



SEASONS GREETINGS from The Dyslexia Guild



Guild Gallery - December 2018

Dear Guild member,

We have some exciting news, The Dyslexia Guild is celebrating its **25th Anniversary** next year! The Guild started as a small body for Dyslexia Institute alumni in 1994 and has grown into a professional body with over 1500 members.

We will be offering all our members some fabulous offers and discounts, with main celebrations being held at our **annual conference** on Thursday 20th June 2019 in Bloomsbury, London. We do hope you will be able to join us, bookings will open in the New Year.

The **Dyslexia Review** Autumn/Winter issue will not be produced this year as we are putting all our efforts into producing a bumper issue in Spring 2019 that will celebrate our 25 years of The Dyslexia Guild plus the **50 year anniversary of The Dyslexia Review** itself! The journal will undergo a complete redesign to make it appealing and even more relevant to all our members, whatever sector you work in.

Wishing all our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kind regards,

Jan Beechey
The Dyslexia Guild



Dyslexia Action Training Courses

Dyslexia Action has been providing courses for over 40 years. From short continuing professional development courses to specialist practitioner qualifications, a full list can be seen [online](#).

Guild members get discounts on specialist courses for qualified SpLD professionals. Visit the [Dyslexia Action website](#) for further information.

Booking is now open for January, March or May 2019.

Dyslexia Action Shop

The Shop has a [brand new website](#) which has been redesigned to make it easier for you to find Assessment tests, Books and Resources. Do not forget to set up an account and contact the shop to apply your 10% Guild member discount on purchases.

The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) are seeking high-potential projects to fund and evaluate in the following grant round: **Improving outcomes for pupils with SEND**. Projects which improve attainment and other educational outcomes, such as social and emotional learning, for children with special educational needs or disability are considered. The deadline is 14 January 2019. For more information, please visit the [Education Endowment Foundation website](#).

Mindful Kids – looking for specialist authors

Studio Press books have produced a series of activity books called Mindful Kids. [The first four books](#) in the series offers help in learning how to cope with emotions.

The next books, which publish in March 2019, are based on global citizenship. The publisher is looking to expand this series into an area focusing on supporting and celebrating children with additional needs. The first two books in this range will be aimed at children with Autism and Dyslexia. They want to create books that are accessible to children with autism or dyslexia and, in the same way as the original four titles, offer children a place to express themselves, understand their emotions and learn coping techniques. As well as identifying the struggles that children with additional needs may face, the books will celebrate many of these differences as strengths – or superpowers.

Studio Press Books are in search of an author who specialises in dyslexia and is able to create and write a range of activities suitable for children aged 8+ in a similar vein, if you are interested please contact:

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pdnet - a free network for those supporting learners with physical disability

What is pdnet?

[pdnet](#), standing for physical disability network, is a long-established, free to join national organisation, providing professionals with support in promoting positive outcomes for children and young people with a physical disability. Members are drawn from education (both mainstream and special settings across all age phases, 0-25 years), health and the voluntary sector. We have over 650 members and are growing!

pdnet level 1 training

[Free online training](#) suitable for anyone working within an educational setting who needs to develop their awareness and understanding of physical disability and the impact it can have on learning. There are separate modules for early years, schools and Post 16. Each takes approximately one hour and uses custom graphics and scenario based learning to help users to understand the barriers or challenges that can be faced by children and young people with physical disability and the steps that can be taken to overcome these.

Become a member

[Join](#) our FREE network of professionals who are passionate about improving outcomes for learners with physical disability. Membership is free and joining gives you access to our valuable online forum, termly updates and CPD opportunities.

Annual Literacy Survey – schools wanted

The **National Literacy Trust** is looking for schools to take part in their annual survey, designed for 9 to 18-year-olds. There is also a new Junior Annual Literacy Survey for children aged 5 to 8. Each participating school will get a personalised report of their results. Find out more on the [National Literacy Trust website](#).

Barriers to success

A recent graduate explains some of her frustrations in getting support for studying at University and the process of funding from the Disabled Student Allowance (DSA). Read about it [here](#).

Learning disabilities not diagnosed in childhood

Two out of five people with learning disabilities are not diagnosed in childhood according to a study commissioned by the NHS. A government spokeswoman said: "We recognise the need to tackle the unacceptable inequalities faced by people with learning disabilities and autism." A spokeswoman for NHS England said the report was commissioned "precisely to draw attention to the wide range of factors which need tackling if, as a society, we are to give everyone with a learning disability the opportunity to lead a long and fulfilling life". Read more on this story [here](#).

Going beyond Phonics to Help Struggling Readers

Liz Sedley, the creator of [Dyslexia Gold](#), takes a look at why some children struggle to learn to read, despite high quality phonics teaching. Read the full article [here](#).

Great School Libraries

Research has shown that schools that have a good school library with access to a professional librarian

see academic attainment rise. The Great School Libraries campaign has three main issues:

1. **Recognition of school libraries/librarians in Ofsted inspection framework.** Schools can currently remove their librarian and spend nothing on resources. By employing a school librarian, collaborative teaching and attainment goes up. If included in Ofsted, decision makers would take the provision of library and librarian more seriously.
2. **Creation of a school library strategy for England.** A strategy means there will be guidelines to explain and demonstrate what makes a good school library.
3. **Specific investment into school library development.** Funding should be seen as a whole school investment where the librarian can work alongside teaching staff to give pupils information literacy skills that they can carry forward through life.

To find out how to support the campaign please visit the [Great School Libraries website](#).

Matilda is 30 years old!

Roald Dahl's Matilda has a new 30th anniversary edition out. The book features a brand-new cover illustration by original illustrator Quentin Blake, in which he imagines Matilda as an adult. Blake has reimagined her as an astrophysicist, a world traveller and chief executive of the British Library for new editions of the book, which was first published 30 years ago.

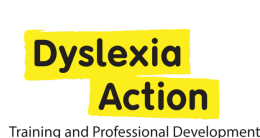
Puffin will publish new editions of the books with Blake's grown-up Matilda on the front covers.

"I have had a lot of fun imagining what that little girl might be doing now she's all grown up," said Blake. "Since, as a small child, Matilda was gifted in several different ways, it wasn't very difficult. Illustrating Matilda was a wonderful experience. It has been very special to revisit her all these years later and marvel at the woman she would have become."

Available at all good bookshops and also in hardback from the [British Library Shop](#).



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