

Message From The Principal



Dear parents, carers and families,

It hardly seems a moment since I came to Endeavour more than 9 months ago. This is a very special school with very special staff and students, families and carers and somewhere where I believe all of those connected to the school—feel they have found an extended family, a community of people who can work together towards a joint aim, to build positive futures for our young people.

We certainly do have some extraordinary young people, who over the months have continued to overcome huge challenges, difficult feelings as they grow from being children to young adults and who have to struggle to tell us just how life can sometimes feel for them. Regardless of all the challenges, I have seen young people who come in day after day and try new things, who are keen to learn (particularly things they really enjoy!!!) and who can be supported to learn just how to cope with the world out there and how to play a really active and meaningful role in their communities.

We have had so many really positive experiences out in the community such as the Regatta, bell Boating, table top cricket, our picnic at Thomley Hall, regular visits to the Cinema, work experience placements, local shops and services etc— we certainly have been all over our local community—it is, after all, the place where so much real learning takes place. Of course we are not just asking the community to understand us—what we want very much to do is to be able to teach the community about how we are *all* different—and how positive being different can be when we understand each other.

The new Academic year will bring us new opportunities to really put in place our adapted curriculum and strategies for measuring progress for each young person. We are working to ensure that not only do we measure progress related purely academic skills but skills that are really important for each individual as they grow up.

I am also particularly excited about the amount of training that we are putting in place for our staff teams at the moment (PBS, PECS, Makaton, Intensive interaction as well as supporting staff to complete teacher training and masters level qualifications, all our staff will now have autism training as an expectation of working in our school). We also now have additional access to a Specialist Clinical Psychologist, which will be really helpful over the coming year. We are truly building an extraordinary team with a huge range of specialists, who will support the school to move forward into the future with strength and sustainability.

In summary, I am aware that the break is a long one for our learners—and our families and we will be here to support them (and our families) as we move into a new and exciting phase in the Autumn. Please take care of yourselves and stay cool under the sun !!!

We look forward to seeing you in September.

AUTUMN TERM DATES

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

Inset Days: 3rd, 4th and 5th September 2018

Back to School: Thursday 6th September 2018

Half Term: W/C 22nd October 2018

Flu Immunisations: 10th October

Zoolab: 5th November

Staff Section

We welcome new starters in school and house, Maria, Emily, Rachel, Kalim, Maeve, Nounou, Nikalya, Rosie, Hazel. All Staff have been taking part in Courses/Training for Team Teach, Makaton Training and Autism Training.

Wellbeing at Endeavour Academy We take staff wellbeing very seriously as we work in an environment that can be both challenging and demanding and we depend constantly upon our team to be the best they can be. As a result, we have been consulting with the staff team to identify small ways in which we can recognise how much they give to the school and our children and give a little back to them that will help to make a difference to their well-being. Staff members nominate other members of the team on a weekly basis and we celebrate these often quite moving achievements together. A member of staff is then chosen randomly and receives an Amazon Voucher.

We have recently introduced a breakfast bar in the school Monday to Friday – providing the staff team with fruit, vegetable, bread, crumpets, rice cakes, cereals and soups etc. This has certainly been very popular and well received by staff.

During our Inset Days staff have had the opportunity to access Yoga sessions and Reflex Therapy sessions and will be introducing a drumming workshop.



Panini sticker challenge.

Sian Pratchett who works as an Occupational Therapist for Endeavour school and her husband Alex are completing a World Cup challenge. They are drawing all 680 panini stickers but cannot draw well! They started drawing when the tournament started and had to finish before the final whistle blew for the final.

During the Euros in 2016 they raised over £4500. This time they are again raising money for Endeavour Academy as well as three other charities.

Follow their progress and terrible drawings on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram.
@CheapPanini

Donation page-

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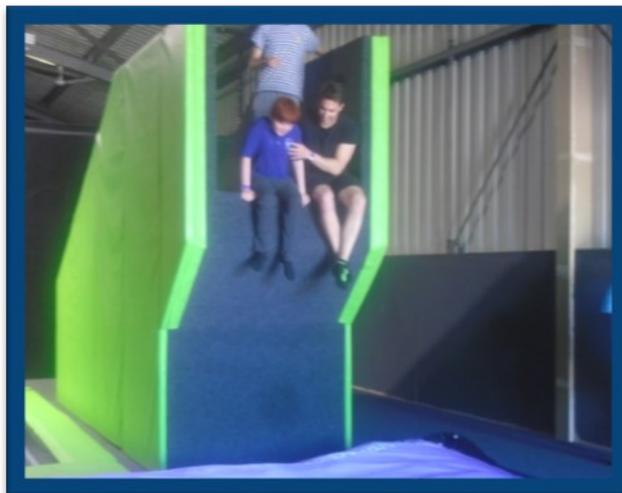
TWITTER & FACEBOOK

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

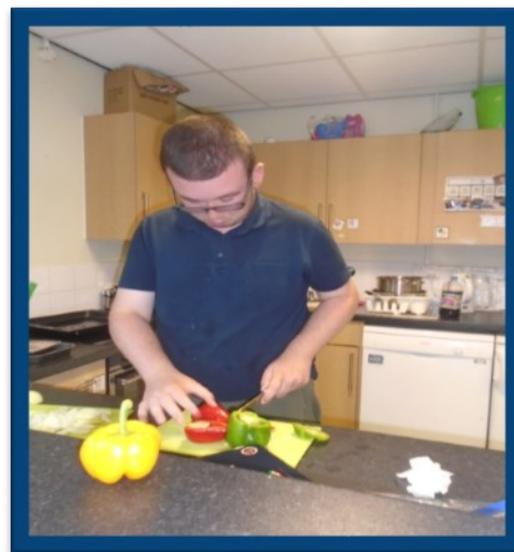


AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

This summer term we have been enjoying fantastic hot weather allowing our students to spend more time outside for adventurous activities and play. For our Monday's sessions we added visits to the Trampoline Park in Bicester which has been a great success with our students and we aim to continue with this activity next year on regular basis.



We are very pleased to see that our cooking sessions are becoming increasingly popular amongst the students. Growing number of students have joined us this term to cook delicious dinners and bake tasty desserts. More of them have been involved in preparing menus and have been encouraged to participate in cooking process starting from preparation of food to serving and enjoying meals with their peers. These hands-on experiences tends to be a great way of enhancing social skills and confidence.





P S H E

PERSONAL SOCIAL HEALTH EDUCATION



 wash your hands

 brush your teeth

 brush your hair

 have a shower

 wear deodorant

 It is important to  take care of  yourself

 Looking after  yourself  outside  and  inside

 Lets  have  a  look  how...

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 It is important to  brush your teeth  after

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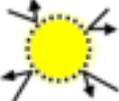
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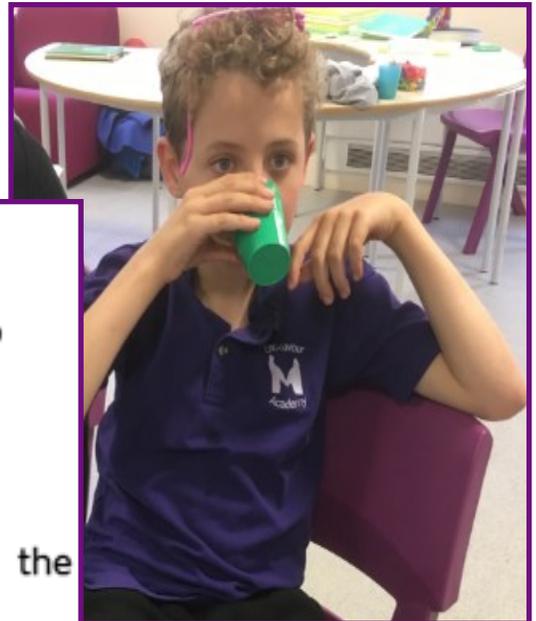




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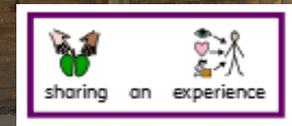


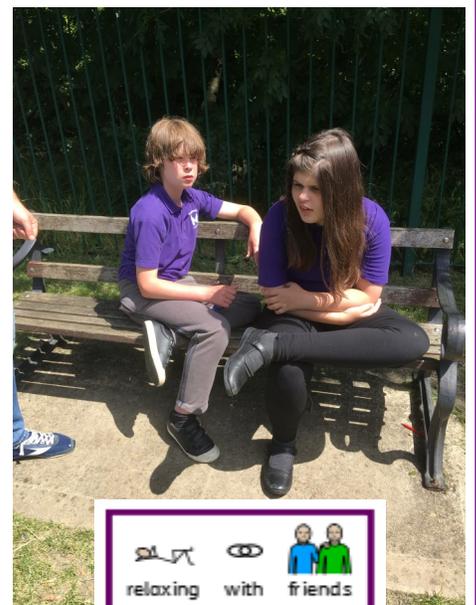
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 protect  yourself from the
 sun's rays



Summer Term 2 in Triangle Class

Triangle class students and staff have been making the most of the arrival of summer and been enjoying taking learning outside of the classroom. This has involved lots and lots of water, visits to the park and joining friends from other classes at the Riverside Regatta and Bell Boating. Many of these activities have enabled us to complete most of the Wildlife Challenges set by The Wildlife Trust. A huge achievement by everyone.







Occupational Therapy



Ideas for the summer holidays - but everyone is unique!

All the students have worked so hard on their OT programmes this term and are making progress towards their individual goals. Groups and 1:1 sessions have been valuable for the students to work on key skills that the students need to access the classroom.

At Endeavour, students complete their sensory diet once or twice a day to help regulate the sensory information they are receiving. It would be valuable to continue this every day if possible at home.



A piece of equipment that you may wish to have is a sturdy gym ball. Students can then sit and bounce

(1. **alerting**) or lie on their stomach over ball and rock back and forth (3. **calming**). In between these, your child should complete an (2. **organising**) activity that involves some heavy work using their muscles such as crawling, helping to move items (laundry load) or wall push ups or pulling.

If going out for a walk, a backpack with a heavy book in it provides feedback through the muscles and joints which messages the brain about how the body is moving. This helps to organise sensory information and may help your child feel calm.



Sensory snacks such as chewy, crunchy or strong flavoured may be helpful. Dried fruit (sour cherries, mango, cranberries), ginger biscuits, plain pretzels, rice crackers, plain popcorn, raw vegetables (peppers/cucumber/) fresh fruit (grapefruit/ watermelon), ice pops.. Drinking water out of a sports bottle (suck and swallow) or using a straw.





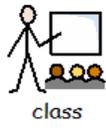
Parability sports

During the year Endeavour School have competed in Table cricket. Our team have practised regularly every Tuesday, perfecting our bowling and batting skills. We performed well in the Oxfordshire Finals, gaining a place at the regional finals, representing Oxfordshire against schools from Northamptonshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Middlesex. The finals took place at the Stoke Mandeville Stadium which is the birthplace of the Paralympics. The students did the school proud with the way they behaved and socialised with students from the other schools. We won one game but missed out on a place in the final at



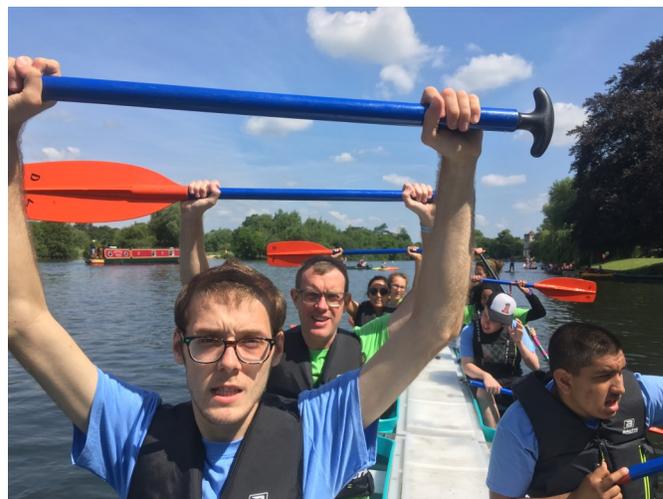
This term Star class have enjoyed visiting different places in the community. We have been berry picking which our young people enjoyed eating. We have been visiting local cafes and parks, feeding animals for work experience at the farm and have even tried a game of mini golf.

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Endeavour Academy enjoyed a trip to The Rivertime Regatta on the River Thames in Bisham near Marlow.

There were a range of activities the students enjoyed such as bell boating, a river cruise and also on land activities such as cycling, cheer leading and drumming. It was a glorious hot day enjoyed by all.



Circle Class

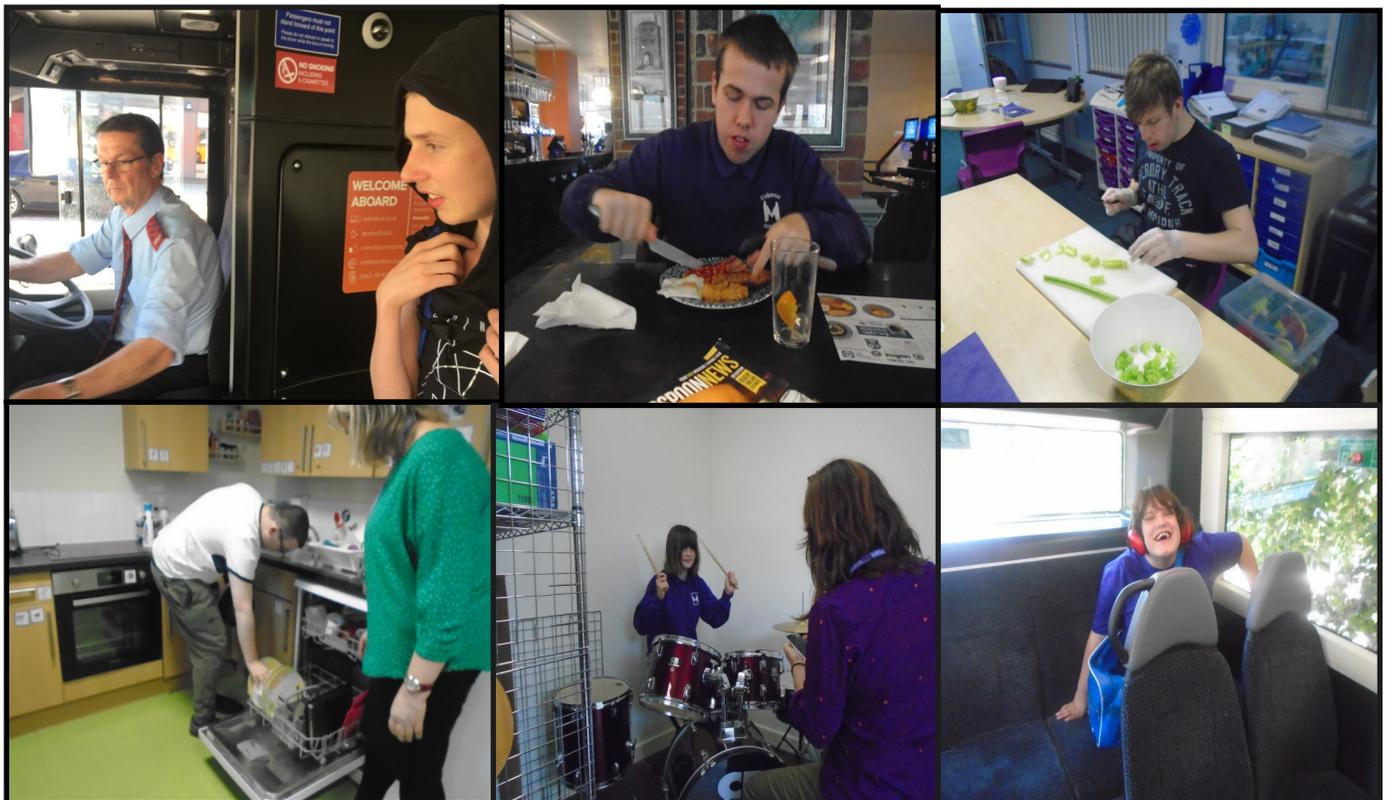
Circle class have achieved so much this year. Earlier this term, Michaela and Amanda went to an ASDAN moderation to submit all the hard work the students had done. I felt so proud to show off all the amazing work they had achieved and new experiences they had overcome.

They completed various modules within the ASDAN Towards Independence qualification, some they enjoyed and others they didn't (who enjoys cleaning!!?). The modules included; Travel Training, Out in the community, Daily living skills and Meal preparation.

All these skills will support them as they enter into adulthood and prepare them for their next stage after Endeavour.

Additionally, for students that enjoy more of the creative learning, they also completed Endeavour's first year of the Arts Award explorers qualification. This included taking part in a form of art such as music or painting, research about their chosen band or art and presenting the information to others. They all did enormously well. Well done Circle class!!

To celebrate all their hard work, circle class went for a whole class lunch in Headington which was a great day!





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Newsletter Endeavour House July 2018

This term, the children and young people at Endeavour House have had a great time, engaging in lots of fun activities. The House refurbishments are now completed and now the students have full use of the new bathrooms, with motion sensors to turn the water on.

We have also had new members of staff join the team for this summer : a huge welcome to Rachael, Kalim, Maeve, Nounou, Nikalya and Rosie. We hope you enjoy your time here with us and have lots of fun over the summer. We have also welcomed three new students this month : Chris, Zaki and Benny. We have had a fantastic summer party at Endeavour House to mark the end of the school term and also to welcome our new students which a success.

With the hot weather, Endeavour House purchased a paddling-pool that the students love! We have also bought new TVs and PS4 for the children and young people to enjoy over the summer. They have been out for walks to the parks, picking strawberries, water play with the hosepipe and paddling-pool.

Everybody is happy to participate in fun activities at Endeavour House !

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