

LEARNING DISABILITY AWARENESS WEEK ASSEMBLY PACK

TEACHERS NOTE:

Our assembly helps pupils understand why they are fundraising and inspires them to raise money for Mencap.

This year's Learning Disability Awareness Week will take place from Monday 20th to Sunday 26th June and we want to show the world what living with a learning disability is like.

No matter how small something may seem –having a dress down day, hosting a bake sale, or putting on a show – there are so many opportunities to have fun, learn and raise vital funds to support people with learning disabilities across the UK.

Use our assembly pack in your school and help raise awareness and funds which support people with a learning disability.

DELIVERING THE ASSEMBLY

- The assembly has been designed for delivery to a class, year group or whole school.
- It should take around 15 minutes to deliver.
- Talking points are suggested that you can use to make it more interactive.

WATCH OUR FILM

Watch our Mythbusters in action to meet the ambassadors who are challenging misconceptions about what living with a learning disability looks like. www.youtube.com/watch?v=NaM7c0iMess

TALKING POINTS

- Do you know what a Myth Buster does? (A Myth Buster is someone who shows you that something is not true)
- What kinds of jobs do the Myth Busters have? (pop star, artist, athletes, activists, business owners, actors, a model, a dancer, a football coach, and many more!)
- Did any of their jobs or activities surprise you? (people with a learning disability can do all kinds of things, most people with a learning disability can and want to work, as long as they are given the right support)
- Do you think you can tell when someone has a learning disability just by looking at them? (Jessica Jane Applegate has an MBE and is a Paralympic swimmer. She wants to bust this Myth! People who have a learning disability don't all look the same; just because I may not look like I have a disability, it doesn't mean it's not there! I've been told so many times in the past that I don't look 'disabled' enough for things like sponsorship deals.)
- Can you communicate with a person with a learning disability? (Activist Brendan Chivisa who is featured in the video says: You can't communicate with a person with a learning disability; not true, I have a lot to say about a lot of things!)
- Do the Mythbusters make you want to raise money for Mencap? Why?
- What fundraising activities would you like to do this year?
- How much money should we try to raise? (Our schools support can help more people with a learning disability to shine. Just like the Myth Busters)