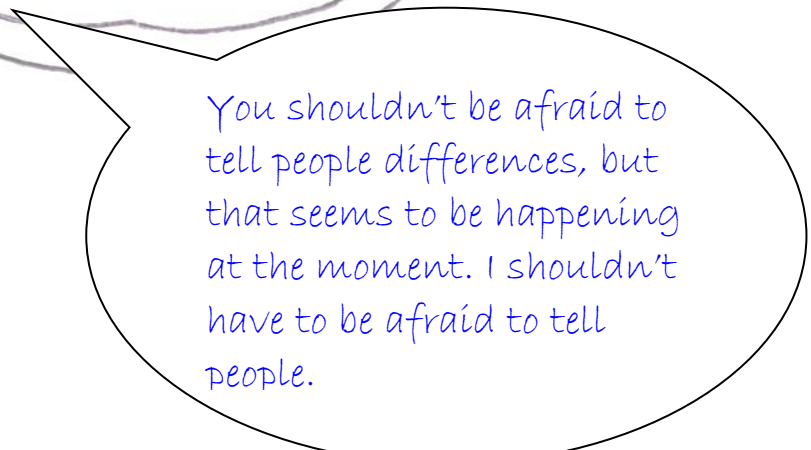




Random?



You shouldn't be afraid to tell people differences, but that seems to be happening at the moment. I shouldn't have to be afraid to tell people.



"inside joke!"



The random world of Elizabeth-Jane ... or should I say Barack Obama?

Elizabeth-Jane is just finishing Year 9. This is good, because next year she will get to do her options and can stop doing the subjects she doesn't like or need.

Oh yeah, Elizabeth-Jane has autism and ADHD, which means that she can get super stressed and anxious about things - like crowded corridors, group work and unexpected situations.

But it also means she has a special interest, which is Theme Parks. Island of Adventure in Florida is her favourite. It is great because it really helps motivate her in a lot of different ways.

"I hate Geography, I can't stand it! My Geography teacher is an idiot and hates me."

"the maths corridor gets so busy and I get really claustrophobic and pushed around"

"Yep, I think the whole school knows about my obsession"

"In Graphics, everyone else was designing a bedroom and I designed a theme park... a roller coaster station"

"I'm ok dancing because I'm not speaking. The focus is on my dance moves, not on me...if you mess up no one can really tell"

"That's the logic"

Facts about Elizabeth-Jane:

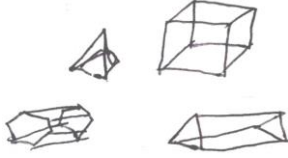
- * has a baby sister
- * likes dancing
- * get's stage-fright so doesn't like drama anymore
- * doesn't like being in school
- * is going to do the EBacc, and wants to do German. Germany is where all the roller coaster companies are.
- * wants to be an 'Imagineer' or a History researcher (read more later)





"Primary school was
crap"

"my French teacher and
German teacher are alright,
but they can't control the
class "



"Apart from my best
friend"

School pluses:

Secondary school is better than primary school because Elizabeth-Jane has support and spends a lot of her time in the Resource Base with her best friend, where she feels safe. Some subjects are good and have nice teachers, like History, Graphics and Cooking. She's tolerant of Maths. Elizabeth-Jane enjoys spending time with her friends, and is in classes with most of them.

"school in general's horrid -
people, teachers, the learning,
the environment"



"I don't like being in school,
like outside of the 6 hours,
because it's just extra agony"

"I'm happy in the Resource
Base...I just want to avoid
people, just stay away from
them"

School minuses:

Elizabeth-Jane really finds being at school a challenge a lot of the time. She doesn't feel bullied, but doesn't like going outside at lunch and break-times because people really annoy her.

"me and my friend Tess just
tend to spend most of the
lunches in the toilet, just us
two in the toilet "



Friends:

Elizabeth-Jane has a best friend called Tess who is in the other side of the school, but they spend a lot of their break-times with each other. She has also made a lot of other good friends in secondary school.

People who help:

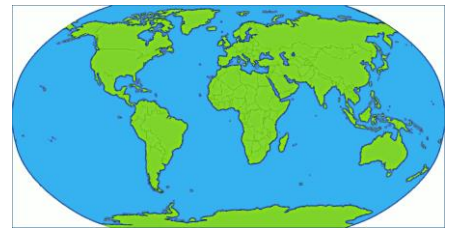
Mrs Jones and Mrs Smith in the Learning Resource Base are really supportive and helpful.



Ambitions - Plan A:

Working in the theme park industry is Elizabeth-Jane's key ambition, and special interest. She would like to be a Theme Park Designer or more specifically an 'Imagineer' for Disney.

"I want to travel"



"you visit different theme parks around the world"

"that's my back-up plan"

Ambitions - Plan B:

History is another of Elizabeth-Jane's interests. She initially wanted to do History teaching, but would rather be a History researcher for programmes such as Historical movies and period dramas, like the Tudors.

"I don't want to be a teacher, because they sound really annoying"

What would you change about school and what would help you?

I'd change the people, the teachers, the lessons, basically, I'd just have a building with the teachers I like, the lessons I like, and the people I like. And everyone else can go and work at Macdonald's. I think, just getting rid of everyone would be really nice.



Disney favourite facts!

- * Movie = Alice in Wonderland
- * Song = Circle of Life
- * Character = Stitch
- * Ride = Small world

"I love Stitch!"

"now I'm doing French and German, I can do the other languages"

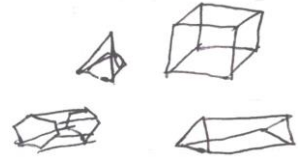




A week in the life of Elizabeth-Jane:

16 May 2016,

Today at school it was pretty boring, and not much happened. I had maths first, which was boring, followed by History. I love History, but today we had assessments on our opinions on Trident. I managed to finish it.



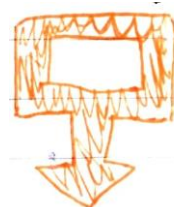
At break time I ate too much, which made me feel a little full and fat. Next, I had P.E. for a double period, and all the girls had netball, which I hate. I mean, me and Adelajda had a good laugh, but the teacher and subject are annoying. I was angry because I was put in a group with Hazel, a girl that I hate, and Adelajda wasn't there either.



At lunch, I was quite happy because I had Tess, my best-best friend, who always makes me laugh. God knows what it was all funny about, because I can't remember.

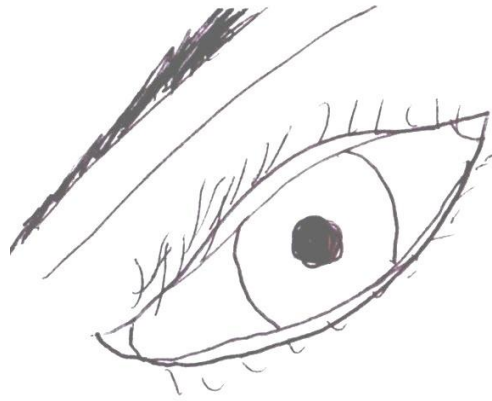


I then had English, which was stupid. The teacher is a complete idiot, and she spent the lesson picking on me and, "ugh!" her voice. After was Science and that was normal, nothing big happened.



18th May 2016,

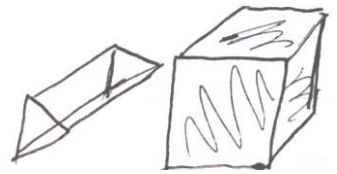
The first two lessons were Science and Geography, which was fine. But I had a bad morning because of me and my dad arguing. I can't remember what it was about though. I forgot to finish this one off.



19th May 2016,

Today wasn't fun the remainder of the day. First was graphics which was 'meh'. I couldn't decide what to draw and when I did I couldn't! It was just stressful.

Tess wasn't in until lunch, so break was boring and a little lonely. Third was Maths and we didn't have our normal teacher, so I didn't do the work, because I didn't know what to do. Also, at first I went to sit next to Adelajda but she was all weird about it, so I ended up in a mood. Next lesson me and Adelajda made up, but it was French, so boring.



Lunch was good though! Tess was back and we were all having fun, apart from me eating too much and feeling fat after. We then, however, were both reminded of our injections and we both have phobias of them. Next Wednesday they are.



Science was ok, and English was boring, made me tired, so all the time people annoyed me.



A letter from Elizabeth-Jane:

I want to go home 😞

This lesson is shit...

This school is shit...

The people are shit...

The standards are shit...

The only people I want right now are my grandma and sisters. Nobody understands because they are all dumb and basically chavs. My anxiety and emotions are all over the place. I don't know who my friends are anymore.

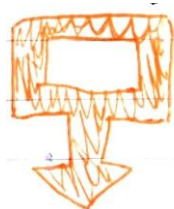
They're either snakes or uncaring. Some of them are just disrespectful.

I'm in English at the moment. P5. Monday.

My morning's been bad.

Everything seems to hate me and go wrong. People are so annoying! I didn't ask for this... They're my opinions for god sake, respect them! Or shut your mouth. I just want to go home and call grandma. I miss her, and granddad, and Helen. Everyday, I want to cry. Just leave me alone... I've never felt so lonely.

My birthday's going to be shit. People have dropped out and I don't even think Sarah wants to go! She says she can't for a small reason, but it's little. And then one person is a 'might' because of a religious fasting. Stupid religion ruining something else! Something will go wrong, either Friday or Saturday. I just want someone, preferably a real friend, to sit down next to me and say it will all be alright. A smile, something so simple, but effective.



Chavs are so annoying. They say that I'm a 'pussy' for not wanting to drink, or get drunk, or go clubbing. The reason is that I have standards and don't need alcohol to cover up my insecurities. I'm not the most secure person myself, but I'm also not a chav, and have healthier and good ways of dealing with them. I don't need to follow the crowds. Parties and clubs, on the other hand, are scary and crowded but I can't explain that to someone. They'd see me as weird or boring. I can't help if I just don't like loud crowded places, and on top of that drunk people! I hate drunk people who aren't in control. That's why I'll never get drunk. Again, standards.

The people who have been there for me today: Phoebe, Tess, Saiyan K.





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