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Jonathan

Age: 4 years, 1 months



Jonathan's cheeky nature and wild imagination make lessons an absolute delight. He attends the Brisbane Hear and Say Centre for monthly Auditory-Verbal therapy lessons due to his wonderful progress over the last 3 and a half years since receiving bilateral cochlear implants.

Jonathan attends a great kindergarten 5 days each fortnight. Here he is learning all the necessary skills in order to begin Prep next year. Jonathan has a wonderful sense of humour and is the life of the party in class. His teachers do everything they can to ensure that Jonathan is always in an optimal listening environment. They use a sound field system in the classroom, minimise the back ground noise and always ensure that Jonathan's cochlear implants are working and worn. On a recent visit to Jonathan's classroom I was able to observe their music session. It was great to see how much Jonathan was enjoying making music using clap sticks and listening to the different beats. This would not be possible if Jonathan did not have optimal hearing through his cochlear implants. He was able to follow the instructions from the teacher and also listen to the music being played through the stereo.

Jonathan continues to make wonderful progress in his speech and language skills. At our most recent lesson we had a work experience student called Finella observing our lesson. Jonathan particularly enjoyed having a new person in the room and wanted to play all of the games with her. We were working on goals such as irregular plurals (feet, teeth) and asking different types of questions. We played an animal version of 'guess who' to work on Jonathan's question skills which he particularly loved. Finella provided a great opportunity to practice some extra words starting with 'f' which is one of the speech sounds we have also been targeting.

It is a pleasure to work with such a committed family to develop Jonathan's listening and spoken language skills and help him reach his potential. Thank you for your support of his hearing journey.

Phoebe Newsome, BSpPath Auditory-Verbal Therapist

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On behalf of Jonathan, his family and Hear and Say we thank you for your support.