Happy World Autism Awareness Day!

On April 2nd we celebrate and raise awareness about something called ‘Autism’. People with autism are smart, funny, and kind. They are excellent friends, and make us all very happy! Just like you and me, they have things that make them different, and things that make them just like everyone else!

The greatest part about people with autism, is that just like a puzzle piece, they always fit right in!

Think about what makes people with autism unique, and what makes them the same as you. Talk about it with people in your house. Why is it so cool to have friends that are both different and the same as you?

When you have talked about it, try these activities:

1. LITERAL INSTRUCTIONS- Sometimes, people with autism can take things too literally which might confuse them! Open the ‘Literal Instructions’ document found on the school website under the ‘Covid-19 Information to Parents’ tab to see which types of commands might be confusing. **For Example:**

‘I’ve got my eye on you’

Someone with autism may think that there is an actual eyeball on them!!

How can we fix this sentence to make sense to someone with autism?

‘I am watching you’ or ‘ I can see you’

2) COLOURFUL PUZZLE- Draw a puzzle piece the size of a regular piece of paper (or print one out if you can) and decorate it with words and pictures that describe how unique you are. What are you good at? What do you like? Make this puzzle piece as colourful as you can.

When you are done your puzzle piece, take a picture and email it to Mrs. O’leary at [poleary@brentsideprimary.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:poleary@brentsideprimary.ealing.sch.uk). You can also email questions or comments about this topic!

Have fun celebrating people with Autism!

Examples:

