



Archdiocese of Birmingham
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy
Principal: Mrs S Rathbone, BA (Hons) NPQH
Woodland Street, Biddulph, Stoke - on - Trent, Staffordshire, ST8 6LW
Tel: 01782 512644
E-mail: office@olognewman.co.uk
Website: <http://www.ourladyofgraceacademy.co.uk>

Friday 15th March 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Running from the 18th to the 24th March, "Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported ..."

"Many people in our community use neurodiversity as an umbrella term used to describe alternative thinking styles such as Dyslexia, DCD (Dyspraxia), Dyscalculia, Autism and ADHD. But regardless of labels, neurodiversity is about recognising those who think differently."

The above two quotations are taken from the Neurodiversity Celebration Week website, which is running a week of virtual events "with inspirational speakers from a range of backgrounds and professions. The discussions will all be focussing on key neurodiversity topics, and aim to educate while inspiring conversations about neurodiversity."

All events are free of charge, open to all and will be recorded. You just need to register on the link below for each event in order to receive the link to the recording.

https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/files/ugd/3559ab_7d3f299e2f364504a2cc5aa620b8e5d1.pdf

Here's a taster of some which might be of interest:

Event 1: An Introduction to Neurodiversity, 18 March 2024, 09:30 to 10:30

Event 3: Neurodiversity: We Don't All Fit into One Box! 18 March 2024, 13:30 to 15:00

Event 14: Understanding Neurodiversity as a Family, 20 March 2024, 16:30 to 18:00

Event 19: Neurodiversity for Parents & Carers, 21 March 2024, 18:30 to 20:00

Event 21: Neurodiversity: Understanding Alternative Education Provision, 22 March 2024, 09:30 to 11:00

Event 22: The Experiences of Neurodivergent Women & Girls, 22 March 2024, 12:00 to 13:30

If you'd like to find out more, their resources page has a wealth of resources, searchable by type of neurodivergence and audience, and is well worth a look.

To mark Neurodiversity Celebration Week in school we are inviting children to bring a brightly coloured t-shirt to put on over their shirt and tie (or polo shirt for Nursery) on **Wednesday, 20th March**.

Thank you for your support.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Stonier

Senco

