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Stars of the Month



Isaac Kenyon and Jordan Williams

Our stars for April have smashed a world record. Friends Isaac Kenyon and Jordan Williams rowed 500km in tandem non-stop over 48 hours earlier this month to raise money for charity during World Autism Acceptance Week. The previous record was 36 hours.

Isaac (above left), of St Albans, and Jordan (above right), from Luton, both have close family members on the autism spectrum. During the pandemic, Isaac said their autistic family members have been struggling almost to a crisis point.

“Rowing non-stop for two days was both mentally and physically challenging and it took all of our effort to complete,” Isaac said. “However, this is nowhere near the challenge my autistic family member is facing right now. With so much disruption from the

member is feeling right now. What is the main disruption from the unexpected pandemic, it has triggered intense anxiety, with a lot of support from public services disappearing overnight, which has been very high pressure for our family."

Jordan said: "I have a family member, a nephew with severe autism from birth. It's very, very difficult for my sister and her family in certain aspects. This row has definitely made me step up. My sister doesn't get a lot of support from services, so she's actually taken herself back to university and created a company for family members to get help.

"Far too many autistic people and their families don't get the understanding or support they need and end up feeling isolated."

Isaac and Jordan beat the world record at Anytime Fitness in Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, between 1 and 3 April and raised more than £1,000. Photographs by Daniel Williams.

Events

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Free parent & toddler activity sessions



28 APRIL 2022

Free parent & toddler activity sessions in Oxford for families with a connection to autism or ADHD. Join us for chat and play in a supportive, inclusive atmosphere.

Slindon College Open Morning



7 MAY 2022

Come and see Slindon College, a stunning and beautifully located independent day and boarding school for boys who benefit from a supportive learning environment.

Scottish Autism Online Conference: 'Behind the Mask'



12 MAY 2022

Scottish Autism's Online Conference, 'Behind the

Interoception, our 8th sense: the science of how we feel



26 MAY 2022

A fantastic opportunity to hear

Mask', is for professionals, autistic people and their families, as well as those with an interest in autism.

international expert and award-winning OT, Kelly Mahler discuss the fascinating interoception system.

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Autism v. Sensory Processing Disorder

Occupational therapist Kim Barthel explains the difference between Sensory Processing Disorder and autism



Mum on son's sensory processing disorder

Mum Diana shares her struggles with raising a son who has been diagnosed with sensory processing disorder

Feature



When councils turn against parents

Struggle can define the lives of parents who are devoted to their disabled children – especially if they encounter councils whose

created either intentionally or accidentally, especially in busy, unstructured settings where

default response is to blame rather than help, says Darren Devine

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