

Therapies In Schools

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Dear All,

Monday 23rd April 2018

Therapies In Schools (TIS) Update.

The TIS team have been working hard driving new ideas and strategies into the three foundation schools. Alongside the clinical work given to the children of the nine original families that are part of the TIS project, the team have been developing staff training packages and systems to help enhance the school staff knowledge when it comes to embedding therapeutic practice into everyday learning.

Therapy in Schools whole school training has begun!

After months of writing and deliberating and re-writing we finalised our level one training programme. On Monday 16th April we trained 130 teachers and teaching assistants from our three schools. The training included in-depth 2 hour workshops covering teaching and group work on Physical Development, Sensory Processing and Life Skills. This touched on science, practical strategies and experiential learning. Feedback has been positive and we look forward to continuing this training to teaching staff.

Water Skills Programme

As part of the TIS project, a water skills module has been developed by the TIS Physiotherapist. This aims to teach carers and teaching staff the theory, value and delivery of water programmes for children with complex physical disability. The 'Seahorses' team at Palatine were the first team to undertake the challenge and they have embraced this with open arms.

All of the team have worked really hard to incorporate their new skills into daily practice and class teacher Frances has embedded this into the ImpACTS curriculum delivered by the team. All of the staff will complete the training during this term and will be accredited with a water skills module certificate for their CPD profile. Plans to roll this out to Herons Dale and Oak Grove have started and by the end of this academic year we hope to have trained 30 or more staff in this area. A huge thank you to Frances and the Seahorses team for taking on the challenge and succeeding!

So what's next?

Well, we've got 130 workbooks to mark, return and then issue certificates. We then need to continue rolling out the level one training to the rest of the education staff across the three schools. This is around another 100 people and the plan is to do that over the two September Inset days and the one in January. In addition to this it's now time for the TIS team to start writing Level 2 and 3 and invite those staff with a keen interest to develop their skills in one of the three areas. It is hoped that Level 2 can be offered to staff during an October Inset day and level 3 in January but dates are yet to be confirmed. We're also in the process of getting the accreditation of the training package signed off so that all paperwork and certificates will hold the CPD accreditation logo.

We're now in a position to invite parents to come and hear the training that we're now delivering to all education staff. So if you'd like to attend a two hour workshop on any (or all) of the available streams then please look out for booking information in our next newsletter. The first date is planned for Monday 18th June and will be the Sensory Processing stream. We have a limit for numbers so please make sure you book onto the course as soon as you can. Tickets can be booked using the below link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sensory-processing-parent-workshop-tickets-46008429451>

Please let us know if you book tickets but are then unable to attend so that we can release those tickets to other parents. If you are unable to use the link to book but would still like to come then please email linnie.chapman@nhs.net and we will book the tickets for you. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as we can!

Jo, Linnie and Laura
Therapies In Schools Project

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