



**Neurodiversity
Celebration
Week**

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Celebrating our unique strengths and differences

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What is Neurodiversity Celebration Week About?

- Neurodiversity Celebration Week is about celebrating the strengths and talents of people who think and learn differently.
- It is also about recognising hard work and determination.
- Neurodiversity Celebration Week is one way of reminding everyone of the importance of being kind and accepting of everyone.







What is Neurodiversity?



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Some of the names you may hear in school which are neurodivergent groups are:

ADHD



Dyspraxia



Learning difficulties



Autism



Dyslexia



Speech and language difficulties



So, although you can't see neurodiversity,
you might see different behaviours





What are you good at?

- Differences in the way our brains are wired means that you may find some things challenging that others find easy.
- You may also find things easy that other people find challenging.



What are you really good at?



What do you find difficult?

Do you recognise any of these famous people?

All of these people are Neurodiverse.



Dyslexia



Often great at talking,
solving problems and
being creative



May find reading, writing
and memory tricky



**My dyslexic thinking means
I don't just think outside the
box... I think outside
the planet.**

Maggie Aderin-Pocock, Space Scientist



People
can help
me by

1. Giving clear instructions

2. Giving me more time

3. Showing me kindness and giving encouragement

4. Helping me to learn when I get stuck

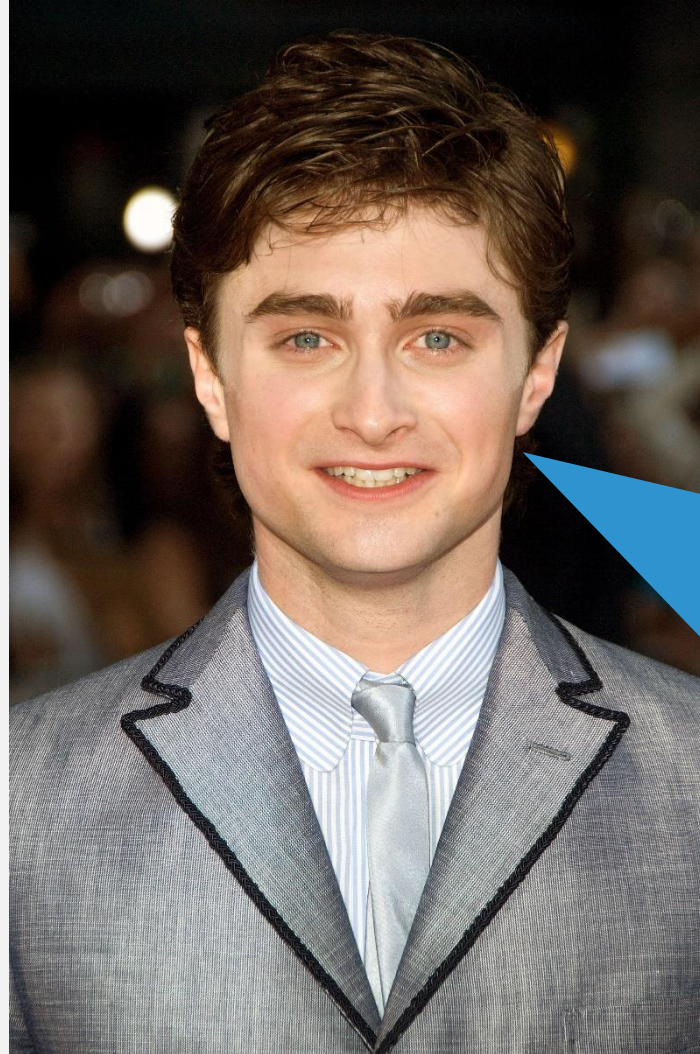
Dyspraxia



Often great at having original ideas, solving problems and being determined



May find coordination and movement tricky

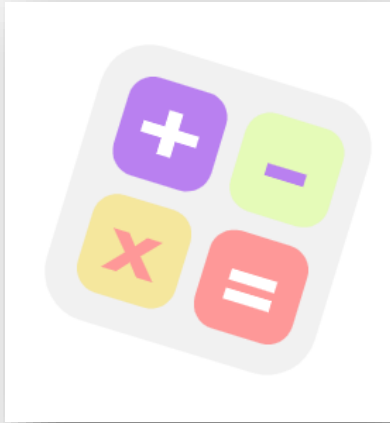


"Do not let it stop you. It has never held me back, and some of the smartest people I know are people who have learning disabilities.

The fact that some things are more of a struggle will only make you more determined, harder working and more imaginative in the solutions you find to problems."

Daniel Radcliffe, Actor

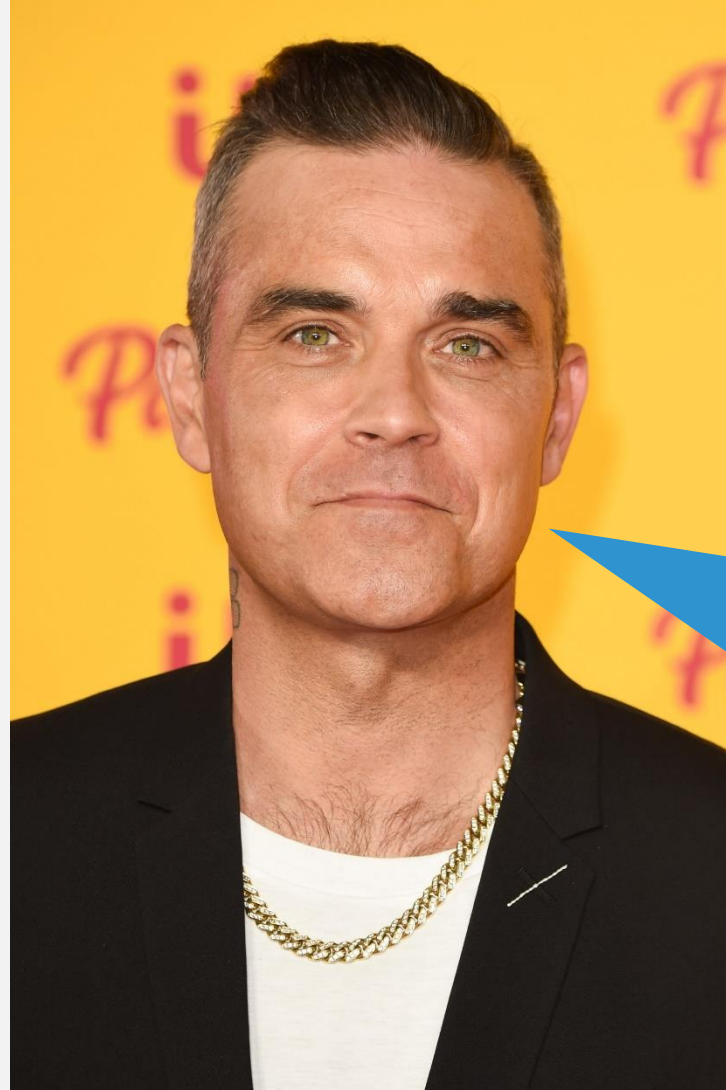
Dyscalculia



Often great at solving problems and thinking big thoughts



May find maths tricky

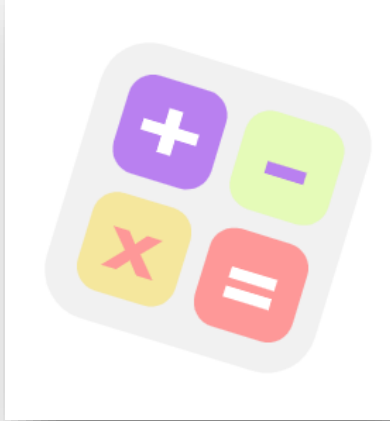


"You are astonishing, you just don't know it yet."

"I'm surrounded by incredibly successful people and most of them are like you and I."

Robbie Williams, Singer

ADHD



Often great at talking, being creative, energetic, and enthusiastic.



May have a very busy mind and find it tricky to concentrate and sit still.



"I call it Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Delightfulness.

I want kids to know that there's nothing wrong with you. You just think differently, and that's a good thing. This world needs people who think differently"

David Piley, Author of Captain Underpants



People
can help
me by...

1. Giving me a bit more time
2. Giving me clear, simple instructions
3. Providing me with a list
4. Giving me reminders
5. Providing a safe space
6. Getting to know me

Autism



Often great at remembering things, solving problems, knowing lots and being honest



May have a different way of communicating and understanding the world. May be sensitive to noise, bright lights and smells



"A lot of people with autism have a special interest that they can sit and do for an eternity without getting bored..

It's a very useful thing sometimes..

it can be something you can use for good. And I think that I'm doing that now."

Great Thunberg, Climate Activist



Things
that
might
help me
are

1. Being in a quiet space
2. Being given time
3. Using sensory toys
4. Being allowed to rock
5. People being kind

Tourette's Syndrome



Often great at being empathetic, creative and achieving a lot.



Can cause sudden, repeated movements and sounds called "tics"



Recognising and Celebrating Strengths and Talents

- Neurodiversity Celebration Week reminds us that whatever our differences and challenges, everyone also has their own talents.
- Many people who have ADHD, autism, dyslexia, dyspraxia or Tourette Syndrome and experienced challenges in school, are now very successful.
- Many say their success is because of their unique way of thinking.



What Can You Do To Help?

- Don't tease or make fun of anyone in your class who is different or who is finding something difficult.
- Instead, be kind, understanding and encouraging.
- Never forget that you have the power to make a positive difference to someone who may be having a difficult time.



Make someone's day by being understanding and kind.

It is fantastic that people think in different ways – it makes life more interesting!



1. Neurodiversity is about differences in the brain
2. We all now know some names of neurodiverse groups
3. You can't see neurodivergence
4. To be neurodiverse is to be part of a group of people with differences within their brain
5. We can all support each other with our differences





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