

NEWSLETTER

Endeavour Academy Newsletter

Message From The Principal



The second half of Spring term has been full of enjoyable activities and challenges. We engaged in a number of national and international celebrations. Students and staff enjoyed a day in their pyjamas, for National Sleep Day, co-joined with Red Nose Day, some pyjamas were red to complete the Red Nose theme. We also decorated class doors for World Book Day. Our beautiful displays have been captured and photographs can be found on our Twitter account as well as on our website. Students and staff were dressed in blue for Autism Awareness Day and some of us went the extra mile and coloured our hair blue as well.

Endeavour Academy hosted an open afternoon for all parents. This event included individual advice around communication, sensory needs, transition and funding and benefit advice, as well as advice around specific behaviours. Parents also had the opportunity to speak to class teachers and also to each other. This is extremely beneficial.

This term Endeavour students had the opportunity to get advice from an Adviza representative. Adviza specialise in career advice and we had two visits from the representative who met with pupils individually and explored their aspirations and wishes.

We were very happy to be visited by Sheila Hore who led a number of pottery sessions in the school. The students enjoyed this activity and made some amazing pottery butterflies and other animals. These will be available to purchase during our next open event.

A group of pupils also recently had the opportunity to participate in Parability. This is an annual sports event hosted by Blackbird Leys Sport Centre. All pupils really enjoyed their day taking part in various sporting activities and came back to school very tired but with smiles on their faces.

We are happy to announce that some building work will start in the school over the Easter holiday. Hexagon Hub, our new school café area, should be ready by the end of July. This is very exciting time for us as the café will increase the learning space in the building, as well as offering new learning opportunities to pupils. Some additional noise is expected across the school after Easter and our carpark might become a little busier. We have been preparing our pupils for the building work through social stories and other forms of communication aids.

The most exciting news was the arrival of 10 beautiful chicks. We had the full hatching (10 out of 10) this year, which is very exciting and a new experience. Our pupils have been looking after 5 male and 5 female chicks over the past couple of weeks and a number of the chicks will be leaving Endeavour Academy with staff members.

We also held our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of term which was enjoyed by all.

Lastly, I would like to wish you all an amazing Easter break and looking forward to seeing all students back in school on Wednesday April 24th.

SPRING TERM DATES

23/04/19 - Inset Day
24/04/19 - Back to School
06/05/19 - May Bank Holiday
08/05/19 - Activities Week
08-10/05/19 - Butlins
24/05/19 - Last day of Term
04/06/19 - Back to School

Staff Section

This term we have had four new starters at Endeavour Academy. We welcome: Emma Sharif, Victoria Heath, Stanislava Yennis and Sara Nalin.

We will also be welcoming Jenna Bent to join us at Endeavour Academy as Interim Deputy Headteacher after the Easter Holidays.

Wellbeing

As part of our wellbeing incentive, Endeavour Academy staff have formed a weekly running club.



Fundraising

This term has also been filled with various national and international fundraising days. Staff and students created this mosaic board of jigsaw pieces to celebrate world autism day.



Students have also been taking part in the Great British Spring Clean. This has involved students around the school and out in the local area litter picking.

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.

Facebook Page @Macintyreacademiustrust

School Events and News

Our most exciting news has been the hatching of 10 chicks at Endeavour Academy. All the students have enjoyed being involved in looking after the chicks and learning about them.



Student Achievement

At after school club, Mizan created this painting during his time with St Edwards School Students. Jan Honour, Endeavour's Business Manager, commissioned Mizan to paint a picture of a deer. An agreement was made for this painting and Mizan was paid for his work. Here you can see the result. The painting hangs proudly in Jan's office.



Parability

This term students had the opportunity to attend parability at Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre. A group of students spent the day enjoying a range of sporting activities.



Square Class



Shopping in a local supermarket with support



Batter recipe — Making pancakes



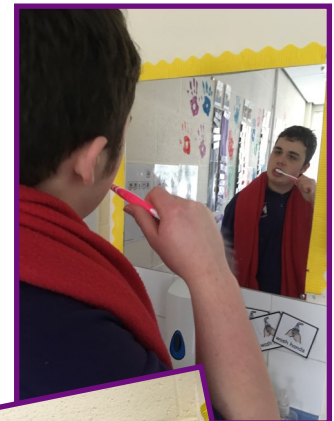
Horse care with support



Square Class



Taking part in a woodland



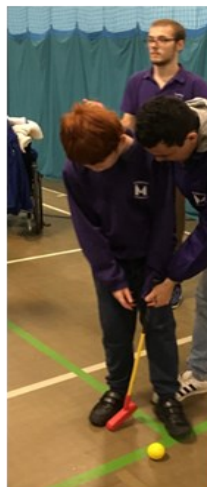
Brushing teeth

Making a papier mache animal money box



Star Class

Students from Endeavour school participated in 'Parability Games' which is a multi-school sports event influenced by the Paralympics with the ethos of 'sport for all'. Students participated in dodgeball, golf, cricket and running games. Our students played with peers from other schools and they did Endeavour Academy proud.



Star class have been creative this term, with celebratory days such as mother's day and Valentine's day. They have also worked on brightening their environment through creating mosaics that are displayed around the school and working on a mural at Barton Community Centre.



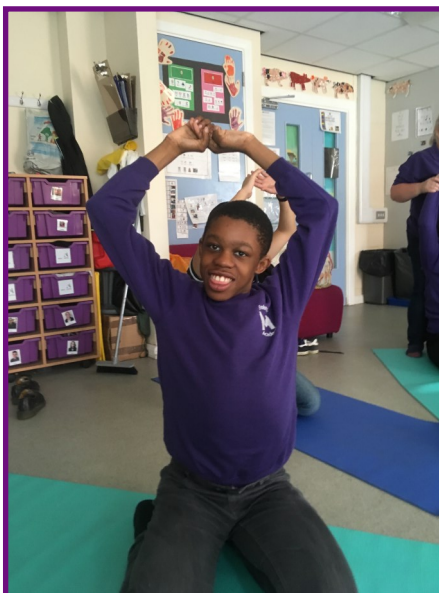
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Students have developed their independence skills through trips in the community. The type of skills developed include, preparing the items needed for a trip, following a schedule, sharing experiences with peers, reading a shopping list, money handling, buying ingredients for lunch and cooking lunch. Three students took the bus to Oxford to play 'Pooh sticks' inspired by Winnie the Pooh.



Triangle Class

This half-term Triangle class have been using the knowledge and skills they have been developing over this academic year to work towards achieving AQA Unit Awards. We have been focusing on life skills (social interaction, relaxation through yoga, washing hands, brushing teeth, shopping and road safety) sensory exploration through mosaic, stories, horticulture and Tac Pac (a relaxation activity combining touch and music) exploring our local community through walks, parks and community projects i.e. litter picking.



Triangle Class



Sensory



exploration



Community



walks



Circle Class

Another fantastic term for all the students in Circle class, we are all so proud of all our students for their continuous progress and hard work with work experience, ASDAN, Enterprise projects and AQA units.

Also we would just like to say a huge thank you to all young people, staff and visitors who have helped support our new Toasty Tuesday enterprise and for making it such a success. We are very excited to be starting a new project after the Easter holidays.



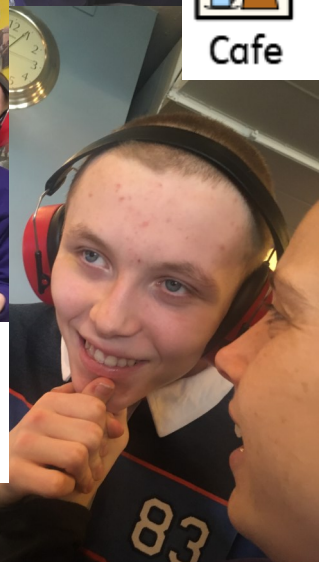
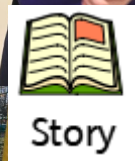
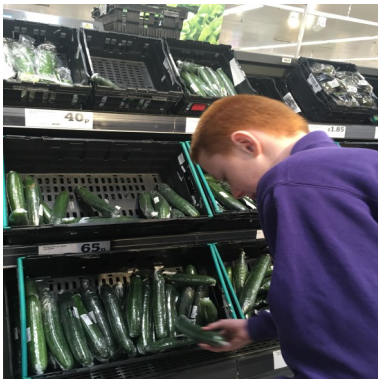


Diamond



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Diamond Class have been very busy working on our life skills. We have been spending lots of time in the community shopping, swimming, doing work experience and have occasional trips to the café making a choice about what we would like to eat!





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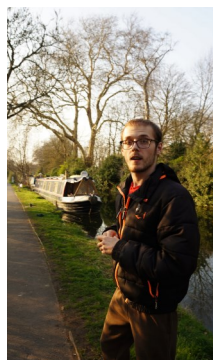
After School Club

This month we have enjoyed our new interactive floor that has lots of different games and sensory activities. We have been exploring in the community and enjoyed our local parks. We have also enjoyed our regular activities such as Art, Cooking, Soft Play and OT room.



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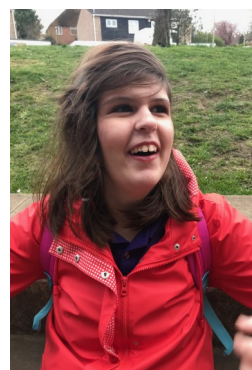
This term, children from Endeavour House have continued to enjoy an array of outings and activities. During the February half-term, students enjoyed going on the public bus to city-centre, walking along the canal, playing in local parks and soft-play centres, and reading in the public libraries.



Children in Endeavour House continue to enjoy helping with food preparation and meal planning. Recently, our children chose preferences for an Easter dinner roast. With the ongoing renovation of the house, the students have also been given the opportunity to choose what colour to paint their bedrooms. We are all enjoying our new showers and bathrooms, complete with sensors on the taps.



The children also took part in fundraising activities for comic relief including decorating their own t-shirts, wearing pajamas to school and a charity auction. Endeavour House raised £50.00 for comic relief.



Finally, Endeavour House would like to send a warm welcome to Sara in the role of Residential Support Worker. We also send a big congratulations to Hacer and Catherine in their new role of Residential Team Leader!