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Jan/Feb 2008 The current issue of SEN includes features on Autism, Down's Syndrome, Inclusion and Integrated Learning, Safety and Security and Outward Bound, as well as The Education Show 2008 preview. [More](#)

Articles now available online

Abridged versions of SEN articles are now available on our website. Current features include Professor Rita Jordan's article on why teachers and support workers need specialist training to work effectively with

SEN News

Royal Blind's National Braille Week 4th-10th

January The Royal Blind are launching the first ever National Braille Week in the UK. A website has been developed to celebrate all aspects of braille. Richard Hellewell, chief executive of Royal Blind said: "*The ability to read and write in Braille is the single most important gateway to opportunity for the UK's blind or partially sighted people. It is the building block of literacy which is the building block of independence.*" [More](#)

Parents urged to read to their children

Schools Secretary Ed Balls is calling on parents to read at home with their children as it could have a huge impact on their development. A recent survey found the reading performance of children in England had fallen from third to 19th in the world. Mr Balls said it could make "*all the difference*" if parents set aside 10 minutes a day before bedtime to read with their children. [More](#)

NHS fails to accommodate patients with learning disability in single-sex wards

A report published in early December, showed that 60% of inpatients in mental health



learners with autism or Asperger's syndrome and 'How to Spot Abuse' by Elaine Douglas. You can also view articles from earlier issues.

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Features for March/April 2008: Features in the coming issue will include; Previews for Kidz South and Special Needs North and Early Years, Performing Arts, Multi-Sensory Therapy, ADHD, Rett Syndrome, Meningitis, Asthma and Lesson Plans and Target Planning.

and learning disability services in England and Wales, were not in single-sex wards. David Congdon, Head of Campaigns and Policy at Mencap said: *"Independent healthcare providers are failing to provide a service that maintains their privacy and dignity at a time when they are at their most vulnerable."* [More](#)

Editorial Board SEN Magazine are looking for new members of the editorial board. If you would like to join please contact Claire on 01200 409801 or by [email](#).

Research has shown that maths anxiety can be defined as 'steadily growing maths panic, culminating in maths shutdown'. This problem is greatly reduced if students feel they can control the lesson. The ability to stop and rewind any' ConquerMaths concise maths tutorial, at anytime, dramatically assists those who are resolutely 'anti-maths'. [more](#).

What's On

09/01/2008 - 11/01/2008

Special Needs Fringe 2008

The Special Needs Fringe focuses on computers and special needs, a field increasingly called "Assistive Technology". Running next door to the gigantic BETT

show, it offers a more intimate and specialist atmosphere, free refreshments and somewhere to sit and chat with colleagues. Opening times: 9.30am - 5.00pm [More](#)

09/01/2008 - 12/01/2008

BETT BETT is the world's largest educational technology event. Use this site to find products and suppliers, and discover how you can use technology for teaching and learning. [More](#)

25/01/2008 **Practical Strategies for Teaching and Promoting Positive**

Behaviour This course focuses upon the use of the TEACCH approach to 'Structured Teaching' in the classroom for pupils with autistic spectrum disorders with severe learning difficulties. Strategies for promoting positive behaviour, Suitable for: teachers, teaching assistants/support staff working with pupils with ASDs and severe learning difficulties. [More](#)

29/01/2008 **Working with Families of Children with Special Educational Needs**

The focus of the course will be to gain greater insights into the needs of families of children with special educational needs. The fundamental question of 'What is a family?' and how it is defined in this 21st Century will be addressed. The response of services to

families, and how they can improve their sensitivity and tangibility, will be explored. The design of services, their aims, purpose and function will also be discussed. [More](#)

29/01/2008 **Recognising and Helping Children with Dyspraxia** Recognising children with dyspraxia in the classroom. Develop effective strategies for working with children with dyspraxia. Gain an insight into the problems the child encounters. [More](#)

26/02/2008 **Behaviour Management from Theory to Practice** By the end of the day, participants will have experienced:

- A keynote speech on Managing Behaviour for children and youngsters with a range of learning difficulties.
- Practical workshops to follow on key themes related to implementing behaviour management strategies.
- An opportunity to share 'best practice' with colleagues and establish a future support network.

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28/02/2008 - 01/03/2008
Education Show The Education Show offers an opportunity for people to catch up with the very latest resources and add to their

knowledge through the extensive programme of CPD seminars. [More](#)

11/03/2008 **Setting Up Motor Programmes In Primary Schools** Identify children with motor learning difficulties (eg dyspraxia/DCD). Set up appropriate individual or group programmes. Screen children at Foundation Stage to identify and remediate problems early. [More](#)

14/03/2008 **A School's Response to the national agenda** This presentation and workshops will explore the opportunities that now exist for all students across the full range of P levels, to receive an award for Numeracy from a nationally recognised scheme; AQA Unit Award Scheme. Teachers will be given guidance on how to deliver the Schemes of Work and meet the new 14-19 assessment requirements. By the end of the day, participants will have:

- Practical experience of planning and assessment using the EQUALS KeyStage4 Maths Scheme of Work and Moving On Numeracy.
- An understanding of the new EQUALS/ AQA system for accrediting all units of work for the National Curriculum at Key Stage Four, Moving On for 16-19 year olds and Key Skills.

[More](#)

21/04/2008 **Individual Budgets Conference** This event, postponed from November, will now take place in April. It will focus on practical approaches to self-directed support including individual budgets. Ivan Lewis MP, Minister for Care Services, will be keynote speaker, and workshop sessions will include discussions around the commissioner's perspective, the provider's perspective and support planning. [More](#)

29/04/08 - 01/05/08 **Naidex 2008** The UK's largest event for homecare, disability and rehabilitation. Touch, test and compare all the latest new products and services available, and learn about the issues and developments facing your profession from the experts, in our free seminar programme. [More](#)

07/07/2008 - 08/07/2008 **The Special Educational Needs Resources Summit** [More](#)