



World Autism Awareness Week 2020 is back from 30 March to 5 April.

World Autism Awareness Day is an internationally recognised day taking place on **2 April** every year. In the week of **30 March - 5 April** surrounding this day, we encourage families to take part in World Autism Awareness Week – a full seven days where people across the UK take part in activities to raise money or awareness for the National Autistic Society.



Facts to share with your family – Did you know?

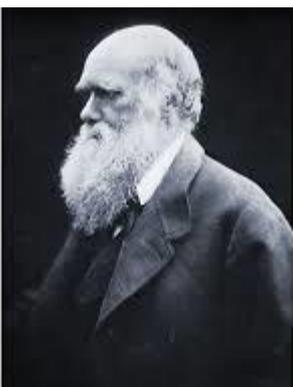


Tim Burton

Timothy Walter “Tim” Burton is an American film director, film producer, writer, artist and animator. His awards include Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Children’s Animated Program, Future Film Festival Digital Award, and National Board of Review Award for Best Director.

Fast FACTS

Movies: The Nightmare Before Christmas, Edward Scissor Hands, Alice in Wonderland, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, James and the Giant Peach, Batman.



Charles Darwin

Charles Robert Darwin, FRS FRGS FLS FZS was an English naturalist, geologist and biologist, best known for his contributions to the science of evolution.

Fast FACTS

He waited more than 20 years to publish his groundbreaking theory on evolution.

He dropped out of medical school.

Darwin appears on the 10-pound note.



Jessica-Jane Applegate

Jessica-Jane Applegate brought home the gold for the Women's 200m freestyle at the London games and went on to win three more medals the following year at the IPC World Championships in Montreal: gold in the 200m freestyle, silver in the 200m medley, and bronze in the 100m freestyle.

Fast FACTS

When she was just 15, Applegate became the first British woman with Asperger's to win a gold medal at the Paralympic Games.

Applegate, who was born on August 22, 1996, dipped into a pool for the first time when she was just a few months old when her mother took her to a local swimming club.

Useful Websites:

<https://www.autism.org.uk/>

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/media/3120340/autism-guide-web-version.pdf>

MK SEND Local offer: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/send-local-offer/send-local-offer-parents/primary/support-for-families>

Go follow:

Local social groups for children and young adults with Autism and further information and support for families. Please also visit our Facebook page for regular updates: www.facebook.com/MKSEND

theautismeducator: Fun Autism friendly learning ideas.

autismspeaks: Charity that helps create a kinder more inclusive community understanding of Autism.

autismwow: Lovely account of a mother and son with Autism; fantastic play ideas.

Videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gSVdpAflxnQ> *Meet the Trummies! (Primary)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h2FCx3Y7-aU> *(Secondary)*

<https://www.autism.org.uk/about/what-is/asd.aspx> *What is Autism anyway?*

<https://www.autism.org.uk/about/family-life/everyday-life/shopping-strategies.aspx> *Shopping.*