

Silverdale A.R.P

Silverdale's Additionally Resourced Provision worked with almost 50 pupils over this last academic year (the ARP has had around 40 children on roll for the majority of the year). We are planning transitions to new schools or a return to their mainstream primary school for 15 pupils and we have 2 Year 6s moving on to High School in September 2016.

Trips

Children from the three classes have been to the following places over this year; Newburn Climbing Centre, House of Objects, Bowling, St Mary's Lighthouse, local parks, Blythe Park, Arriva Bus Tour (for a pupil keen on buses as an individual reward, if you are ever stuck, he knows every single route!) Cramlington Fair and friendly football matches against Silverdale and swimming lessons for all pupils Y3 to Y6 throughout the year. We also have regular trips to Pets at Home and Killingworth shopping centre to buy things for our new pet rats, Rosie and Ruby.

Welcome Days

We have had two Welcome Days with the Summer Celebration planned for the end of this term. A huge thank you to all the parents, carers and family who came along, we have had excellent attendance and it was a pleasure to see so many grandparents too. The Christmas movie was a big hit, we are already planning next year's event, no pressure to try and top last year's performance! The children really enjoyed showing the hard work in their books at the Easter Welcome Day.

Training

ARP and Outreach staff have worked hard to keep their training and professional development up to date. We have attended training sessions on;

- Solihull Approach
- Child Protection/Safeguarding
- Educational and Vocational Trips
- First Aid
- Team Teach
- Understanding Attachment
- Updating understanding of ADHD
- PREVENT – raising awareness about radicalisation
- Operation Encompass – supporting pupils and families who experience domestic abuse
- Curriculum training for English, Maths, Science and using iPads

Outreach

The Outreach Team of 8 staff have worked with 201 pupils since the Service was commissioned September 2014. The majority of those pupils' behaviour has improved and they have remained in mainstream.

We have worked with 60 pupils this year to date and are working hard to reduce the waiting list of 49 pupils. There have been 13 re-referrals from schools.

9 pupils who had support from the Outreach Team have enrolled at the ARP over this academic year.

The Solihull Approach

We have successfully ran two courses of the Solihull Approach this year. The programme offers parents/carers 11 weekly sessions where they can learn about the brain development of babies and children, discuss ways to manage behaviour, explore resilience, reciprocity and ways to repair broken relationships.

Some of the parents/carers have chosen to set up their own support group after the course finished and this allows them to enjoy community events together without feeling isolated or worrying about the reaction of staff at venues to their children's behaviour.

Feedback from Parents/Carers

'All the staff are warm and friendly, they come straight to the gate as soon as I get there.'

'Was very worried and staff eased this by being friendly and open about school.'

'Staff have been very welcoming, open and friendly from the outset.'

'Our first visit was brilliant. My son settled straight away.'

'Very friendly and courteous.'

Feedback from Pupils

'The teachers help me make good choices.'

'I feel protected and safe.'

'When I say something they always listen.'

'The teachers are nice.'

'My old teacher did not listen to me that's why I want to stay here. I am really happy.'

'I feel great now and have improved my behaviour.'

Pantomime

On 9th February this year, a production of Peter Pan was held at the ARP. Students from our main site went up to join them. In total about 70 students were present. M&M Theatrical Productions specialise in taking theatre out to schools as they realise how difficult it can be for our young people to get this experience in their lives. They are a small theatre group who play all the parts between them and do all costume and background scenery changes themselves. All the usual favourites were in the play. Peter Pan, Captain Hook, Wendy Darling and the Crocodile who amazed us with her singing and dancing. The boys and girls quickly got in the pantomime spirit and were singing along and cheering and booing. Some of the more reluctant staff were forced to sing and dance along too. A fabulous time was had by all and we look forward to their return early next year with "Beauty and the Beast."