

VB Monthly News

October 2019

Welcome to the October edition of 'VB Monthly News'.

This month, we would like to share the exciting news with you all that the first ABA workshop for professionals, hosted by Treetops, was a success. This event took place on Monday 30th September, at Ye Olde Plough House, and involved the training of a range of professionals; health visitors, nursery workers, SENCOs and many more. The purpose of this workshop was to widen awareness for the varying needs of the children and young people we work with; providing these professionals with the knowledge and tools required to improve services across the board.



Theme of the month:

Pairing

Pairing is the term we use to describe a strategy in which items that are already known to be reinforcing to an individual are used to make a new person, environment or item reinforcing, where previously it may have been aversive.

We use pairing procedures when a student first starts working with a new tutor so that the tutor becomes someone fun to be around and can therefore motivate the student to willingly engage in work tasks with them.

Pairing procedures can also be used to help make environments, such as the dentist, or items, such as medical equipment, less aversive. Enabling our students to access these services with reduced anxiety and increased independence.

Please speak to your child's instructor if you feel they would benefit from working on these types of skills.



Pairing blood test materials

Dates for your diary:

11th October – Information morning for parents with VB, OT, SALT and Health - 9.30-11.00

18th October – Parents' tea & coffee morning - 9.30-11.00

25th October – Harvest festival assembly (VB1-4) – 9.30-11.00

28th October – 8th November – Half term break