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'I've taught him from the time he was very little that nobody is smarter or dumber than anybody else. They just have a different piece of the pie.'

Take a ticket and come on in.

It's time to join the ride that is Lewis Schofield's life.

That's essentially how Lewis opens his website www.thisislewis.net, which is a play-by-play into the life and hidden talents of a young boy with a heart of gold.

Lewis is an 11-year-old Peterborough boy with Asperger Syndrome (AS), a form of autism that, like all types, is a developmental disability. It affects his ability to communicate and interact with others. Lewis was diagnosed at five years old

However, it hasn't slowed Lewis down, his mother Elyse Bruce says.

"He's a very, very interesting guy."

Lewis has become so famous that world renowned best-selling Australian author Donna Williams wanted to interview him

for an edition of *Irked Magazine*, which is a forum for people to write about affairs of the heart without being discriminated against or judged unfairly.

She is best known for the first of four autobiographical works, *Nobody Nowhere*, which spent 10 weeks at number one on the *New York Times'* Bestseller list. She also has autism.

She interviewed Lewis in April for the summer edition of *Irked*.

When asked how he felt about such a prestigious woman interviewing him, Lewis replied nonchalantly.

"It was OK. She just wanted to know what it was like to be a kid with AS," he says before quickly passing the buck to his mom.

"He doesn't think he's very special. I've taught him from the time he was very little that nobody is smarter or dumber than anybody else. They just have a different piece of the pie.

"I'm so fortunate. He has taught me how to be a great parent."

Through the interview and the article, Lewis hopes to dispel common misconceptions about people with AS.

"He just wants people to start treating them (AS sufferers) as people. He's just a regular kind of guy."

While seemingly indifferent to his meeting with the famous author, Ms Bruce says once the article comes out, Lewis will realize just how special it is.

"Once he sees it out, he's really going to be excited," she adds.

"He's always been exceptional."

When asked about what the interview means to him, again Lewis replied in his simple, matter-of-fact tone.

"It was personally nothing weird for me."