

# Talking is our Business...



Jane Mullen Speech Therapy Ltd.

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Summer term is moving fast and the sun is starting to make us all want to get outside more and enjoy the fresh air. We have had a really busy springtime in our Schools and Nurseries across Cheshire and have really enjoyed working with all of our children and Young people, watching them succeed and progress.



Jack and his family have been busy getting the tots chattering in over 13 nurseries across Cheshire.



The Downs Syndrome support group in Cheshire are benefitting from tailor made sessions monthly. The little ones are enjoying learning signs and working on their sounds of the month.

Keep an eye out on what's happening near you by following Chatterjacks on Facebook or @Chatterjacks on twitter.

## Early years

We said a big Welcome to Cuddington Primary School this term. Within the Reception class some of the children have been taking part in a 'special talking time' and have had made big gains with there use of pronouns. The children have had fun playing games while learning how to use he and she. Keep up the good work Cuddington your working so hard well done.



### We supported Downs syndrome awareness day

on 21st March by wearing odd socks for work and gave out 21 three key word level instructions.

### We Supported National Autistic Day .

On 2nd April  
By wearing blue all  
day.





## Special Schools

All our students within our Special schools have worked with such determination to achieve so much success this term.

Within Brookfields school the girls in classes 4, 5 and 6 have completed a 6 week girls group. The group was a great time for the girls to get together and carry out 'girlie' activities without the boys being around. They enjoyed baking, craft activities, dressing up, painting nails and having afternoon tea with there Mums and Grandmas.

It is lovely to see the girls having fun together at the beginning of the sessions the girls identified they were 'happy or excited' to be at girls group on their emotion's choice board.

## Schools service

What a great term we have had this Spring all our children are continuing to show great enthusiasm and are achieving so much.

Within Oakview Academy students have been attending a Social Skills club focusing on making and maintaining friends. This is based on the 'Friendship terrace stories' by Sue Nicholls. Each week the children learn about a character that lives in one of the houses on the street who has a problem in creating friends and they help to discover what the problem is for that character and recognise what they need to do to be a better friend. The children have started to create their own friendship terrace in a lovely wall display.



## Coffee, Cake and Conversation

Jane Mullen Speech Therapy participated in a school event designed for the parents of children accessing Special Educational Need provision. This enabled parents to come and chat with all of the professionals involved with their children in a relaxed atmosphere with cake and coffee on hand!

The Jane Mullen team created a beautiful display board displaying each area of our remit from speech sounds to social-skills. Parents were able to talk to a speech therapist who was happy to provide explanations and address any more specific concerns that parents wished to share.



What a great opportunity to strengthen relationships with parents and spread the word about speech and language therapy!

## Training

The start of the Year has meant a lot of learning for our team with staff attending LAMP and Makaton training. Schools and families are benefiting from our growing skill base through one to one sessions and information sharing sessions.



Now the sun is out don't forget to get out in the garden with those bubbles. Kids love them and they are a great way to develop oro-motor skills.