



AUTISM
AWARENESS &
NEURODIVERSITY
WEEK
28.4.-2.2.2025





Everyone's Different, Everyone's Special



Each one of us is unique and special in our own way.

We're going to learn a little bit about something called **Autism**, and how we can be good friends to everyone — no matter how different we might be."



What is Autism?

Autism is my **SUPERPOWER!**

What's yours?



- ▶ Autism is something that some people are born with.
- ▶ It means that their brain works in a way that is a little different from other people's brains.

And that's not a bad thing — it just means they might **see**, **hear**, and **feel** the world a bit differently



What is Autism?

Autism might mean you **really love routines** — doing the same thing every day — because it feels safe and comforting

Autism might mean that you are **amazing at remembering facts, building things, solving puzzles, drawing, or noticing tiny details**



Autism might mean that you have **special interests** in particular subject e.g. dinosaurs or electrical appliances

autism might be that you find **loud noises, busy places or bright lights** uncomfortable

Autism might mean you find it **tricky to understand how others are feeling**



What is Autism?

At Blackhorse we have lots of **Autistic children** and we are very proud to have the only **Resource Base** in the area for **Autistic children** or children who **learn and make friends In different ways**. This can also be know as **Neurodiversity**.



What do you like doing that makes **you unique?**





Myths vs Facts Game

"Every autistic person is exactly the same."

Autistic people can be very talented at things."

Autistic people can't make friends."

"We should always be kind and patient with everyone, including autistic people."



How Can We Be Good Friends?

Being a good friend to someone with autism is just like being a good friend to anyone else — but **sometimes we might need to be a little extra thoughtful.**





How Can We Be Good Friends?

Top tips

- Be **kind** and **patient**.
- **Listen** carefully if they are trying to tell you something.
- Understand that they might need a bit of **space** sometimes.
- Invite them to join games, but **don't be upset** if they say no.
- **Celebrate what makes them amazing!**





"Amazing Things Happen"

VIDEO: Amazing Things Happen" by Alexander Amelines:





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"Today, we learned that autism is just one of the many ways people can be different — and difference is something to celebrate!

Let's remember to always be kind, patient, and welcoming to everyone.

Because together, we make our school a place where everyone belongs."



Autism Awareness @ Blackhorse



This week we will be having a focus on Autism Awareness. Some of the things you will be doing are:

- ▶ **Learning** more in class about autism
- ▶ Everyone will be **creating an individual handprint** to create a whole school **sensory trail**
- ▶ **Special jigsaw dessert** on Friday to celebrate uniqueness
- ▶ **Special Friday 2.4.25 “I am Unique”** Wear whatever you want to show your uniqueness: Superhero, princess, onesie, PJ’s, school uniform, anything goes!