. The nomination categories included:

- Outstanding parent partnership
- Inspiring colleagues with an inclusive approach to childcare
- Promoting the use of Makaton in an early year setting
- Embracing inclusive practice with enthusiasm and dedication
- Inspirational in the approach to inclusion and school transitions
- Creating learning and sensory spaces for children with SEND
- Delivering evidence-based interventions with growing commitment and confidence



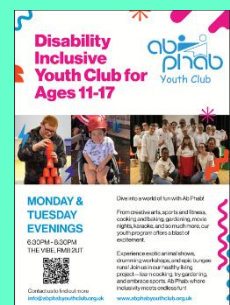
[Winners](#) included individual practitioners from pre-schools and nurseries and whole setting awards.

Summer Holiday What's On

CYPD Hub Schools Out! Summer 2024



AbPhab Youth Club for Ages 11-17



Looking Forward...

Sycamore Trust Autism Sensory Workshop



21st October 2024

enquiries@sycamoretrust.org.uk



PARENTS EVENING with SEND Local Offer Network

We are listening. We are trying to assist families to overcome potential barriers to services and resources, e.g. how can we make the local SEND resources known to the parents? On 9th and 10th July, SEND Local Offer invited our SEND families' service partners to provide drop-ins at **Trinity School** and **Riverside Bridge School** Parent Evenings. Please visit the following or consider registering as a member for updated information. Remember in Barking and Dagenham, you are not alone on this SEND journey!

[Just Say Parent Carer Forum](#)



[Speak Up Young People Forum](#)



[Children and Young People Disability \(CYPD\) Hub](#)



[Carer's Hub \(SEND Information, Advice and Support Services\)](#)



[SEND Drop-in at Family Hubs](#)



[SEND Local Offer Website](#)

