

Dear parents and carers,

Over the course of the spring term, I have taken time to reflect on where the schools were this time last year with the country coming out of the 3rd lockdown and to where we are now "living with" Covid. So much has changed and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our learners, families and the staff team for managing these changes, with strengthened resilience and ambitions to succeed. Thank you and long may this continue.

This spring term has seen the schools engage in a number of special events which have ranged from Geography and Languages week to Gardening Day. All pupils have had the opportunity to engage in a number of activities that broaden their experiences and enable them to demonstrate knowledge that they have already. We are lucky that we have a number of very skilled staff that arrange and organise these events.

As a staff team we are looking forward to meeting up as an organisation in our first Staff Conference since 2019 and are excited about the learning that comes from this and how we put it into practice in the summer term.

I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable Easter break and hope you all take care.



Kieran Bird
Executive Head of BeyondAutism Schools



Term Dates

Summer 2022

Term starts: Tuesday 19th April

Bank holiday: Monday 2nd May 2022

Half-term: Monday 30th – Friday 3rd June

Term ends: Friday 22nd July (12:30pm)

Autumn 2022

INSET Days: 1st - 5th September

Term starts: Tuesday 6th September

Half-term: Monday 24th – Friday 28th October

Term ends: Friday 16th December (12:30pm)

Admissions

The admissions team has grown as Serena Liotta joins the team as an Admissions Administrator. She has brought experience and enthusiasm to help and support the Senior Admissions Officer through a busy and exciting time for admissions. At the start of term, the team organised a successful coffee morning hosted by Solicitor Victoria Federico. Victoria discussed the EHCP and tribunal process to provide insight and top tips for parents. The team has been working incredibly hard this year and have nearly filled all spaces for upcoming academic year in September 2022 and are excited to see what the rest of the year brings.

Staffing and Recruitment

New starters

We've had a number of staff join the organisation this term! A big welcome to the following ABA Tutors...

Drew McEvoy, Fatima Shahbaz, Freya Print, Gregory Phillips, Jean Claribel Job, Juliana Sampaio Gomes de Araujo, Millie Norman, Nathalia Ortega Bastidas, Rebecca Tabet, Saruul Bazarsad, Shanakay Gordon, Shaqiela Rowe-Biggs, Sumayyah Kabenge and Wing Kam Ng.

We've also welcomed the following as ABA Supervisors. Stepana Siruckova, Jina Salama, and Liliana Minzat.

Hannah Smith has joined the team as Fast Responder, Veronika Meszaros as Cleaner and James Smith as Head of Facilities.

Leavers

We're saying goodbye to the following ABA Tutors...

Chantel Adjepong, Lorna Antonio, Roberta Arcifa, Federica Cannizzaro, Chantelle Carroll-Rossiter, Dhariana Cespedes Lemos, Olga Charlestan, Anna Chaudhry, Emily Dawson, Rassasa Ebanks, Ubayd Elmi, Manil Fernando, Morgan Hall, Jack Holme, Alice Jackson, Siobhan Johnson, Tanika Lay-Meachen, Whitney Opoku, Ingars Putnins, Tayyaba Rajpoot, Amelia Rice, Hana Richardson, Carla Rombardo, Nishat Sarwar, Pranita Singh, Lola Strutzha and Fawn Warwick.

We're also saying goodbye to Ashi Akhtar (Lead ABA Tutor) and the following ABA Supervisors: Liz Burns, Karolina Gburczyk, Amy Sarrasin, and Rachel Turner.

We're also saying goodbye to Keith George (Assistant Site Manager), Roda Abdirahman (Education Pathway Trainee), and Helen Robertson (Executive Assistant to the CEO and Executive Head of School).

We wish everyone the best in their future endeavours!

Tram House Wellbeing award

We're delighted to announce that Tram House School have achieved the Wellbeing Award for Schools. This is a fantastic outcome for the school, learners, parents and staff and recognises the hard work that has gone into the process.



We started working towards the award in January 2021 to make positive changes in pupil and staff mental health. We are dedicated to improving the outcomes for all of our pupils and positive mental health is the corner stone of this. We are also proud to challenge, and we knew that this award would require us to reflect on our practice and improve it, to better equip ourselves to support our learners, staff and parents.

Throughout this process we have created a vision and a strategy that we can embed, grow and develop moving forward. We are very proud of the work that we have done to reduce stigma associated with mental health and mental health illness. We are particularly proud that there are a growing number of staff within Tram House, at all levels, who want to be a part of moving our mental health strategy forward.

Some of the feedback from our verifier: *"The whole school community is to be congratulated for the huge strides forward taken in a short period of time, under very challenging circumstances."*

World Book Day

For World Book Day pupils enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters and taking part in a range of activities based on their class's chosen book. They also had a go at creating their own comic strips!



Gardening Day

For gardening day the pupils at Park House learnt about plants and how they grow. Each class planted their own small indoor herb garden to look after.

The pupils have been in charge of watering and care and it has been fantastic to see the mini-gardens growing over the past few weeks.

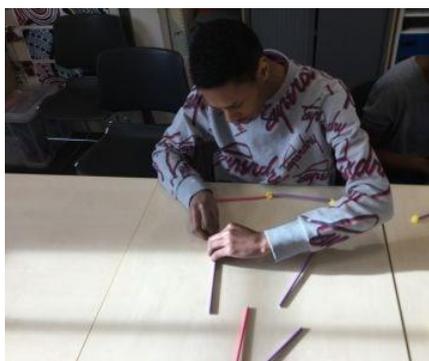


STEM Week

Pupils across the schools had a great time during STEM week (science, technology, engineering and maths). Teaching staff created a number of activities for pupils to have fun whilst learning about science and geometry.

One activity focused on 2D and 3D shapes with pupils creating different shapes out of spaghetti and marshmallows with some learners producing some impressive structures.

Pupils also learnt about Newton discovering gravity and made model apple trees with toilet roll tube runs for apples to fall through.



Ambulance visit

Shortly before half-term the pupils at Park House School were paid a visit by London Ambulance Service NHS Trust. The paramedics spoke to our learners about what they do and their role in the community before showing some of the equipment they need to help people. Huge thanks to the team for taking time out of their busy days to come and speak to the pupils!



Careers Day

Towards the end of term, Tram House School pupils participated in Careers Day. Emily Ross, our Specialist Vocational Advisor spent the day working with pupils on Vocational Profiles to support them in their next steps. The pupils also took part in a range of taster sessions where they found out what it was like to work as a teaching assistant, a cleaner or office worker.



A word from the charity

Tracie Linehan, CEO

Wow, where has the spring term gone?

As many of you know Karen Sorab, Founder and Chair of Trustees, will be stepping down. The Trustees have conducted a recruitment process this term and I'm pleased to say that we will be able to announce the new Chair at the end of April. We will arrange some coffee events so that parents have the opportunity to meet the Chair and other members of the board of Trustees.

The strategic focus this year is Reach with Quality, ensuring we remain outstanding in London, underpinned by valuing our staff. Whilst we are very much in a period of consolidation, supporting our current services to be outstanding, we also have an eye on the horizon, wanting to respond to need across London and beyond. We are currently exploring the possibility of a new Early Years' Service in Hertfordshire; the Fast Responder pilot began in January and we continue to be on the lookout for tender opportunities. Our Valuing Staff workstream focused on staff induction has successfully delivered training weeks in January and February, with new starters joining their teams better prepared and with the support they need to be successful.

The cessation of Covid rules means that the senior management and charity teams will be able to be out and about in our schools in the summer term and we are looking forward to it.

I wish you all a restful festive period and look forward to 2022.

Recent funding successes and updates

This term, the Fundraising Department has been hard at work behind the scenes to secure vital funds for our services.

Here are a few highlights:

***New* Garden Office Space** - Thanks to generous corporate support, Park House School saw the installation of a new outdoor office on its premises at the end of last term. The office is now up and running, freeing up valuable space within the school building for our staff and learners.

Toucan App – BeyondAutism is now included on the giving app Toucan, as featured on Dragon's Den. Please help us grow and reach new supporters on this platform by installing the app and dropping us a follow. It's free to do!

***Coming soon* Sensory Playground** – With thanks to a generous grant awarded by The Morrisons Foundation, we will be creating a new permanent, outdoor sensory playground. This new space will offer fresh opportunities to meet our learners' sensory needs and aid in the development of motor skills, creativity, and imagination. All being well, the installation will take place during the summer holidays, getting the playground ready for the 2022/23 academic year.

Staff Appreciation Fund - Our festive appeal for the Staff Appreciation Fund received £3466 in donations from parents and carers: Thank you to everyone who contributed! Funds will be designated to the Staff Committee in collaboration with Heads of Service to spend on staff wellbeing initiatives throughout the year.



How you've supported us this term

Colour Obstacle Rush - We have received an amazing response from staff and supporters signing up for our new challenge event for 2022. There is still time to register to take part and raise vital funds to support our learners! This colourful giant inflatable obstacle course will be taking place on the 21st of May 2022. Create a team with colleagues, join an existing team, or complete the course with your friends and family - There are plenty of ways to enjoy this memorable day out. If you would be interested in taking part, don't hesitate to get in touch!



As always, please do reach out if you'd like to find out more about supporting our work.

All the best,

The Fundraising Team

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**Everyone at BeyondAutism wishes you a restful break
and we look forward to seeing you for the new term!**

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