



## Blackpool SEND Service Newsletter

Supporting children, young people, families and schools with young people within the area of Special Educational Needs.

Autumn Term 2020  
November-December



If you would like any advice or support with any aspect of your child's learning, please contact your child's teacher. Your child's school is always there to help. Further information can be found on the Blackpool SEND Local Offer page on Facebook.

<https://www.fyidirectory.co.uk/kb5/blackpool/directory/localoffer.page?directorychannel=2&district=blackpool>

### Useful Websites

<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Health-and-social-care/HeadStart-Blackpool/HeadStart-Blackpool.aspx>  
<https://blackpoolbetterstart.org.uk/>

## The Big Story Challenge

A new competition for deaf children and young people who love writing and drawing.

We are inviting deaf children and young people to create a 500–600 word written or signed story, with pictures, about any subject they choose. If you have any questions or need help, email [youthdevelopment@ndcs.org.uk](mailto:youthdevelopment@ndcs.org.uk)



## Blackpool SENDIASS (@BpoolSendiass)

Do you have a child, young person with SEN (Special Educational Needs), or do you feel that your child/young person is struggling with their education?

Do you have questions about how your child should be supported in nursery, school or college?

If so, why not come along to one of our informal SENDIASS virtual Skype tea and talk information sessions to see how we can help?

Just contact us via email at [sendiass@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:sendiass@blackpool.gov.uk) to let us know which date you would like to come along and we will send you an invitation, it could not be easier!

Session numbers are limited so register early to secure your preferred date. We look forward to seeing and chatting with you!

- Tuesday 8 December 2020
- Tuesday 12 January 2021
- Tuesday 9 February 2021
- Tuesday 9 March 2021
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April

## Adult and Family Learning

Blackpool Council provides a range of adult learning and education courses and drop-in sessions for people living in Blackpool, aged 19 and above (learners must be over 19 by 1 August 2019).

Find out more information on the Blackpool Adult Family community and Learning Page on Facebook page or <https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Education-and-schools/Adult-Learning/Courses.aspx>



## Free Online conference talks on Autism, Support and Employability.

Careers & Graduate Employability Adviser have organised a free inclusive training/conference hosted by the University of Central Lancashire to raise awareness about autism, support and employability. We have inspirational student speakers whom have autism, leading researchers in this field, employers and specialist teacher. It is a free online event that anyone can register for a place to hear live talks and have the opportunity to ask questions from any panellist. For the full online programme and how to register: <http://uclancareersfairs.com/makingripples2/index.html>

## Webinars for parents

Webinars for parents of SEND children and young people who have extreme or violent behavioural challenges. Scheduled webinar topics and dates. Presented by Yvonne Newbold of Newbold Hope.

If you would like more information about the webinars, please click on this link –

<https://yvonnenebold.com/webinars-workshops-courses-and-books/>



## Communication and Interaction

Putting spoken language in the spotlight  
25th November 2020

No Pens Day Wednesday is an annual day of spoken language activities that takes place in schools, colleges and early years settings across the country. Spoken language skills (sometimes called oracy) are fundamental for learning to read and write, managing emotions, developing friendships and entering employment. However, spoken language is underrepresented in the curriculum in comparison to reading and writing.

Further information can be found at <https://ican.org.uk/no-pens-day-wednesday/>

