



Friday 23 March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

It is World Autism Awareness week from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018. At Greenway, the children will be participating in assemblies, activities, discussions and PSHE lessons in classes throughout the week to raise awareness and understanding of Autism. This is in conjunction with the activities suggested by the National Autistic Society (NAS) [www.autism.org.uk](http://www.autism.org.uk)  
As you are hopefully already aware of, we work closely with pupils, parents and professionals to support pupils with Autism at Greenway.

As part of Hertfordshire schools Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) local offer, schools have had or are undergoing training from the Autism education Trust (AET) [www.autismeducationtrust.org](http://www.autismeducationtrust.org). The AET has set up a framework of standards and competencies that all schools should strive to work to. This is in partnership with advice from the Communication and Autism Team. All staff at greenway have had AET training in order to meet the needs of pupils with Autism.

Both organisations provide some extremely useful resources for schools and parents to use so please take a look at the websites.

A very helpful and child friendly video explaining Autism to children and parents is available on You Tube entitled 'Amazing Things happen'. Some classes are showing this in school during the week.

Please contact me if you have any queries regarding World Autism Week.

Yours Sincerely,

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