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Principal's message to families – 7 June 2024

**Next weeks Lower school word of the week is - [treasure](#)**

**The Upper school word of the week is – [enterprise](#)**

**Welcome to June!**

**A real highlight of our return to school must be the Summer 2 Tough Runner House event....**

On Tuesday we held the tough runner event around our school field. We had a lot of fun (that's just the staff!). Pupils and staff had to work together to create an obstacle course, making full use of our school site before flinging themselves down the inflatable water slide to finish, covered in foam! It was such an enjoyable event, lots of fun and laughter! You can see a few photo and video highlights on our Facebook page.

The lower school and KS3 pupils engaged in a **Rocksteady Event** on Thursday. They all had a go at being in a rock band, playing electric guitar, keyboards and drums, and some became lead singers! At the end of the day they all came together and performed to their peers. They were amazing, so talented and brave!

**Makaton news....**

80% of our pupil and non-pupil facing staff that have completed Makaton training over the last term. We are currently working to achieve the Makaton Aware Award. Pupils and staff have all been engaging in lots of different activities; the pupils are currently looking out for 'Euro themed' Makaton signs to win a prize while staff are set a challenge each Friday briefing to win a small treat for their Friday night!

**And..... Singing Hands**

Lucy has taken part in a Singing Hands Makaton recording this week for Pride Month. See if you can spot her!

<https://youtu.be/wDEDeuQT3do?si=wKORaizVGqCIMUAH>



## **A request to support the development of the schools new website...**

We are currently in discussions with an external company, Reason Digital, about how best to ensure that our school website offers JUST what people need! For the next stage of the research and insight for the new website, Reason Digital would like to interview (amongst others)

- A current parent or carer of a child who attends Dawn House School

We are offering a £30 gift voucher as an incentive for parents who take part in the interview, so please contact me and let me know if you are interested.

When we ask children to give some feedback we will need consent from their parents that they are happy for their child to take part (a member of staff will be available to sit in this interview with the students). Keep a look out for this request coming through.

### **Coming up...**

**Monday 10th June 10** pupils will be attending the very first Notts/Derby SEND School games event at NTU Clifton

Makaton choir event- here at Dawn House with lots of our local Primary Schools **Tuesday 11th June**

**'Celebrating a special person in your family'** ( Fathers Day) market stall on **Friday 14th June**

We have a **Bags for School** collection on 1st July

Wishing you a great weekend,  
Jenny

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If your child leaves home in the morning a little unsettled and you want to quickly tell us, so we know to expect a tricky start to the day, a quick email (that we can follow up later) to the tutor and/or core team with **'Handle with Care'** in the email title will ensure that we are aware.

