



CENTRE FOR AUTISM
MIDDLETOWN

Encouraging News

These are two lively 8-year-old twin boys whose family and schools worked closely with Centre Staff.

There was a tremendous impact made upon the lives of these young boys and their family as they began to flourish in their school environment with support from excellent teachers and classroom assistants. The introduction of Attention Autism for their class gave many opportunities for fun shared experiences with paint, water, and lots of shaving foam! In the home environment, through the introduction of visual supports including First/ Then boards and jigsaw reward charts the boys' anxiety was reduced and a youthful playfulness was nurtured.

Their family and school staff were very grateful for the help and support provided and MCA staff had many enjoyable experiences including trips to open Farms and parks with the boys and their parents over the summer and many art, craft and cookery activities in the family kitchen, which clearly reinforced the power of visual teaching methods. We miss working with them!

It was a delight for MCA staff to receive the following update from the boy's parents, 15 months after the Learning Support Programme concluded.! Well done boys and all those who support them.

We were just watering the plants yesterday and C said, "I really miss Debs & Debbie!" The boys are coming on so great thanks to the work which you both did with them. It has truly transformed them as C is now snuggling into us and giving us hugs – I never thought I'd see the day 😊.

Honestly Deb's it's amazing -before the lock down they were getting out of the car and walking through the school gates by themselves and round to join their line. They are a joy to be around and you definitely get a giggle each day! They both learned to swim and got gold at the area finals of the Special Olympics! (Pictures below)

Thanks again for everything ...



On the Team Bus!!



Special Olympics kit with medals!