

# NEWSLETTER

**Endeavour Academy Newsletter May 2018**

## Message From The Principal



Dear parents, carers and families,

Some moments this half term have reminded me again how astonishing it is to be a part of such a wonderful community. I have seen young people engage in playing together, for the first time, waved off our first residential holiday opportunity and witnessed our students becoming more independent and confident day by day .

It is great to note that we are having some major improvement work to Endeavour House and that the students are coping incredibly with the change and disruption.

It is an exciting time in which we begin to formulate our plans for September and I feel that the changes to our programme and the way in which we will be able to show progress for our learners, is going to have a real impact on all we do. We are also looking at further extending some of our enrichment activities and are hoping to increase the range of therapies available to our young people over the coming year.

I am so pleased to note now that we have now formally recruited our Speech and Language Therapist Kate Hopcraft, who is already working with us one day a week and will be starting in September to work for 3 and a half days a week. Sian Pratchett, our OT will also be returning to us on a full time basis after the Summer.

The pictures in this newsletter tell the story for me, and importantly, they demonstrate that our young people are playing an active role in informed decision and choice making with regard to their preferences for the coming year. I am reflecting on how important it is to see young people developing the skills they will be able to use well into their adult lives.

As you can see, our plans to provide increased levels of training for our team are in full swing and coming up we have more Autism Training, Makaton and PECS. This work helps us to continue to keep up to date and reinforce our underpinning knowledge and practice.

I am hoping that I will have the opportunity to see you all during events planned for the second half of the summer term and as always, want to thank you for your continuing support.

**Coral Romain, Principal**

## SUMMER TERM ACTIVITIES

Looking ahead to next term please note the following dates in your diaries:

### JUNE & JULY:

4 June        INSET Day  
5 June        Students back to school  
13th June    Rivertime Regatta - Marlow  
14th, 18th, 21st, 25th June - Dr Rosie Shepperd Clinics  
29th June    Claire Goodall Mosaics working on window  
3rd July      Bell Boating at Bisham Abbey Boating  
                School  
10th & 12th July - Parents Evening



### Staff Section

Staff will be participating in an Inset Day on the 4th of June and taking part in Good Autism Practice Training & Sexuality In Autism Training. Staff Members have also started an Autism Awareness long distance training course with Scarborough University. All staff at Endeavour House are taking Level 3 in Social Care & Health and Module 1 has been sent off for assessment to their tutor. There will be a Makaton Introduction session taking place at Endeavour House on 11<sup>th</sup> July & Good Autism Training at Endeavour House on 18th July.

We welcome new starters, who have started this term as Residential Support Workers, Lois Blucher, Tina Cox, Kristine Adedeji and Ruksana Yasmin.

### TWITTER & FACEBOOK

We often tweet things that happen at Endeavour, or when out and about in the community. Please follow us on Twitter @MATendeavour\_ac to see some of our tweets and Facebook Page @Macintyreacademiestrust



## *Invitation*

*To*

*Endeavour Academy's*

*Annual Picnic*

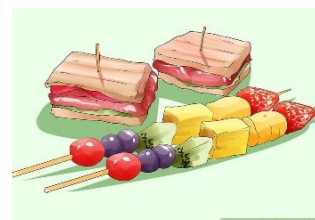
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*Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018*

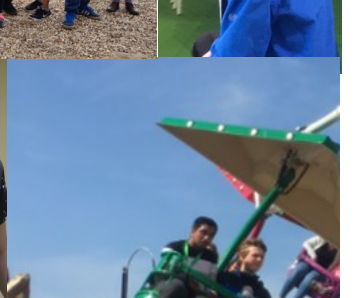
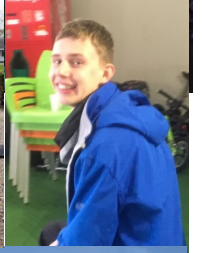
*10:00am - 14:00*

*For you and your Family*





# Butlin's



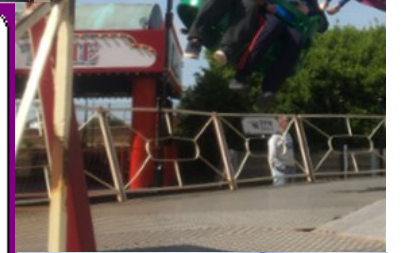
11 11 students went on our first residential trip to

*Butlin's* 2 Butlin's for 2 nights.

The trip was a great success students enjoyed

swimming, high rope climbing, archery, disco, fun fair,

the seaside and much more!







# Butlin's



Having been one of the volunteers to have had the pleasure of supporting the students who went to Butlin's, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the success of the holiday.

Firstly, I would like to thank Sarah Roots for all of the time she put into planning this inaugural trip. She covered everything and made sure that all the t's were crossed and i's dotted.

THANK YOU SARAH.



Secondly, I would like to say thank you to all of the staff who volunteered their time to help to provide these students with lifetime memories and an amazing experience.

Thirdly, thank you to all of the staff who stayed behind and supported all of the students to have a lovely time during their beach themed activities.

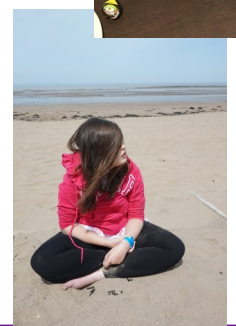
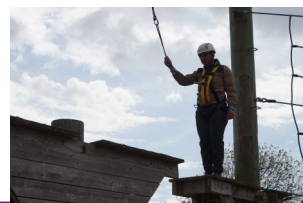
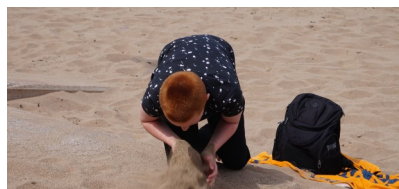
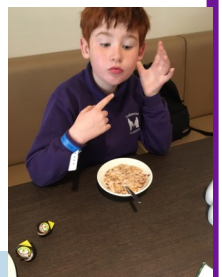
And lastly THANK YOU to all of the students who have achieved something new, something amazing.

For some of the students who came to Butlin's it was the first time away and they coped so very well. For all of the students and staff it was the first time away with Endeavour Academy and I can honestly say that everyone can take something positive away from this experience whether that be overcoming a fear of heights, shooting an arrow, surviving on minimal hours sleep, dancing at a disco, going on a water slide, going to a beach, eating fish and chips, or eating in a buffet restaurant;

EVERYONE ACHIEVED

Well Done and THANK YOU!

CATHY CLARK (TEACHER)



## Summer Term 1 in Triangle Class

This half-term staff in Triangle class have been supporting the students to develop their awareness of each other and to engage in shared learning activities. These have taken place in class, in our outside areas and on community walks to the library, shops and park. All the students are making great progress, becoming less anxious about sharing space and having fun as they develop their social skills.









## Occupational Therapy

### Active Bodies Club!

This term we have been dancing with ribbons and pompoms, 'swimming' under the sea using bubble wrap and shiny fabrics and working on our core strength with crawling games. We have been working on the students following actions and sharing with peers.



## Enterprise

Circle class continue to develop skills through work



experience. Jamie has been dog walking and has been very caring with Bramble. She has really enjoyed the walks and the occasional piece of cheese as Jamie asks her to sit.

## Around the School



## Sensory Exploration!

We have been using all our senses to explore new tastes and textures. Feet in cold baked beans was great fun, as well as trying grapefruit, kale and popping candy! The lovely weather has meant that we can do lots of exploring outside and have used ice, bubbles and the school sprinkler for water play.



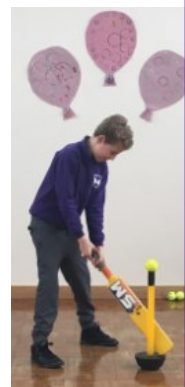
We continue to support the students to reach their full potential by providing adapted equipment for the students to access their academic work and to complete daily tasks. New items such as movement chairs for classroom work help students to self regulate whilst being able to stay at their work stations in class. As always the students have access to 1:1 sessions and relaxation. Students are having increased access to sensory diets and are working daily on their occupational therapy goals.



This term the theme has been 'Let's Celebrate...'

Square class has celebrated a number of things including Sport, Jobs and Family. In the second half of the term we will be celebrating Food, Our Senses, Music and the Future.

Here are some of the things we have done this term...

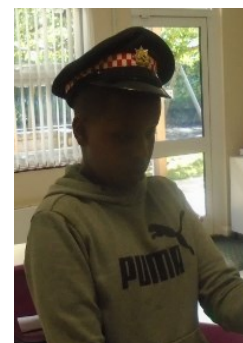
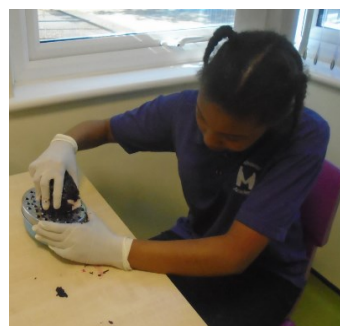






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badminton

we	are	celebrating	different	jobs
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jobs



## Circle Class

This term, Circle class have introduced two new enterprises; Car washing and The Baguette Café. The students have worked incredibly hard to adapt to these new roles have enjoyed experiencing new jobs.

They have been making a variety of baguettes for the staff, including Chicken, Pesto and Mozzarella, Tuna mayo, Egg mayo, Mozzarella and tomato and Ham and cheese.

Additionally, twice a week we have been car washing, which has been very popular. They have particularly enjoyed using the Jet wash.

Circle class would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who have supported our Enterprises.





## School Council

School council has been working hard in preparation for the next academic year. As a part of our meeting we have looked at activities we are doing at present and all representatives could have a say in what would they like or not like to do next year.

We discussed the weekly sessions such as swimming, horse-riding, dance, music etc. as well as the ad hoc activities. Our pupils are very keen to visit different places and attractions such as museum, water parks, trampoline parks and zoos.

Students would also like to have some special visits from animals, musicians and actors.

All representatives have taken the discussion back to the class to ensure all pupils have the opportunity to have their say.





In May six students represented Endeavour Academy at the regional table cricket finals. Endeavour earned the place by performing so well at the Oxfordshire finals. Subsequently we got the chance to pit our wits against the best teams of Northamptonshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Oxfordshire. The tournament took place at the Stoke Mandeville stadium which is seen as the home of the Paralympics. Endeavour finished a respectable fourth out of seven teams. With a bit more training we hope to go one better next year and reach the national finals held at Lords Cricket ground. As ever the students did the school proud in the way they conducted themselves with the students of other schools.



As ever, Star class have been very active in offsite learning and we can finally enjoy it with some nice weather. For the 'earth trust' project students have had the chance to experience beautiful countryside across the county as they work at different farms in Oxfordshire carrying out a diverse range of duties. The students real benefit from this experience. We look forward to further adventures off site in the summer.





# AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

This half term has been busy with lots of engaging activities for our students. In our music sessions we have added more activities and games developing listening skills and concentration. Our students have also enjoyed dancing with the music using different styles of music.

*Music gives students great opportunity to express themselves, improve their memory and increase their focus.*



## Newsletter Endeavour House May 2018

At Endeavour House the children and young people have enjoyed their time during this term. Refurbishments are taking place in the house and children have been helping staff to tidy and organise their rooms. They were able to choose what colours they would like their bedrooms to be painted.

We welcomed new staff and children to Endeavour House recently, Kristine and Lois whom are our new waking night staff and engage with the children during the mornings. We also welcomed Darragh from square class to the house who had a smooth transition to Endeavour House.

Some of our children went on the trip to Butlins, they had a lovely time and came back with many pictures. Please have a look on the website to see them. We have a new sensory table which most of the children enjoy playing with, and are looking forward to using the new swimming pool over the summer holidays.

