

Resource Base for d/Deaf children

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Change of name

- ▶ Following advice from the British Association for Teachers' of the Deaf (BATOD) and in taking a proactive step towards using positive language around deafness/hard of hearing, we are now known as **The Resource Base for d/Deaf children** and will no longer use the term hearing impaired.

Children in the resource base

- ▶ We currently have 16 deaf children under the base. We also have 6 deaf children who attend the mainstream school that are involved, where possible, in events with the resource base and deaf community.

Promoting Deaf culture

- ▶ Mrs Burton has found video clips of life experiences retold from a Deaf person's perspective, sharing deaf culture, history and links to courses for parents of deaf children. These feature on the **Warren Newsletter** and the links will soon be made available on the website.

Mrs Burton has been busy finding different links for deaf role models and life experiences retold by deaf people. Follow the links below or scan the QR code to watch and listen to their stories:



https://deafunity.org/article_interview/deaf-role-model-of-the-month-alison-hendry/



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3f_mENOQaE

DeafAwareness



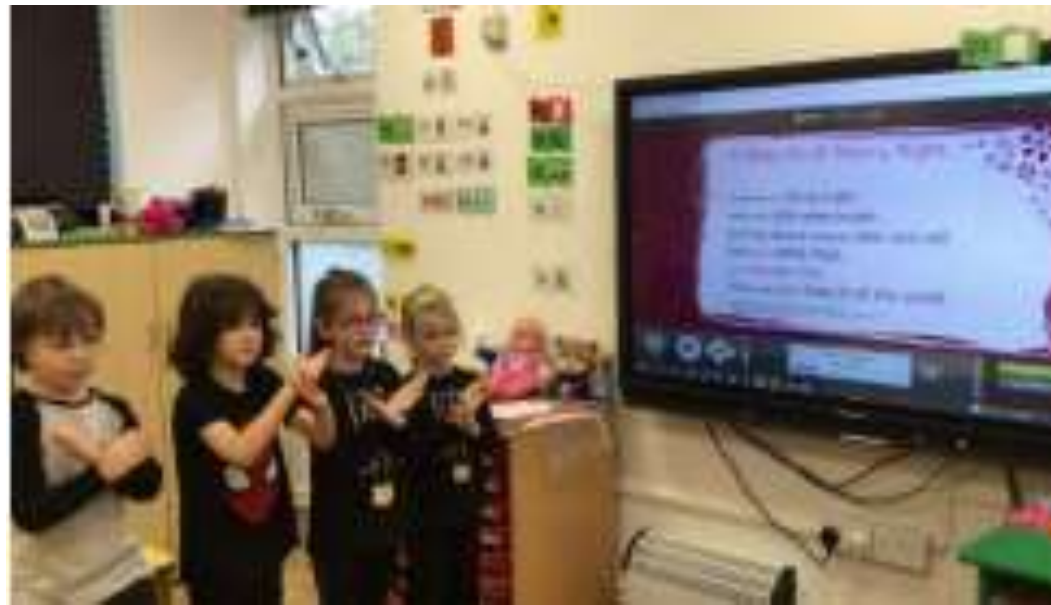
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=StcYKdjhwXE>



https://www.ted.com/talks/rebecca_knill_how_technology_has_changed_what_it_s_like_to_be_deaf

BSL at Warren

- ▶ Warren staff now have the opportunity to join BSL lessons weekly via Teams led by St Clere's staff. The deaf children have also been busy learning to sign Christmas carols, which we are recording for the Warren website and Youtube channel and these are being shared with teachers to promote BSL across the school. The signed song 'Starry Night' is being taught to all pupils across the school and will be performed at the All Saints Carol Service. Every term, a signed story and a BSL teaching video is shared with the mainstream classes to learn.



Promoting BSL across the school

- ▶ The PTFA have secured funding from Families of Deaf Children in Essex to purchase a BSL board promoting signs used outside. The resource base has also made lots of resources to promote the base and BSL through displays.
- ▶ The Green Room has also purchased a collection of children's books related to deafness to share with the school and help support our teaching on deaf identity.







Deaf trips

- ▶ All deaf pupils were invited to attend a **bowling competition** led by the Panathlon charity. They all received a medal and certificate. One team from Warren also had the highest score and received the first place trophy.
- ▶ Mrs Webb also organised a trip to the **cinema** where we watched A Dog's Way Home with subtitles. These trips have given us the opportunity to come together as a deaf community.



Access to Deaf role models

- ▶ Earlier this term, our KS2 HI pupils were invited to take part in the Big D Live drama workshop run by deaf adults. The children read a story together and discussed the characters, setting, plot and moral of this story. Then they re-enacted parts of this story. Later in the workshop, they had the opportunity to create their own stories as a group, designing the characters and focussing on the beginning, middle and ending. They all had a fantastic day and were keen to share what they had learnt during their workshop.



Equipment checks

- ▶ We have reintroduced **equipment checks** at 8.30 and started up our popular **toast sessions** to promote social time for the deaf children to meet each other across all year groups.

Deaf awareness

- ▶ Each year, Warren celebrates Deaf awareness week, where pupils across the school learn about famous deaf adults and useful deaf awareness tips. This year, familiar deaf adults and former pupils created videos to share with the whole school, talking about their experiences as deaf individuals. Deaf awareness week was announced in the newsletter prior to the week and some of the videos were made available on the Warren Youtube channel. Deaf awareness week was again promoted in the following week's newsletter and a small snippet has been included in every edition since.



This week is Deaf Awareness week and all across the school, children have learnt about what it means to be deaf and how we can all support deaf children and adults by being more deaf aware. Children across the school have loved learning some sign language and practised spelling their own name. We have watched the short film 'The Silent Child', which led to discussions about the hurdles the character in the story had to overcome. We also listened to personal recounts of deaf adults, deaf children and parents of deaf children. It has been a successful Deaf Awareness week for all pupils at Warren!



Coming soon...

- ▶ We will be introducing fortnightly deaf studies sessions for all deaf children at Warren.
- ▶ We will explore ways to support parents in understanding deaf culture, history, use of BSL, etc.
- ▶ We are going to work with Mrs Tagney and the Peer Mentors to teach them signs to support deaf children at lunchtime.
- ▶ The PTFA are going to raise more funds to purchase additional BSL boards.
- ▶ We are hoping to organising more trips to promote our own deaf community within the school, such as a trip to the Belong Gaming arena and hopefully a London trip at the end of the year, providing Covid restrictions are eased.