

# Mandeville SEND Newsletter

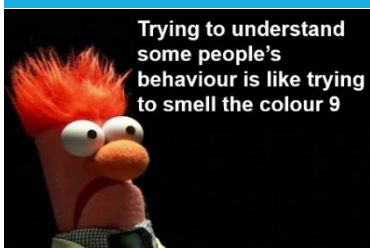
## Issue 3 November 2025

We have had a busy start to the term with children settling in well to their new classes. This newsletter is centred around behaviour management and support. As you can imagine, this is a huge area to squeeze into a newsletter but we hope that we can provide you with some of the ways 'Therapeutic thinking' works in our school. We have also found a useful course provided in the links section.

*The SEN Team*

## We would like to share... Therapeutic Thinking

We are a 'Therapeutic Thinking' school where all teaching staff have received 6 hours initial training plus yearly refreshers. This is the Hertfordshire County Council's preferred approach to behaviour management. The approach prioritises the helpful feelings of everyone within the dynamic. We refer to valued behaviour (behaviour held in high regard by all) and detrimental behaviour (behaviour that hurts or hinders an individual, the community or the environment). We use this terminology to describe behaviours rather than GOOD or BAD. Pupils are taught explicitly what valued behaviour looks like. We know that some pupils need additional support to reach the expected standard of behaviour. By having simple, clear and well communicated expectations of behaviour and providing staff with training around the needs of the pupils at the school, behaviour can be managed consistently so that both pupils and staff can thrive.

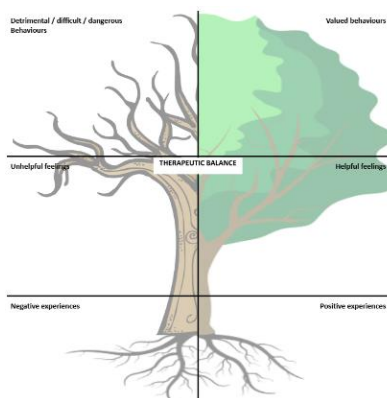


You can't teach children to behave better by making them feel worse. When children feel better, they behave better

Pam Leo

## Simple Adaptations

... We analyse behaviours using a whole variety of tools – one of these being Roots and Fruits. We look at how the child's experiences affect their feelings which in turn affects how they behave. From this we devise plans which can include - exit cards, safe spaces, breathing techniques, key adults, contingency mapping, 5 point scale, Zones of Regulation, emotion coaching and Drawing and Talking therapy. The list is endless!



## Proud moment

...We are all so super proud of the progress Leo has made since he joined us in Reception. He is now in year 2 and we gave him his 'well done' card because he is consistently polite, well-mannered and respectful to both adults and peers around the school.



## Useful links

### Local offer



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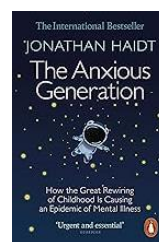
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Understanding  
behaviour course  
on 7<sup>th</sup> Nov



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## RECOMMENDED READING



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Parent information  
session – supporting  
SEND within the  
classroom **6<sup>th</sup>**  
**November at 9am**  
(please note this is a change  
of date) Flier has gone out

**SEND parent/carers**  
- join us for mince pies  
for an informal get  
together on **12<sup>th</sup>**  
**December at 9am**

Child Support Plan  
Meetings will be held  
the week beginning  
**12<sup>th</sup> January 2026**