

NEWSLETTER

Endeavour Academy Newsletter October 2018

Message From The Principal



Dear parents, carers and families,

Welcome back to what we know is going to be a wonderful new and exciting academic year. It has been so good to see our students again and although we know this can be another difficult transition after the Summer break—all of our young people have coped well with getting back into a daily routine. The summer weather was wonderful but I feel that most of our students are quite relieved that the temperature is not quite where it was!

We are excited that we have now established a 5th class and are developing a new occupational therapy area, which is working well. It is great to now have Kate, our Speech and Language Therapist in for 3 and a half days a week and Sian back as full time Occupational Therapist. We have also been lucky enough to welcome a number of new staff and of course 3 new learners, who are making a really positive transition into the school.

We have, in addition to our long list of enrichment activities, put in place a few more options such as climbing and signing club and we are also hoping to identify new work experience placements during this term. The repair and building work at Endeavour House is going well now and is really making a difference to our students.

Our new Curriculum is now in place and we are working hard to make sure that each young person has very individualised and meaningful learning intentions each term. We have been lucky to access additional training this term that will also help us to really understand what our young people are telling us when they become distressed or angry or highly anxious. We are pleased that Dr Kate Strutt (Clinical Psychologist) is supporting us with this work.

As you can see from the diary of dates for this term, we already have a lot going on and of course we are looking forward to our Halloween party on 31st October, where dressing up for the event will certainly be huge fun! We will also, of course, be celebrating Children in Need and Christmas is coming !

As you may see in our calendar, we are also hosting a parents evening and we hope to see as many of our families as possible.

Just to let you know—there has been a recent National review of ‘Safeguarding’ guidance through the Dfe in September that supports improved information sharing and advice. Do keep up to date with what is going on by getting onto the website.

Finally, we are also very keen on encouraging our young people to become as involved as possible in what is going on in their school and thus we have recently, once again, held our School Council Elections and will continue to promote our young people’s views, thoughts and ideas throughout the year.

As always, please remember that you are welcome at Endeavour and if you would like time to talk something through, we are here.

Coral Romain, Principal

AUTUMN TERM DATES

29/10/18	Back to School
30/10/18	Parability Day—Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre
31/10/18	Halloween Party—Fancy Dress
05/11/18	Zoolab Visiting School
28/11/18	Parents Evening
12/12/18	Christmas Panto—Dick Whittington Oxford Playhouse
19/12/18	Endeavour Christmas Concert @ 13:30
21/12/18	Father Christmas coming to Endeavour
21/12/18	Last Day of Term



School Council



The School Council Election took place on the 5th October.

The students who were elected following the vote are;

Triangle Class - Zaki
Diamond Class - Charlie
Square Class - Alex
Star Class - John
Circle Class - Benny
ASC - Harry

Staff Section

We welcome new members of staff to Endeavour:-

Joshua Morton, Miguel Macho, Manuel Ballester, Ruben Villalba, Daniel Lopez, Wayne McCullough, Gentiana Cole.

Congratulations to Elise Van Der Hee on the birth of a Beautiful Daughter on 5th August 2018, Students from Triangle and Star Class have been to visit Elise and enjoyed a cuddle with the new Baby.



All Staff have been taking part in training courses this term, Team Teach, Makaton, Medication, PBS & PECS Training.

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

Panini Sticker Challenge

Our OT, who is part of the duo named Panini Cheapskates, completed their challenge of attempting to draw every single 2018 World Cup Panini football sticker album, to raise money for charity. They completed 680 stickers in a month. The money raised which was £7,554 with gift aid, will go to Cancer Research, MacIntyre Academies, Stonewall and Nordoff Robbins - Well Done Sian!



Square Class Teacher, Cathy Clark is planning to take part in a Half Marathon in the New Year to raise funds for Endeavour House.

Here is Cathy completing a run on Saturday with her sister as part of her training programme.

Autumn Term 1 in Triangle Class

This half-term staff in Triangle class have set our students 10 challenges to support their fine and gross motor development. While participating in fun, practical activities in school and out in the local community our students are working on their hand-eye co-ordination, balance and control. These are key motor skills which are necessary to increase independence in a range of life skills including dressing and verbal and non-verbal communication (i.e. signing, symbols and writing) and to develop purposeful use of cutlery, scissors and mark-making tools. We are very proud of their achievements.



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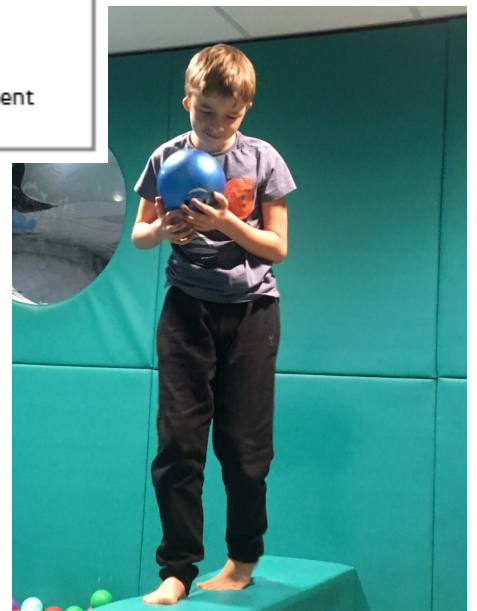
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After School Club Autumn 1st term

It has been lovely coming back after the Summer Holidays and we have enjoyed seeing and spending time with our friends. We have said goodbye to some students and welcomed others. The students have been enjoying to be able to do lots of playing, but also enjoyed some well deserved rests and relaxing activities. We have done art work, played and listened to music, enjoyed the last of the warm weather on the playground and explored our cooking skills. On a few occasions we have been able to go out, e.g. Rebound Revolution





Diamond

class

Diamond Class have been enjoying settling into their new classroom and into their new routines. We have been busy working on our targets both in school and out in the community. We have spent lots of time with our friends in other classes especially enjoying Cathy's sensory stories!





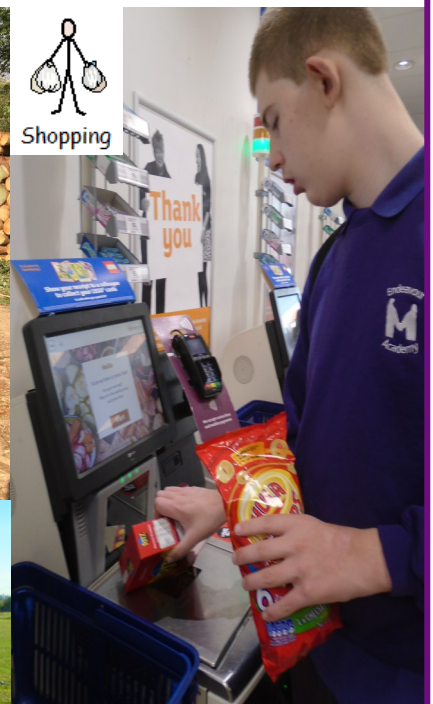
This term Star class have enjoyed visiting different places in the community. Some of star class have been visiting local farms with FarmAbility. They have been pressing apples to make apple juice, looking after the horses, collecting eggs, sorting eggs and stamping them which has been great fun. Star class have been visiting local shops, using public transport, visiting the library, Thomley Hall, swimming, Earth Trust and many other fun activities. In class we have been learning about ourselves and our peers and teachers during Literacy. In Citizenship we have been focusing on people who help us and also campaigning and voting for our student council election. We have been looking at our Solar System in Science and learning about where we live. Our young people have enjoyed the extra curricular activities such as Mosaic with Claire, Reflexology and PE with Tom. We are looking forward in taking part in Parability sports next term.



Sorting eggs



Woods



Shopping



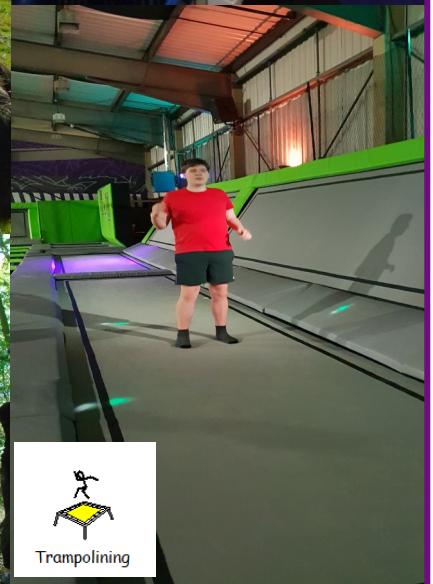
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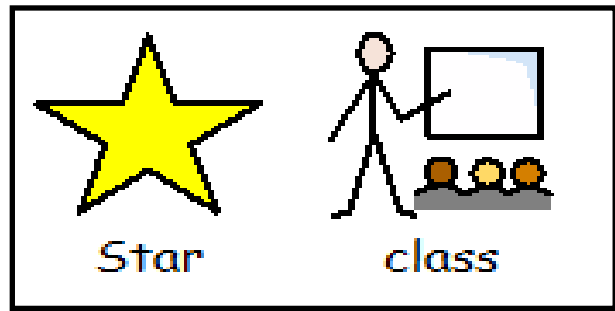
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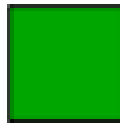
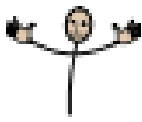


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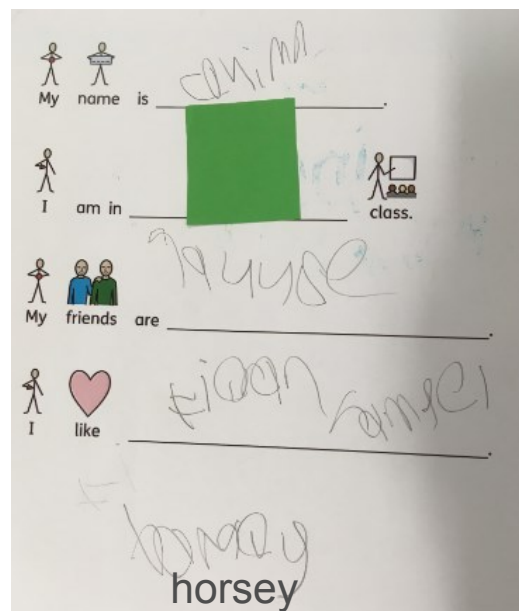
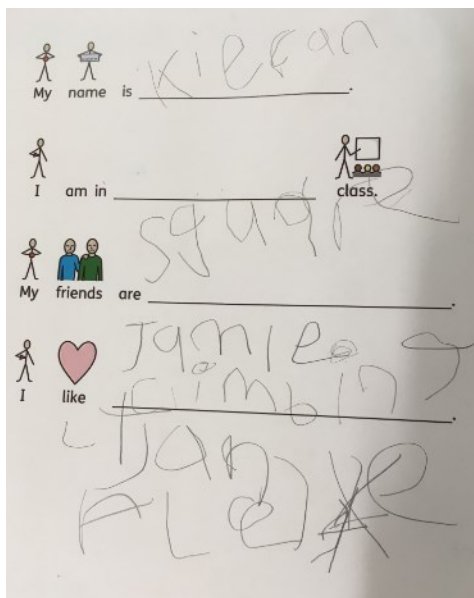
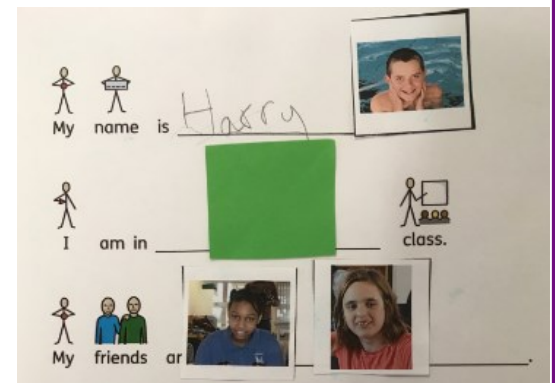
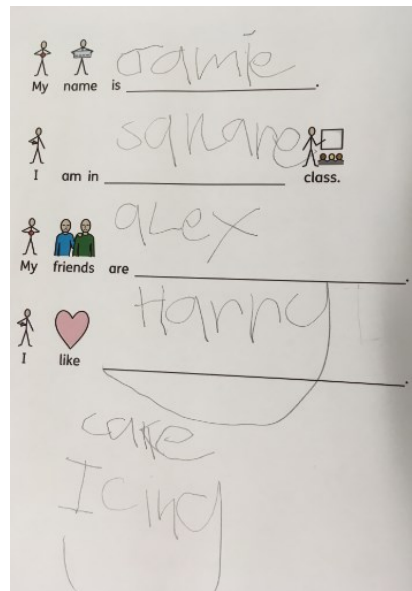
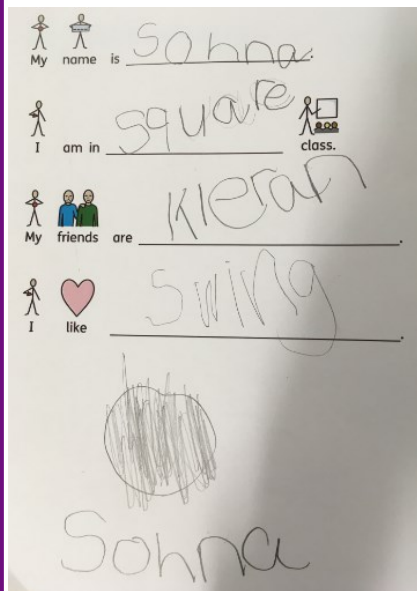
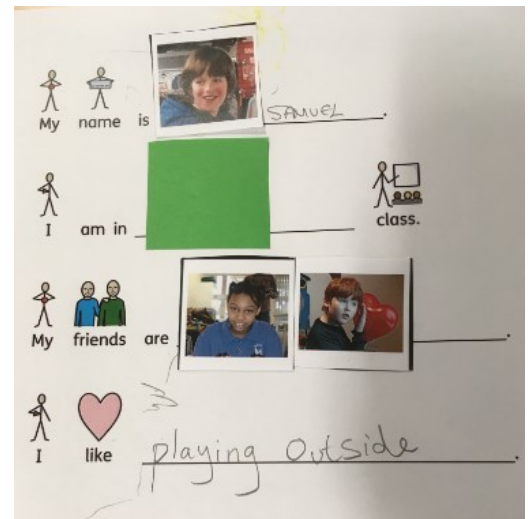
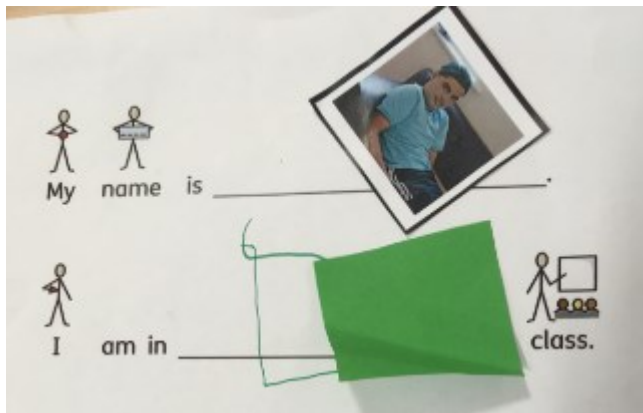


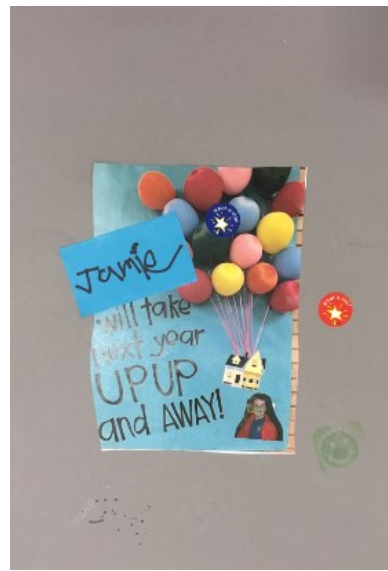
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welcome to Square Class of 2018-19



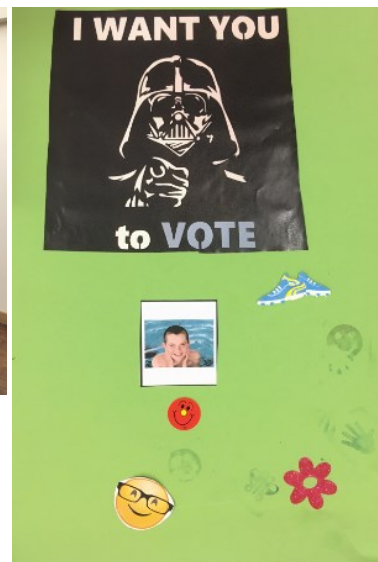


Square Class School Council Nomination Campaign Posters



Square Class Councillor—Alex

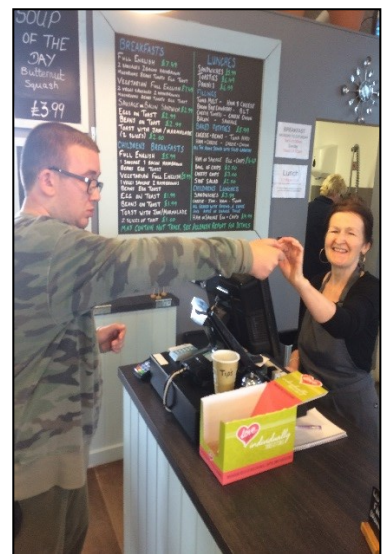
After School Club Councillor—Harry



Circle Class



This half term our students have been participating on supporting our local community by litter picking around the local area.



We are also so proud of all our students in Circle Class who are working so hard at developing their skills towards independence in a multitude of areas. These areas include purposeful money management, meal preparation, leading enterprise projects, café/farm work experience and travel training to new locations of their choice.

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