

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

24th February 2017

Dear parents, carers and families

I do hope that you have all had a very good half term. Our students in Endeavour House had a fantastic week accessing the community every day. Trips included a Valentines disco, visit to Waddesdon Manor and Didcot railway station, cinema and swimming. Thank you to all staff for their enthusiasm and hard work throughout the week.

Our monthly regulation 44 inspection also took place in the half term and I am delighted to report that we have had very good feedback regarding progress being made.

This week we have celebrated 'National Random Acts of Kindness Day'. The sixth form have produced a magnificent tree in our hall filled with leaves showing our acts of kindness and we have celebrated these achievements in assembly this week.

Please do look at our 'Twitter' page for photographs of our community police visit on Tuesday. As ever, the police were hugely enthusiastic and supportive of our children in forming effective partnership work with them.

We have had an incredibly busy week this week. Our School Improvement Officer, Sarah, has been with us for two days. She has reported back that progress is apparent in education and assisted us in planning for the next phase of our journey in making further improvements.

We have also welcomed our Commissioners to Endeavour this week and team leaders from the SEN team as well as many parents and families for review meetings.

Good News

Waitrose would like to include Endeavour Academy in the Community Matters Scheme for March 2017.



Each month every Waitrose Branch donates £1,000 between 3 local good causes. We're delighted the **Headington Branch** has chosen Endeavour Academy as one of their 3 good causes in **March**. So if you live near enough, please pop in and buy something, as often as you can during **March** and encourage your family, friends and neighbours to do the same. The more tokens we get, the bigger the donation we receive. We'll let you know in due course how much we receive and how we plan to spend it. Many thanks for your support.

Benefits

Raising a child with a disability often leads to lots of additional expenses. Parents may be able to claim additional benefits to help support them. The benefits you may be entitled to include disability living allowance, mobility component of disability living allowance, child tax credits with a disability entitlement, carer's allowance, working tax credits, childcare element of working tax credits, as well as child benefit. You can find more information about your entitlement and how to claim at www.gov.uk/benefits you can also contact your local citizen's advice bureau for more information.

Transitioning on from Endeavour

If your child is in year 11, 12 or 13 you may have already started thinking about what options exist after Endeavour. It is important that we take a pro-active approach to finding the right place for your child. Sarah Roots, our Outcomes Lead for Transitions,

will be contacting families of children in years 11, 12 and 13 to arrange visits to discuss future options. If you would like to contact Sarah you can do so by emailing sarah.roots@macintyreacademies.org or by phone on 07940741328.

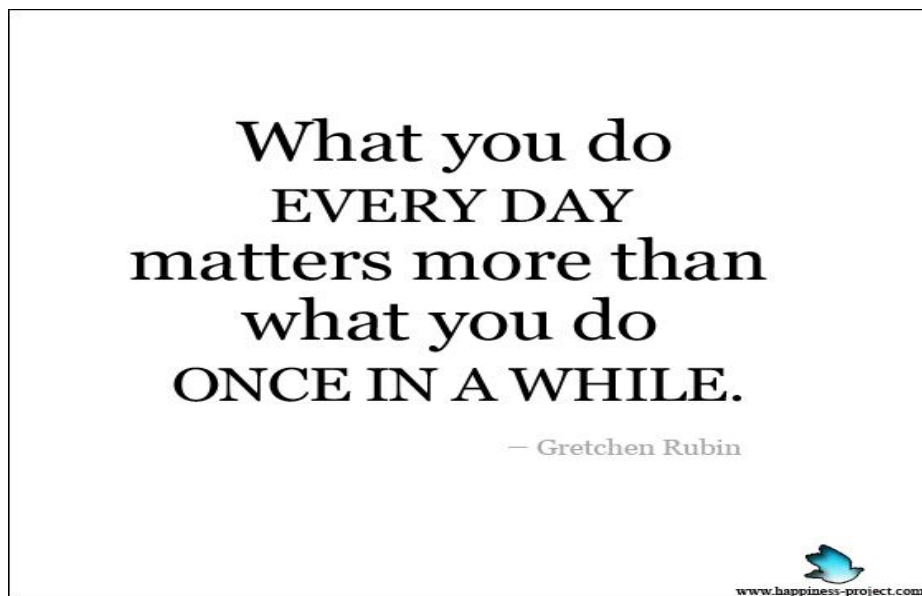
Change of INSET Day

A further reminder that we will **NOT** have INSET as scheduled on 06 March. This will now take place on Monday 24 April.

Reminder of Events

Next **Thursday 02 March** is **World Book Day**. Can you please encourage your child to come to school dressed as their favourite book character? We are very much looking forwards to seeing staff and students taking part in this event.

To finish on this week's quote:



Towards a bright future

Best wishes

Angela O'Rourke
Principal