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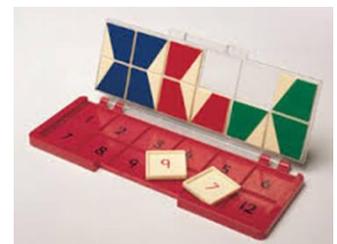
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## Committee roles remaining vacant:

- The Treasurer, Publicity, Newsletter editor, and Membership Secretary roles remain vacant. If you want to know what is involved with any of these posts please do email us or phone the helpline (details below)
- We also welcome anyone who wants to attend the committee meetings in a non-committee role. Our next committee meeting will be in Northallerton on Monday June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Please email [dnplus@aol.com](mailto:dnplus@aol.com) for details.

## Solutions @ Thirsk Community Library

The Sources of Support event went well on Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup>. Representatives from North Yorkshire Enhanced Mainstream Provision, SENDIASS (parent partnership), NYPACT, POSCH and Fun with Autism attended, along with ourselves. After brief presentations from each body, there was time to talk and look at the Solutions books and borrow books. We hope to have a leaflet out to promote the resource shortly. Meanwhile, please do pass on the word: anyone with a North Yorkshire library card (free and very easy to obtain from any library) can borrow up to two items at a time, for a period of 3 weeks. Items must be returned to Thirsk Library only, as they are not part of the countywide collection. We hope to be adding new titles shortly, including sets of the very popular STILE resource (right).



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## Be Heard! Focus groups for children & young people with SEND

You may be aware that North Yorkshire County Council has been reviewing education provision for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) aged 0-25 years, and is developing a strategic plan for this provision in the future. They have hosted a number of events for parent/carers, professionals and young people to help them shape the strategic plan.

As part of their ongoing work they have arranged three focus group events for children and young people with SEND. The purpose of the focus groups is for them to meet again with children and young people to update them on the work and to gather more feedback from them. They are keen to invite young people from across North Yorkshire to contribute to these groups and hope you can help them with this. Gathering views of children and young people is essential to the development of the strategic plan. The focus groups are free and will take place in Scarborough, Selby and Harrogate. For information on how to attend these events, please see our event listings at the end of the Newsletter. **Bookings must be made by the 23rd May.**

## Events Report

### Judith Stansfield reports on Dyslexia North East's 'Dyslexia Matters' conference:

Dyslexia NE organised an excellent conference at Barnard Castle School on Saturday 5 May.

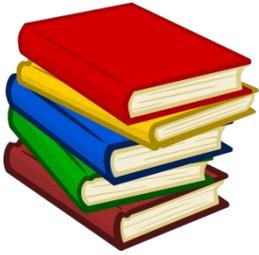
There were 84 delegates who turned up on a brilliantly sunny day to be stimulated by 3 speakers and a choice of two out of 6 workshops. Mathew Shovlin, a Y12 student, set the proceedings off with an inspirational overview of his progress from severe dyslexic to confident 6th Former, with a fistful of excellent A\*, A, B and C GCSE grades. He was followed by Rob Long who provided a lively and interactive overview of misconceptions of behaviour management, providing thought-provoking mantras such as 'Fight fire with water', 'Analyse don't personalise', 'The problem is the problem, not the child', 'Behavioural mistakes are learning opportunities', 'Calm when they get it wrong, happy when they are right' and 'Children without boundaries, seek them'. Rachel Ingham also presented a lively analysis of how dyslexic students learn and the importance of metacognition.

In the afternoon there was the opportunity to attend two of the workshops: Rob Long: Toolbox to support mental health problems. Rachel Ingham: Working memory . Ray Lee: Dyscalculia. Jenny Lee: MUSP spelling; Jeni Parker: IT tips to support learning. Stuart Henderson Overlay assessment. The whole event was a really good experience with great opportunities to network.

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## Members Book Reviews

**Dyslexia in Secondary School: a practical handbook for Teachers, Parents and Students** by J Cogan and M Flecker

Although published ten years ago, this remains a relevant book for supporting dyslexic students through secondary school. It describes itself as a 'practical handbook' and it is full of practical advice on just about any subject or issue relating to dyslexia in secondary school. I particularly like the section on 'questioning the question' which gives excellent guidance on how to get students to really look at the question so that they actually answer what it is asking (pp. 155-160). As well as practical suggestions, the book also often explains the thinking behind them. For example, there is a balanced and comprehensive look at the benefits of using laptops which acknowledges but addresses the issues.

It is a book that most will want to dip into from time to time, rather than read from cover to cover. If I had to criticise this excellent book, it is that the illustrations are very 'grey'. It is also expensive (currently over £34 on Amazon). However, it is available to borrow from **Solutions** in Thirsk Community Library. *Reviewed by Jill Swinhoe*

## Seen on YouTube

Prof. Stanislas Dehaene speaks on the brain architecture underlying reading and mathematics:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25GI3-kiLdo>

His lab has developed some free software for early number learning:  
<http://thenumercatcher.com/nc/home.php>

And just in case you haven't already viewed it, the BDAs new video has been very well received:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=11r7CFIK2sc&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11r7CFIK2sc&feature=youtu.be)

## Seen online: Neurodiverse voices - Opening Doors to Employment

One of our members alerted us to this important report by the Westminster AchieveAbility Commission for Dyslexia and Neurodivergence  
[http://www.achieveability.org.uk/files/1518955206/wac-report\\_2017\\_interactive-2.pdf](http://www.achieveability.org.uk/files/1518955206/wac-report_2017_interactive-2.pdf)

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## Resources online: Sounds with an English Accent

Here's a new addition to a useful site: <https://syntheticphonics.com/the-english-alphabetic-code-with-audio/>

There are lots of great websites out there to help parents give support which is consistent with the phonics teaching that goes on in schools. However, many are American based. This one gives all the sounds in a clear 'received pronunciation' English accent, with an example for each spelling of the sound.

SyntheticPhonics.com

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Units of Sound Phoneme/s	Graphemes (letters or letter groups) that are code for the sounds					
	Simple Code	Complex Code				
/s/	s	-ce palace	c@ cents	cĭ city	cŷ bicycle	sc e i y scissors
	snake	-ss glass	-se house	-st- castle	ps pseudonym	PI Unit 7
/a/	a					PI Unit 8 PI Unit 12

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## The Education Committee launches inquiry into support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

Closing date for written submissions: **Thursday 14 June 2018**

At the launch of this inquiry, the Chair has acknowledged that "There are rising concerns about the quality and access to SEN provision which ... we will want to explore in this inquiry... All children deserve to access good quality education that meets their needs and supports them to learn to ensure that they are able to thrive and climb the ladder of opportunity. The 2014 Act extended provision to young people up to the age of 25 and the Committee is particularly keen to hear evidence about whether there is the right support available to enable young people to access appropriate post-18 opportunities such as studying at FE colleges and undertaking apprenticeships."

The Committee is inviting written evidence on the following **by 14 June 2018**:

- Assessment of and support for children and young people with SEND
- The transition from statements of special educational needs and Learning Disability Assessments to Education, Health and Care Plans
- The level and distribution of funding for SEND provision
- The roles of and co-operation between education, health and social care sectors
- Provision for 19-25-year olds including support for independent living; transition to adult services; and access to education, apprenticeships and work

Further details on how to respond can be found online:

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/education-committee/news-parliament-2017/special-educational-needs-and-disability-launch-17-19/>

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## Dyslexia tuition and assessment contact details:

For a **full diagnostic Dyslexia assessment** (costs vary from approx. £250-£600):

- BDA Assessment information: [www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/services/assessments](http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/services/assessments)
- Search for assessors/tutors by postcode (free registration required):  
[www.patoss-dyslexia.org/SupportAdvice/TutorAssessorIndex/](http://www.patoss-dyslexia.org/SupportAdvice/TutorAssessorIndex/)
- Phone our helpline for local contacts 0845 22 60 240

For a **Dyslexia Network Plus Dyslexia screening**:

- Contact Judith Stansfield on [judstass@gmail.com](mailto:judstass@gmail.com) or phone: 01325 718139.  
The cost is £30 for non-members and £15 for members.

For **Dyslexia Network Plus Coloured Overlay screening**:

- Contact our Helpline on [dnplus@aol.com](mailto:dnplus@aol.com) or phone: 0845 22 60 240. The cost is £15 for non-members and £10 for members.

## Dyslexia Network Events



### EVENT: Supporting reading at home

A practical workshop of ideas to support struggling readers in primary school

**Date:** tbc

**Venue:** Thirk Community Library – Meadowfields, Chapel Street, YO7 1TH

**Cost:** £15 to include refreshments and some materials to take home

**Booking:** Places are limited. Please email [dnplus@aol.com](mailto:dnplus@aol.com) to book a place.

## Events in and around our region

### EVENT: Technology Strategies

Abi James provides an overview of technology that can support reading, witting and organisation skills.

**Date:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am – 1.30pm

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**Venue:** Richmond School, Darlington Rd, Richmond, North Yorkshire DL10 7BQ, UK

**Cost:** £60 + VAT

**Booking:** register via website: [www.yesatrichmondschool.net/Training-Events](http://www.yesatrichmondschool.net/Training-Events)

**For more information:** [www.yesatrichmondschool.net/Portals/0/School%20Training%2018\\_05\\_18\\_1.pdf](http://www.yesatrichmondschool.net/Portals/0/School%20Training%2018_05_18_1.pdf)

## **EVENT: Be Heard! Focus groups for children and young people with SEND**

**Date/Venue:** 29th May - Selby Community Centre, Scott Road, Selby YO8 4BL, 10.30am-12.30pm (followed by lunch)

**Date/Venue:** 31st May - Scarborough Council Chamber, Town Hall, St Nicholas St, Scarborough, YO11 2HG, 10.30am-12.30pm (followed by lunch)

**Date/Venue:** 1st June - Harrogate Council Chamber, Civic Centre, St Luke's Avenue, Harrogate HG1 2AE, 10.30am-12.30pm (followed by lunch)

**Cost:** Free

**Booking:** Book a place by 23<sup>rd</sup> May latest via Eventbrite [www.eventbrite.com/e/be-heard-focus-groups-for-children-and-young-people-send-tickets-45585728140?aff=eivtefrnd](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/be-heard-focus-groups-for-children-and-young-people-send-tickets-45585728140?aff=eivtefrnd) , please

**For more information:** [vip@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:vip@northyorks.gov.uk)

## **EVENT: Clicker 7: Developing Reading and Writing**

Aimed at teaching and support staff. Clicker enables pupils of all abilities to significantly develop reading and writing skills.

**Date:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 4.15-5.15pm

**Venue:** Richmond School, Darlington Rd, Richmond, North Yorkshire DL10 7BQ, UK

**Cost:** £10 + VAT

**Booking:** register via website: [www.yesatrichmondschool.net/Training-Events](http://www.yesatrichmondschool.net/Training-Events)

**For more information:** [www.yesatrichmondschool.net/Portals/0/School%20Training%2006\\_06\\_18.pdf](http://www.yesatrichmondschool.net/Portals/0/School%20Training%2006_06_18.pdf)

## **EVENT: Understanding Neurodiversity**

Webinar led by Professor Amanda Kirby.

**Date:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 9am – 1pm

**Venue:** Richmond School, Darlington Rd, Richmond, North Yorkshire DL10 7BQ, UK

**Cost:** £tbc

**Booking:** register via website: [www.yesatrichmondschool.net/Training-Events](http://www.yesatrichmondschool.net/Training-Events)

## **EVENT: Let's Communicate Together 2018**

**Date:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 9.30 am - 4pm

**Venue:** The Pavilions of Harrogate

**Cost:** Free

**Booking:** via Eventbrite [www.Lets-communicate-together-2018.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.Lets-communicate-together-2018.eventbrite.co.uk)

**For more information:** See attached flyer or email [NYPACT@communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk](mailto:NYPACT@communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk)

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