



Race Leys Infant School

Autism Awareness Coffee Morning 30th March 2017.



All parents were invited to share in our 'Autism Awareness' coffee morning.

It was lovely to see the event attended by parents with children who have an autistic diagnosis and parents within our school community who have no previous connection with autism but wanted to find out more.

We were also joined by Amanda Gennoe from the Integrated Disability Service (IDS), 'The Family Information Service' and 'Kelly Mills' from the local family network 'Get Together-Joining families Living with Autism', a local charity for Nuneaton, Bedworth and Coventry. Warwickshire's 'Special Educational Needs and Disability Information Advice Service (SENDIAS) also sent literature for parents to read.

Alongside our visitors, school learning mentor Jo Johnson was able to offer support to parents and siblings through the schools young carer's scheme. School Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator (SENDSCO) Kerry Gurr was available to offer support and answer questions as was Head Teacher Judith Ward.

Please follow the link to see a short video showing what it can feel like for a child with autism to access a shopping centre

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lr4_dOorquQ

<http://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/tmi/film.aspx>

Family trust details : www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis

Kelly Mills details: www.gettogetherpage.co.uk.

If you would like any information about Autism please make an appointment with the school office to meet with Mrs Gurr.