

# GROWING WITH DLD

People don't grow out of Developmental Language Disorder (DLD).

It's about Growing with DLD.

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Support  
Developmental  
Language  
Disorder  
on **#DLDday**

**Friday 14th  
October 2022**



Did you know that 1 in 14 people have a lifelong condition called Developmental Language Disorder? This Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> October marks the 6<sup>th</sup> International Raising Awareness of Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) Day!



DLD is a common but often unidentified communication disorder that affects a person's ability to understand and/or use language for no known reason. Children and adults with DLD can struggle to understand instructions, find the right words, make sentences and use language for social interactions. Research has shown that while DLD affects 7.5% of the world's population which is two children in every classroom with 30 children, it remains hidden!



The theme of this year's campaign is "**Growing with DLD**" with the focus on highlighting that DLD is lifelong, it is not something children and adults with DLD grow out of! So what are we doing here in Powerstown ETNS to shine a light on DLD this year? We are asking all students to **wear purple or yellow or both** on Friday. Our Birch Class team have organised a **charades game** for classes to play to help everyone **learn more about communication** in school, and the key highlight will be a "**Learn About DLD Walk!**" where each class will visit the DLD display board made by the Birch class, collect a balloon and display it at the front of the school so we can help spread awareness of DLD together!



This year the world, and Ireland, are **lighting up purple and yellow to** shine a light on DLD as part of the Light Up campaign. If you'd like to get involved, why not visit one of the many landmarks in Dublin, take a photo and **tag #GrowingwithDLD @powerstownet @radld** on social media and we will share your post! You can find a list of the landmarks here: <https://radld.org/dld-awareness-day/light-up-events/> to find the one closest to you!



Please **share any photos** of the balloon display **outside PETNS** tomorrow on social media too tagging: **#GrowingwithDLD @powerstownet @radld**.

You can find out more information about DLD and this year's campaign at:

[www.radld.org](http://www.radld.org)

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