

NEWSLETTER

Endeavour Academy Newsletter December 2018

Message From The Deputy Principal



Dear parents, carers and families,

Endeavour Academy had another busy half term. We have celebrated Halloween by dressing up, had an Odd Sock Day and we all wore spots for Children in Need. Although our pupils couldn't attend the annual Albert Hall concert, some of our pupils participated in this music project in school and the footage of our pupils performing was played on the big screen during the concert. Endeavour was visited by Zoolab and our pupils had the opportunity to handle and see number of small animals including spiders and lizards.

We have been missing Coral, who has been unwell most of the last term. She is not yet well enough to return to school. We wish her a speedy recovery.

During this term Endeavour students have been engaging in enterprise projects and have been making lots of beautiful things such as drink coasters, mirrors, mosaic trays, painting mugs as well as celebration cards. We will be selling our products during our Christmas assembly.

During this term we have also hosted a number of placements. We had PGCE students from Brooks University, Paramedics and college students from Health and Social care studies.

We have held a number of CPD sessions including 2 day PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System) and Makaton workshops for both Education and the Residential team. The staff team had the opportunity to join a drumming workshop and reflex therapy session. We offered a number of additional CPD opportunities on a more individual basis including Intensive Interaction conference, PBS coaches training, three days First Aid course, Defibrillator training, Horticulture in SEN schools and EQUALS conference. Endeavour Staff Wellbeing programme also remains very popular.

We enjoyed the pantomime and Christmas Jumper day. Endeavour is very grateful to Mill View, who donated a Christmas tree. Endeavour visit the garden centre on regular basis and found the staff team very helpful and supportive. On Wednesday 19th December we hosted the school assembly which was very successful and our pupils enjoyed showcasing their hard work.

Hope you all have a great Christmas holiday and enjoy the well-deserved family time.

Michaela Soporova, Deputy Principal

SPRING TERM DATES

07/01/2019 Inset Day
08/01/2019 Back to School
22/01/2019 Communication Training for parents
24/01/2019 Communication Training for parents
28/01/2019 Music for Autism
01/02/2019 Pottery Workshop
15/02/2019 Last day of term

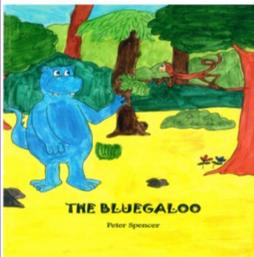
STAFF SECTION

We welcome new members of staff :-

Alejandra Gonzalez Artacho, Sam Dunnett, Marcus Truin,
Patricia Uroz Saldas & Otilia Stefan.

Congratulations to Amanda Wallis, our Circle Class Teacher, on the birth of her beautiful son. Isaac Edward Lawson Whatley was born on 16th December.

Welcome to the World Isaac.



My name is Peter Spencer. When I was a young boy I read lots of children's books by many famous authors and have always wanted to write, dreaming of creating many wonderful and fantastical creatures.

I have those turrets (Tourette's), which can make me both excited and nervous, but I am keeping my emotions in check and I am

very imaginative, writing stories for children and young adults around the world.

I like to help other people to deal with their speaking and learning disabilities and enjoy giving support and friendship, hopefully helping them to achieve their own dreams.

The Bluegaloo is my first children's book, created with a little help from my family and friends.

I could never let anything get in the way of my dream of becoming an author.

It is important that you too keep your eyes and ears open and one day you might get an idea for your own story and make your own dream come true.

The Bluegaloo is available from our online shop or you can request a copy via the School Office.

For your information: School uniform orders can be placed at: sales@brigade.uk.com

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 .

School Events and News

Sarah Roots organised a family lunch at the Barton Community Centre. This was a chance for Parents and Staff to meet, exchange ideas and make suggestions on how we can improve life at Endeavour. We hope to make this a regular event.

Staff and Students have been involved in several charitable events this year. Odd Sock Day (Anti Bullying), Children in Need and Save the Children. We have raised over £200. Thank you to all who contributed.

Thank You

We also supported Helen from Reed Education by donating toys to children in Ethiopia. These were greeted with much excitement. Helen said that visiting the children was a humbling and worthwhile experience and will be returning again next year. We have secured a link with this charity and will be working with them more in the future.



Sian Pratchett (our resident OT) her husband and baby son Nye raised over £100 for Helen House. They all took part in the Oxford Santa Run.

Well done to all.



Square Class



 Square class have had the opportunity to do lots of different




 activities this term






 This term I have enjoyed...






 This term I have enjoyed...




 why?

It was funny




 why?

Kier...
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 winter...








 funny happy new excited interested proud special








 funny happy new excited interested proud special






 This term I have enjoyed...




 why?

I am happy climbing








 funny happy new excited interested proud special






 This term I have enjoyed...



girl
 ...
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 funny happy new excited interested proud special

This term I have enjoyed...



why?

I am happy snacking with cathy at the park

funny happy new excited interested proud special

The students chose what they enjoyed

from their photo book

This term I have enjoyed...



cooking IS FUN

I like to give what I make

funny happy new excited interested proud special

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Circle Class

This half term Circle Class have been working really hard. They have continued to develop their money management skills, participate in the soup and potato café enterprises, and visit Vana Farm and Farmability as well as Earth Trust. Students have also continued to develop their Travel Training skills and attend their placement at college to support their transition.

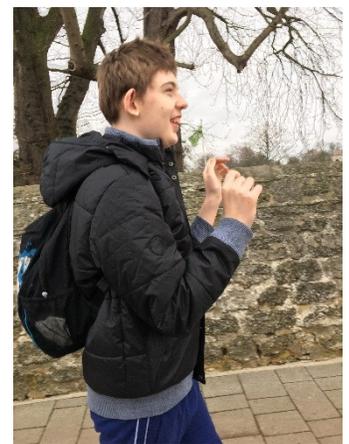


All the staff in Circle Class are very pleased with all the hard work and effort shown this half term and want to wish all the students a very Happy Christmas.

Star Class



This term in star class students have been enjoying their time out in the community, walking, shopping and work experience at the farm. Our students have been brave and daring in trying new activities at the park and Thomley Hall.



Star class had a great time enjoying two Christmas pantomime shows. "oh yes they did!"



Triangle Class

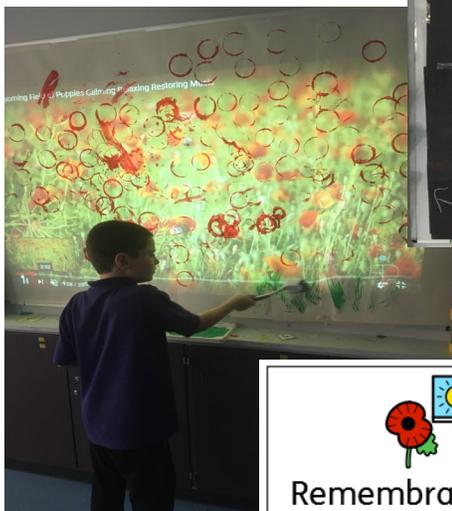
Along with the rest of Endeavour, Triangle class have celebrated Halloween, Children in Need and are in full swing preparing for Christmas. In addition our young people have been busy completing this half-term's challenges. Linking to Anti-bullying week these have focused on completing Acts of Kindness both in our class tasks and learning activities out in the local community. Triangle staff team are very proud of everyone's achievements and hope you enjoy these photos of some of the challenges our students have completed. Certificates will be sent home at the end of term.



 spots for  Children in Need



 We  worked together to  create  class  displays



 fireworks



  Remembrance Day  poppies

 Winter  snowflakes



We



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part



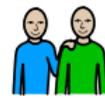
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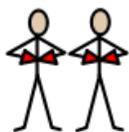
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shared



life skills





Diamond

class

Diamond class have had a very busy half term and have worked hard both in school and out in the community on our learning intentions. We have been busy celebrating and learning about different events.



Halloween



Bonfire night



Children



in



Need



Diamond



class

A lot of our learning takes place in the community. We are developing our skills using public transport, at the local shops and work experience both in and out of school whilst fitting in trips to Thomley Hall and the local park.



St Edwards School visits

We have been joining students from St. Edwards, a local school in North Oxford, at Farmability. We all have so much fun together that they decided to visit us regularly for arts & crafts at Endeavour. We hope to see you around again next term!



Animal fun and serious work at Farmability

St Edwards School visits



**Arts & Crafts at
Endeavour
Academy**

After School Club



Spending time with others and interacting with peers and adults



Newsletter Endeavour House December 2018

Children and Young People in the house have been very happy this term, enjoying Halloween parties and preparing for Christmas. Children and staff enjoyed decorating the house for the Halloween party and dressing up as scary as possible.



Children and staff have been planning what activities and dinner they would like over the Christmas holidays. They have also enjoyed making an Endeavour Post Box, so they can post cards to each other and staff in the house, which then is handed out every week.



We are all looking forward to Christmas, and have planned lots of fun indoor and outdoor activities including baking cookies, making cards, a trip to Blenheim Palace Christmas trail and many more.



Merry Christmas to everyone from Staff and Children at Endeavour House!