

NEWSLETTER — SPRING TERM 2011

One of our young members, Helena John (age 9), is a national winner in her age group, of the British Dyslexia Association Art Exhibition 2010. She had chosen to support the British Dyslexia Association this year and the exhibition was held during Dyslexia Awareness Week Nov 1 to 7, the theme was Hidden Dyslexia.

Helena's painting entitled Autumn Walk is on display at the 'Picture This!' exhibition in the Shell Building in Central London. Helena and her family excitedly travelled to London on Tuesday November 2 to receive her award. Helena said "It was incredible to see my painting on display along with art done by some other children and grown-ups too." and "There was a big award ceremony and I was presented with a gold medal and a certificate. I was really surprised and excited to win Primary Gold. I have always wanted to have a painting in an exhibition as I really love doing all kinds of art and it was great just to be in the exhibition in London, never mind about being the Gold Winner. All the people there were very kind indeed to all the children and they said lots of nice things about my painting. There were some professional artists and some other important people there too"

Helena had to write 50 words to accompany the entry: A walk I did with my family this October at Gibside inspired my painting. I remembered the beautiful building we walked towards through the lovely avenue of big, old trees. Families were running around playing Tig. I used pen on watercolour like when Quentin Blake illustrates the Roald Dahl stories.

Jean John, Helena's mother said, "We can't say often enough what an incredible boost to her confidence having this recognition for her artwork has been. She received such wonderful encouragement from BDA staff, members, etc., on the night that she feels more able to overcome and accomplish, no matter what. Best of all, it has made a difference to the way she is viewed by those around her. Margaret Malpas (Chair BDA) was also present & we liked the fact that the Weeks' theme was Hidden Dyslexia"

Jonty Hearnden from BBC's "Cash in the Attic" signed the back of Helena's painting, and she talked to Lord Addington, Dominic Hubbard (Vice President of the BDA). Helena and her family enjoyed the view from the Shell Building of the London Eye and across the Thames

the Houses of parliament lit up at night " I will never forget my wonderful visit. I've already done lots more art".

On behalf of Dyslexia Network Plus Chairman, **Sara Perkins**, congratulates Helena on her fantastic achievement. **Helena's Picture:**



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www.therecyclingfactory.com

Or contact Judith McKenzie for a supply of envelopes

Dyslexia Network Plus — Website:

Do keep looking on the website and if you hear of any interesting events related to dyslexia, do let Judith know, email: judidyslex@btinternet.com

and it can be added to the events page.

Succeeding with Dyslexia

Inspirational 'Outstanding New Teacher of the Year', **Edward Vickerman**, will be talking about dyslexia and teaching on Tuesday 15th March (p.t.o. for details). Whether you are young person with dyslexia, a parent, or someone interested in the teaching profession, this is a talk not to be missed.

The talk is free, but space is strictly limited, so early booking is recommended.

For more information on Edward Vickerman please see the following article:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2009/oct/27/teaching-awards-dyslexia-special-needs>



Dyslexia Network Plus is a local Not-for-Profit organisation, run by parents to support families with dyslexic type difficulties

Information Line: 0845 22 60 240

British Dyslexia
Association



Join the HERD

DROP-IN SESSION

for families with children of all ages



Join the HERD

Members may:

- * borrow games and resources
- * find support and information
- * just drop-in for a coffee and a chat

HERD—Helpful Education Resources for Dyslexia

all meetings on Fridays, 3.30—5pm

Bedale C of E Primary School

dates: 14/1 11/2 11/3

and

John Ross Suite, Gilling West, near Richmond

dates: 7/1 21/1 4/2 18/2 4/3 18/3 1/4

NEW FOR 2011

DYSLEXIA WORKSHOPS

AT

THIRSK CHILDREN'S CENTRE

SATURDAYS 29TH JANUARY & 26TH MARCH

10-12 NOON

- children welcome
- coloured filter and dyslexia screening (limited spaces)
- workshop is FREE but small charges apply to screenings
- early booking recommended !

ALSO AT THIRSK CHILDREN'S CENTRE

SUCCEEDING WITH DYSLEXIA

SPEAKER: OUTSTANDING NEW TEACHER OF THE YEAR WINNER

EDWARD VICKERMAN

talking about dyslexia and teaching

Tuesday 15th March, 7.30 pm, FREE

- booking required for workshops and talk
- book via email dnplus@aol.com or tel: 0845 22 60 240
- see website for venue locations: www.dyslexianetworkplus.org.uk

Do you live in the Richmond area or know someone else who would be interested in having an informal chat about their own dyslexia or dyslexia screening for a child? This opportunity can be provided by appointment at the John Ross Suite, Gilling West.

Ring 0845 22 60 240 for more details or to make an appointment