



Head's Weekly Newsletter

Week 24



Message from the Headteacher

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Dear Students, Families, Colleagues and Friends

Welcome to Term 4 and this week's issue of our Head's Weekly Newsletter – a publication sharing key messages, updates and celebrating the life of Abbot's Lea School.

Following last term's survey of families, we have changed the format of the newsletter this term to blend the best of both worlds: a "scrollable" newspaper-style publication favoured by the majority of respondents, with a clickable facility that lets the reader skip to the part most relevant to them (use the Contents section to the right to do just that →).

I hope you all had a good February half term break. It was lovely to see all of the students back this week and start Term 4 which will last 6 weeks in total, culminating in Easter holidays, which will start when the school closes at 1pm on Friday, 8 April (please note our [Key Diary Dates](#)).

Whilst we were overjoyed to be back at school this week, many of our students, staff and families returned with the feeling of shock at the events taking place in Europe. Helplessness, whilst still present, was made more bearable by the act of collective kindness and charity and I am proud to say that this morning, after just a few days of our community coming together, we delivered a bus-full of donations in aid of the victims of war in Ukraine. Sadly, we are likely to need to continue this help...

As a person whose childhood family home is just across the border from Ukraine, I feel so personally grateful for this collective effort – thank you. As the Headteacher – I am proud of our students, their maturity, kindness, selflessness and capacity to empathise with others. You are simply wonderful!

With the kindest regards and best wishes for the weekend ahead,

Mrs A Hildrey
Headteacher

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I have always practised an 'open door' policy and so I really encourage you to take advantage of this – please contact me whenever issues arise – and whilst I have had to put a temporary stop to my open invitation for you to just come in to say 'hello', I continue to welcome direct communication via my personal email address: headteacher@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

Key Diary Dates

Key Diary Dates for Week 25

The key dates for Week 25	
w/c 7 March 2022	Fair Trade Fortnight (Week 2 of 2)
w/c 7 March 2022	National Careers Week
9 March 2022	KS4 and KS5 Travel Training in School
11 March 2022	British Science Week (11-20 March)
11 March 2022	New Zealand Class Visit to Hugh Baird College



Students' school day
9:00am - 3:00pm

Current Term

Term 4
28 February 2022 – students return
Ends: 8 April 2022 at 1pm (early finish)
Easter break: 11-22 April 2022

School Year Calendar

Term Dates for School Year 2021-22 (current academic year) – [Term dates 2021-22](#)

Term Dates for School Year 2022-23 (next academic year) – [Term dates 2022-23](#)

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Students of the Week

Students of the Week

Class	Student	Reason
Nurture Provision		
Wales	Jack	For amazing reading!
Canada	Lilyth	For transitioning well back into class after half term.
Tasmania	Andrew	For excellent engagement and maturity in all activities.
Early Years and Key Stage 1		
Ireland	Mason	For learning how to independently write his name.
Key Stage 2		
Italy	Lucas	For using the quiet room and sensory breaks when he needed to.
Spain	Mikey	For concentrating really hard during Phonics and Maths lessons and applying Phonics knowledge to blend some words.
Portugal	Tyler	For always listening to teachers and being a helpful member of the class.
France	Jason	For always trying hard in his lessons and practising his spelling out tricky new words.
Peru	Conor	For making safe and sensible choices during our food technology lesson.
Key Stage 3		
Mozambique	Louis	For fantastic work in Science this week!
Seychelles	Jamie	For always being a kind student and working independently in Maths
Cape Verde	Abbie	For amazing artwork.
Madagascar	Callum	For working really hard on his extension Maths work and not giving up, even when it became challenging. Well Done Callum!
Kenya	Tyler	For always listening to teachers and being a helpful member of the class.
Botswana	Matthew	For learning a new skill in Math's and being able to apply this new knowledge to independently complete a piece of work
Brazil	Finlay	For engaging with his peers in class.
USA	Anthony	For showing tolerance and being a good friend.
Key Stage 4		
Australia	Kai	Kai has settled into class Australia really well and has contributed well, especially during class discussion.
Papua New Guinea	Joe	For having a mature and focused attitude to his learning.
New Zealand	Kyle	For completing all work to the best of his ability.
Samoa	Nicholas	For working really hard in every subject and helping his classmates to complete work they struggle with.
Key Stage 5		
Fiji	Halle	For joining in with the new class reading book.
Malawi	Henry	Excellent Maths and World Book Day ideas for banners, decorations and noticeable improvement in his badminton skills!
Christmas Island	Daneil	For participating with class discussion and supporting staff.

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Next Week's Menu

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Primary Lunch Menu



Week Commencing 07/03/22

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal We provide a variety of seasonal hot and cold dishes for children to freely choose from	Homemade Pizza served with Wedges and Beans	Homemade Spanish Chicken served with Rice and Corn on the Cob	All Day Breakfast with Sausage, Scrambled Egg, Wholemeal Toast, Mushrooms and Hash Brown	Ham Roast Dinner with Cauliflower Cheese, Roasted New Potatoes, Baby Carrots and Gravy	Homemade Battered Fish with Chips and Minted Mushy Peas
Alternative Jacket potatoes with tuna and other fillings available daily	Pesto Pasta	Cherry Tomato Quiche	Veggie Mince Cottage Pie	Broccoli and Pasta Bake	Veggie Sausage Roll
Homemade Soup	Chef Choice	Split Pea	Chinese Sweetcorn	Leek and Potato	Chef Choice
Starchy Food Various bread choices available	Homemade Pizza Base	Rice	Wholemeal Toast	Roast Potato	Chips
Vegetables Salad Bar with Hummus	Celery and Cabbage	Peppers	Mushrooms	Carrots and Broccoli	Mushy Peas
Dessert Fresh fruit, selection of low-fat yoghurts and homemade puddings available every lunch time	'Chocolate' Fudge Cake Fresh Fruit	Vanilla Cheesecake Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit Salad Yoghurts	Apple Flapjacks Fresh Fruit	Cheese and Crackers Mixed Flavour Yoghurts

Ask for daily chef specials

All our meat is sourced from local suppliers, we use free range eggs and organic flour where possible. All our fruit and vegetables are locally sourced where possible. Halal options available.

Food For Thought is a not-for-profit school meals company owned by its partner schools. Any surplus is reinvested in the company or returned to its member schools.

GOOD FOOD CULTURE

Please, inform the school about any known allergies or dietary requirements for your child. You can do that by sharing information with the class team or by calling the school office. Thank you

Class News

Early Years and Key Stage 1

Ireland Class Teacher: Miss Hattersley	<p>This week in Ireland Class we have enjoyed practising our gross and fine motor skills to mix, pour, weigh and scoop different ingredients to make 'pancake playdough'. The boys enjoyed working together to add different amounts of ingredients to the mixture using spoons, scales and jugs.</p> <p>The boys have loved to sit at the 'Creation Station' this week with their friends and use the crafts book to make their own amazing creations!</p> <p>Ireland Class have enjoyed using our new role play area to wash, hang out on the line and iron clothing items, make pancakes with the frying pans and dress the babies using nappies, vests and clothes.</p>
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Key Stage 2

Portugal Class Teacher: Miss Gibney	<p>Portugal have had a lovely first week back in school. We have getting preparations reading for World Book Day. We have been making super heroes for a display. We have started looking at money in Maths. The students have really impressed us with how much they know about money and how well they can count it. Well done on a brilliant first week back Portugal Class.</p>
France Class Teacher: Miss Last	<p>Welcome back!</p> <p>France class have really enjoyed being back this week. There have been lots of exciting activities going on threw the week in preparation for World Book Day on Thursday, including a Julia Donaldson singalong and a preview of her new story a "Pocket Full of Song"</p> <p>In Maths this week we have been learning about the different value each coin holds.</p> <p>We have also been learning about our country in Geography and doing some fantastic reading.</p>
Spain Class Teacher: Miss Ledward	<p>Spain Class have had such an exciting first week back.</p> <p>We have really enjoyed celebrating World Book Day by listening to, joining in and re-enacting a range of stories! We also made book box scenes for World Book Day and created scenes from Stickman to present in assembly. We really enjoyed 'The Mad Hatters' Tea Party on World Book Day.</p> <p>In our Maths lessons this week we have also been looking at telling the time (o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past). We developed skills by exploring our tuff tray for Pancake Day where we used pancake mix, water and lemons to make our own pancakes then decorated them!</p> <p>It has been a fantastic first week back.</p>

Class News

<p>Italy Class</p> <p>Teacher: Mrs Cooney</p>	<p>This week we welcomed the students of Italy class back after half term and what a fun filled week it has been!</p> <p>Each day we took part in special reading activities to kick start our World Book Day celebrations. This included sing-a-longs and illustrative crafts with some of the UK's best known authors.</p> <p>On Thursday, those children who chose to, wore wonderful costumes of their favourite characters and we attended the Mad Hatter's Tea Party!</p> <p>On Tuesday, it was Pancake Day! We taste tested all of our toppings and rated them on how we liked or disliked them. Chocolate spread was the unanimous winner and then it was down to the best part.... eating our pancakes!</p> <p>In English, we started our new book, 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes'. We made a story map and re-enacted the story by role-playing the different characters.</p> <p>In Maths, we looked at money and coins and the children all worked hard to identify and name the ones they knew. We even had a till so we could use our coins to buy the ingredients Mr Wolf needed to make his pancakes.</p> <p>In Life Skills, we discussed what it means to be brave. The children talked about being anxious and afraid and how we can turn these feelings into courage. We have a class full of very brave children!</p> <p>Enjoy your weekend Italy class!</p>
<p>Peru Class</p> <p>Teacher: Miss Laird</p>	<p>This week in Peru we have celebrated World Book Day by creating a box-scene of the chocolate room from Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. We also enjoyed going to the school's Mad Hatter's party and the Marvel/anime room. Peru class all looked fantastic this week in our costumes.</p>

Key Stage 3

<p>Mozambique Class</p> <p>Teacher: Mr Hodgson</p>	<p>It's been a good week back for Mozambique class! This week we have looked at balanced/unbalanced arguments in English, money in Maths and life cycles in Science. We also celebrated World Book Day by making our own book boxes!</p>
<p>Madagascar Class</p> <p>Teacher: Miss Jennings</p>	<p>This week in Madagascar we have shared our lovely news about our half term.</p> <p>We learnt about different types of bridges and created a Powerpoint presentation that we later presented to the class.</p> <p>We produced great work in Maths, doing lots of column addition, ready for our topic on perimeter.</p> <p>In PE we worked really well learning about the equipment used in badminton and showed great skills using a racket and shuttlecock.</p>

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	<p>We learnt about Shrove Tuesday, made our own pancakes in a mug, where we had very mixed feelings about them. We then had a pancake race in the outdoor area, flipping our pancake in a pan, whilst walking to the finish line.</p> <p>We have produced some beautiful pieces of art work that were used to decorate our school for World Book Day. We have had so much fun celebrating World Book Day as a class.</p> <p>We hope that you all enjoy your weekend, and we look forward to having another great week in Madagascar Class!</p>
<p>USA Class</p> <p>Teacher: Mrs Suku</p>	<p>Great start back for USA!</p> <p>They enjoyed sharing their news from over the holidays and had lots of fun creating their book-box scenes for World Book Day, to show in Friday's assembly.</p> <p>USA started their poetry topic in English and listened to a range of poems. They also started their Maths topic of place value.</p> <p>Good first week back USA!</p>
<p>Brazil Class</p> <p>Teacher: Mrs Rodway</p>	<p>Brazil class have had a great first week back to school.</p> <p>In Maths we have been learning about statistics and handling data. We have looked at tally charts and pictograms.</p> <p>In English, we learnt about Shrove Tuesday and why we celebrate this by making pancakes.</p> <p>We also started our new topics in French, Science, Geography and DT.</p> <p>Well done for a great first week back!</p>
<p>Kenya Class</p> <p>Teacher: Miss McClintock</p>	<p>This week in Kenya class we have been studying the poet Michael Rosen. We looked at his poem all about chocolate cake and what are the key features which make it a performance poem. In Maths we have been learning about decimals and how to convert fractions into decimals. In Science we have been learning about the parts of a flower. We dissected lilies and labelled all the different parts. We also celebrated World Book Day on Thursday with lots of different activities. We had a readathon, a trip to the library, made a box scene of the poem 'Chocolate Cake', played a round of 'Wordle' and some 'Guess the Book' bingo. Well done for a super week!</p>
<p>Cape Verde Class</p> <p>Teacher: Mr Hatton</p>	<p>Cape Verde have had a great start to the term looking at how we can communicate our opinions and facts in a debate. We have continued to look at how to work fractions and be able to identify numerators and denominators.</p> <p>Thursday was World Book Day and we had some amazing costumes and some amazing World Book Day boxes being finished to depict certain scenes that we had read from "The Hobbit".</p>
<p>Seychelles</p> <p>Teacher: Miss Joyce</p>	<p>This week in Seychelles, the class have completed the following activities:</p> <p>In English, we have started to look at poetry and identify the key features of a poem. In Maths, the students have used base 10 to work out the value of numbers. For Science, the pupils have learnt the key components of a plant and had a go at dissecting a flower to see the parts of a plant. And finally as it was 'Pancake Day' on Tuesday, we got to try pancakes with different toppings (they were very yummy!)</p>

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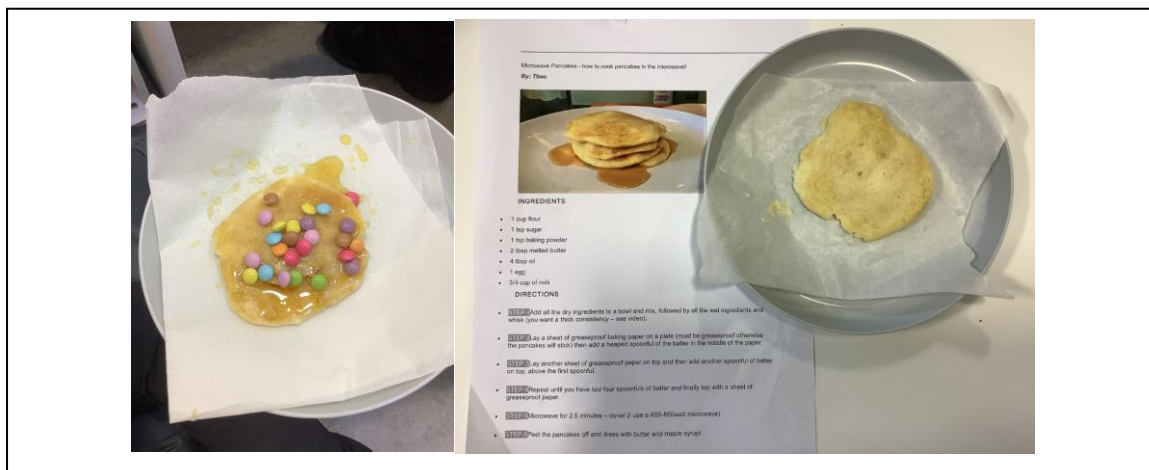
	As always well done Seychelles for all your hard work this week.
Botswana Class Teacher: Miss Caveney	<p>This week in Botswana, the students started a new English topic for this term. This week the students have also been learning how to debate. We started the topic by watching clips from Prime Minister's Questions and giving their opinions on what they have watched.</p> <p>In Mathematics, the children have been practicing their times tables and working hard to solve multiplication and division problems.</p> <p>The students have also started learning about a different religion for this term. The students will be learning about Buddhism and how Buddhists around the world celebrate their faith.</p> <p>It was World Book Day this week and the class celebrated this by making a giant Harry Potter Hogwarts diorama. We had a wizard duel with wands and broomstick races against each other. The children were all happy to learn about each other's favourite literary characters. The students also wrote their own acrostic poem all about World Book Day. Lots of our students and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters with some amazing results.</p>

Key Stage 4

Australia Class Teacher: Mr Lyons	<p>We have begun this term very well in class Australia. In Maths we are looking at different shapes and their properties.</p> <p>In Science, we are learning about different forces.</p> <p>During PE this week we played football in the hall with the LFC foundation.</p> <p>In Food Tech we have made some "Fancy Fish Fingers" with salmon.</p> <p>On World Book Day we made a model based on the novel Around the World in 80 Days. The whole class participation was exemplary. Well done class Australia!</p>
Samoa Class Teacher: Miss Gibney	<p>This has been an exciting first week back after half-term for Samoa!</p> <p>In English, the students have started writing their very own blogs! They have chosen their own topics, such as best places to eat in Liverpool, makeup tips and tricks and even reviewing different computer programmes!</p> <p>In Maths, Samoa have been looking at directional proportion graphs and ratio.</p> <p>In Science and Project the class have been exploring forces in action. They have been looking at different forces such as gravity, friction and air resistance, and looking at how they affect different objects and actions.</p> <p>In Food Tech, Samoa class made fancy fish fingers, focusing on safety in the kitchen and learning the importance of good food hygiene.</p> <p>In ICT we focused on planning and working out the cost of a trip to London, exploring different modes of transport and what exciting activities can be done there.</p>

Class News

	<p>For World Book Day this week, the class worked very hard to create their very own story box, depicting a scene from "We're Going on a Bear Hunt". They also celebrated by dressing up as some creative book characters.</p>
<p>New Zealand Class</p> <p>Teacher: Miss McKenna</p>	<p>This week in class we have been looking at the news and from this looking at the history of Eastern Europe. We have looked at ratio in maths and following written instructions in English. In life skills we were preparing for working life by looking at appropriate rules and behaviours in the workplace. We had lots of fun roleplaying what would and wouldn't be appropriate behaviour for the first day of a new job!</p>
<p>Papua New Guinea Class</p> <p>Teacher: Mrs Wong</p>	<p>This week we have celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite book character. Some of us have been extremely creative and made our own costume using recyclable materials. We have enjoyed watching a film of the book An Inspector Calls that we read during guided reading, and created a shoebox diorama of a scene from the film.</p> <p>In Maths, we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes and the terminologies associated with the topic such as polygon, prism, vertices, edges and faces. It was interesting and really surprising when we found out that for any prisms, the number of faces plus the difference between the number of vertices and edges is always equal to 2. We proved this formula using a cube, a triangular prism, a hexagonal prism and a rectilinear prism.</p> <p>In English, we have read a summary of the story of Oliver Twist which is a classic book written by Charles Dickens as it was one of the earliest known books to take on social issues such as poverty and nineteenth century industrialisation. We studied an extract from the book through analysing the language devices used in the text and making inferences on Hagin's feelings as he was facing the death sentence.</p> <p>To celebrate Shrove Tuesday, we made some pancakes by following a microwave recipe. It was quick and easy to make but tasted scrumptious with syrup and other colourful toppings.</p>



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Key Stage 5

Malawi Class Teacher: Mr Mason	This week Malawi has been preparing for World Book Day with activities, decorations and drawings. We have also been strengthening our Maths and English ready for the Mock exams.
Christmas Island Class Teacher: Mr Griffiths	<p>Christmas Island have enjoyed learning about Shrove Tuesday this week, and they also made pancakes with a selection of fillings on their return to school.</p> <p>During our reading sessions we have been looking at and reading different articles from newspapers within areas of our own personal interests. Life Skills has been focused learning about online safety and understanding the risks of data breaches.</p> <p>It has been a great first week back in school.</p>
Fiji Class Teacher: Miss Ham	<p>Fiji class this week have been talking about their news from half term last week and what exciting things they got up to.</p> <p>In Food Technology we made pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and looked into why we celebrate Shrove Tuesday and Lent. As a class staff and students came up with ideas to become better and healthier people for Lent.</p> <p>Have a nice weekend.</p>

Nurture Provision

Wales Class Teacher: Mrs Leyland	<p>We've loved being back in school this week! We've read A Planet Full of Plastic, and the author of the book Neal Layton sent us a message to tell us that he was so proud of our work. We spoke about what changes we could make to help our planet. As part of fair trade fortnight we spoke about helping out farmers.</p> <p>The boys loved making pancakes in Food Tech.</p> <p>For World Book Day the class team dressed up as characters from Despicable Me and the boys dressed up as Batman, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Where's Wally and Woody!</p>
Canada Class Teacher: Mr Roach	<p>It has been a good start to learning again after half term in Class Canada.</p> <p>Students have enjoyed starting fractions as part of their new Maths topic. We have also been exploring the topic of Fair Trade as part of Fair Trade Fortnight.</p> <p>As a class team we are really proud of how the students have started to settle back in after half term.</p>
Tasmania Class Teacher: Mr Terry	The students in Tasmania class have had a great start to the new term. We have learned about how Pancake Day is celebrated around the world and had great fun making, tossing and decorating our own pancakes. We are also learning about Fair Trade and where our foods come from around the world.

Class News



For more information on your child's progress, contact the class team directly. Our Key Stage Leaders and Mrs Tobin can tell you more about our curriculum, with all subject maps available on our website ([access here](#)).

Human Resources

New Team Members

We are delighted to have been joined this week by several new members of the team who bring with them a wealth of skills and experience. A warm welcome is extended to:

- Mrs Brislen in Ireland Class
- Mr Mills and Mr Tessayman in Mozambique Class
- Mr Clarke in Brazil Class
- Miss Rowe and Miss Dowling in Malawi Class
- Miss Biggins in Wales Class
- Miss Sullivan in Canada Class
- Miss Foulkes in Tasmania Class
- Mrs Carson in our Catering Team

Vacancies

We still have several other posts to fill. Please visit our website for further information on our roles:

- Educational or Clinical Psychologist
- Finance and Payroll Officer
- Facilities Assistant

Teaching and Learning

This week saw us celebrating World Book Day. Did you know?...

- The biggest-selling book written in English is Charles Dickens's A Tale of Two Cities. (The 'two cities' of the title are London and Paris.)
- The second and third bestselling books in English are both by J. R. R. Tolkien. The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit are, respectively, the second and third biggest-selling books written originally in the English language.
- The Harry Potter book series is the biggest selling series of novels ever published
- The most sold book is the Bible.
- If you read 20 minutes a day, you would have read 1.8 million words in a year.
- There's a word for loving the smell of old books – Bibliosmia
- The longest sentence ever printed is 823 words in Victor Hugo's Les Miserables.

Students have really embraced celebrating reading for pleasure by engaging with online author sessions, dressing up and creating their own "book boxes." All book boxes are to be displayed in the House as part of an exhibition. We will be sure to share lots of photos with you!

Warmest wishes for the coming week,

Mrs Tobin

Deputy Headteacher

Useful Information and Resources

In this section, you will find information on services that are available to you across the city over the next few months. There are links that you can click on which will take you to lots of different places of support and services for our parents across the city. Remember to check online at [Liverpool Early Help Directory](#) for regular updates and new programmes from a wide range of council and partner services.

Merseyside Youth Association - MYA Raise Team

Merseyside Youth Association's mental health promotion team (RAISE Team) continue to deliver their range of bite-size courses, adapted from courses they have previously delivered.

These sessions cover a range of mental health issues that impact children, young people and their families.

Bite-size sessions coming up in March, delivered via Zoom unless otherwise stated:

- **ACEs and Trauma-Informed Practice** – Bite-size via ZOOM
10/03/2022 - 10:00 am - 10:45 am - [Book](#)
- **Eating Disorders** – Bite-size via ZOOM
24/03/2022 10:00 am - 10:45 am [Book](#)
- **Self-harm**- Bite-size via ZOOM
24/03/2022 - 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm - [Book](#)

ADDvanced Solutions Community Network

The team at ADDvanced Solutions Community Network continue to support the families living with Neurodevelopmental conditions in Liverpool pre, during and post-diagnosis.

What's available?

A weekly programme of Virtual Community Network Groups and webinar Learning Workshops for parents and carers of children and young people living with neurodevelopmental conditions pre, during and post-diagnosis and also to the professionals who support them while we are unable to deliver our face-to-face delivery.

You can see their calendar of activities for Liverpool parents [HERE](#) and also find information on the services [HERE](#)