

# NEWSLETTER

## Endeavour Academy Newsletter

### Message From The Principal



Dear parents and guardians,

Our first half term back brought mixed feelings to us all. We had some very exciting, fun times but we also came together during sad moments.

I would like to say how much we have been missing Joseph, who passed away unexpectedly over the Summer holiday. Joseph and his family are in our hearts and we are currently working on creating an outdoor musical sensory corner in Joseph's memory. We are hoping to have this in place in the Spring term.

This term we welcomed 6 new pupils to Endeavour – Rehan, Charlie, Craig, Grace, Ashley and Hugo. They all settled really well, making friends and getting to know the school and staff.

I would also like to introduce a number of new staff members – Carlos, Rachel, Pato, JC and, of course Ralph, the school dog.

The school underwent lots of improvement over the summer holiday and at the beginning of the school term. We are very excited about our Hexagon Hub (Café area), fully refurbished library and sensory room and we have also introduced a Work Related Learning class. The improvement in the environment has been really beneficial to our pupils' learning, the sense of togetherness, community and also wellbeing.

We are now all looking forward to the next term and all the exciting events that we are planning.

Hope you have a lovely half term, it has been long term and all pupils deserve a good rest after a very busy 8 weeks in the school.

Michaela Soporova

## TERM DATES 2019/2020

4th November– 18th December

6th January- 14th February

25th February- 3rd April

20th April- 22nd May

2nd June– 21st July

## Inset days

19th December  
2019

16th March  
2020

## Our new Staff

Welcome to our new staff at Endeavour School and House;

TAs—Carlos Barrera Romera,  
Rachel Masters, Jean Carlo Manzano  
Verdesoto, Alberto Maqueda  
Kay Sage— After School Club Coordinator,  
Rhys Franklin & Argita Berisha—Receptionist/  
Administrators,  
Rosie Smith, Children's Home Service  
Coordinator, Ismail Chando and Elijah  
Yilokun, Residential Support Workers

## Some of our upcoming events

Children in need– 22nd November/  
Christmas fair and festive cafe

Parents evening - 5th December

Father Christmas visits -17th December

Christmas concert - 18th December



## 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 .

## A few of our school activities

### Student crafts

Cards hand made by the students have gone on sale in the school reception! The cards are perfect for any occasion where you can get 3 for just £5 or £2 each.



### Parents and Careers coffee and creative morning

Enjoyed a lovely morning with a few of our students' parents with some delicious treats and crafting.

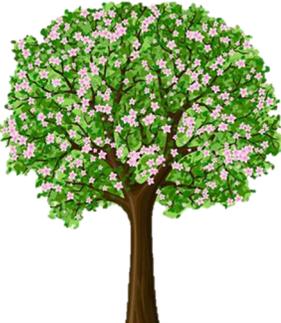


### we are here to help!

If you need any help with tasks such as organising haircuts, doctors appointments, clothes shopping or anything else do let us know and we will do everything we can to help. Let us know by popping a note in your home school diary, giving our office a ring or text the class.



# Celebration Days

| Term  | Dates              | Celebration   |
|---|--------------------|---|
|     | 11-15/11/2019      | Anti-bullying week<br>                 |
|   | 12/11/2019         | Children in Need and odd socks day<br> |
|   | 15/11/2019         | Tree dressing   |
|   | 01/12/2019         | Christmas jumper day  |
|   | 13/12/2019         | Burns night<br>                        |
|  | 25/01/2019         | National storytelling week<br>        |
|   | 28/01.- 04.02.2020 | Sports relief<br>                    |
|   | 09/02/2020         | Autism Awareness day  |
|   | 02/04/2019         | National Careers week<br>            |
|   | 02-07/03/2020      | Deaf Awareness week   |
|   | 07-13/05/2020      | National growing for well-being week (gardening)  |
|   | 03/06/2020         | Olympic games<br>                    |
|   | 20-22/07/2020      | Anti-bullying week  |

Our 4 legged friend Ralph

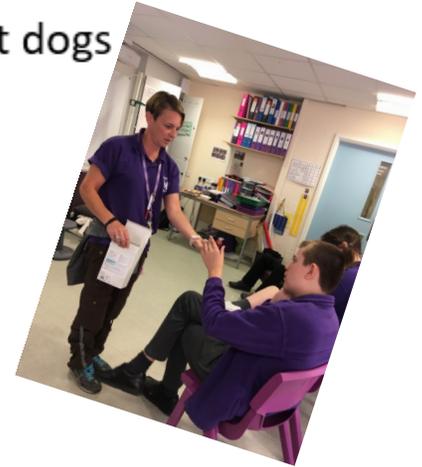


# Square Class October Newsletter

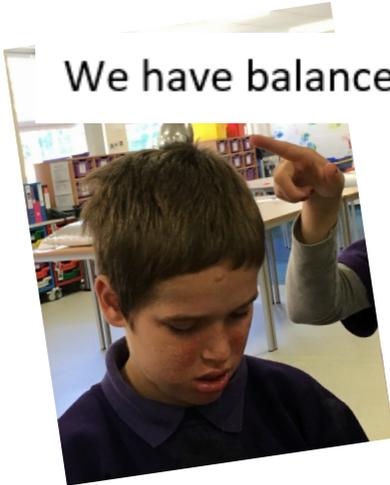
This term has been about food.



We have tasted chocolate in a sensory story about dogs colourful day.



We have balanced eggs on our heads in music



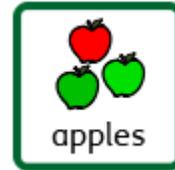
We went shopping for food for snack and afternoon tea in golden time.



We cooked and baked cakes and buns in the hexagon hub.



We made a gingerbread man collage in art and craft.



We cut and pressed apples at Earth Trust.



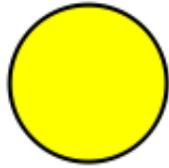
We tasted rice, smelled orange, listened to popcorn, touched jelly and looked at different food.



Participated by All

Typed by harry

# Circle Class



Circle



class

We go shopping



We use the phone to get the bus



We go on lots of fun trips



I had a job interview and

I help with the taxis



We go to  
wheels for all



My friends work at a café



# Circle Class

We go to cafes



We got a new dog his name ralph



We sell baguettes and jacket potatoes



We laugh a lot



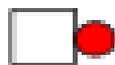
We gives people cakes



We work hard at the farm



Written



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# Star Class

## Star Class

We have some new students in star class. Sohna, Cosima and Kieran have come from square class, Ashley and Grace have come from another school. During this term the students of star class have been getting to know each other through working together in the classroom and out in the community.



Andrew at Earth Trust.



Ashley benefiting from reflexology.



John returning from the shops via the park.



Grace making a snack at Earth Trust.



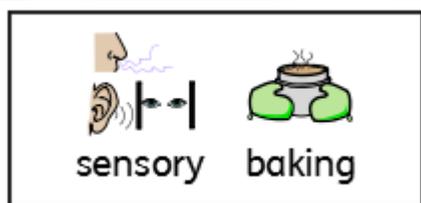
Jack taking care of Ralph the school dog.



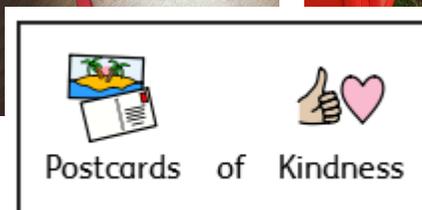
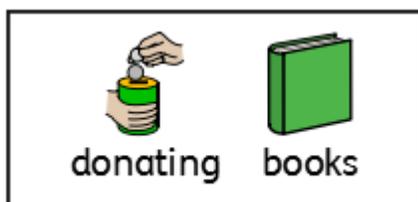
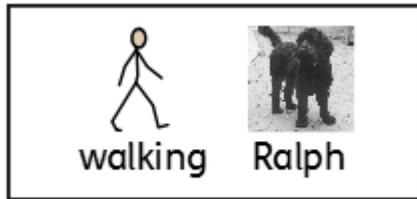
Kieran horse riding.

# Triangle Class

As we start a new school year it has been great to welcome new students and staff into Triangle class. All are settling in well and new relationships are being established through a wide range of practical learning activities. We all look forward to our weekly sensory baking sessions in the new Hexagon Hub and can frequently be found in the Work Experience room practising our office, hair dressing and horticulture skills.



Taking the curriculum out of the classroom is a key focus for Triangle class and this half-term we have practised our motor skills while taking Ralph on Autumn walks and enhanced our wellbeing at Earth Trust, climbing and during a visit from Music for Autism. We have also engaged in several community projects including sending 'Postcards of Kindness' to a local care home and supporting the Friends of John Radcliffe hospital by donating books and having snack in their café. The refurbished library and sensory rooms are welcome retreats when we have completing practical tasks towards our



# SCHOOL COUNCIL

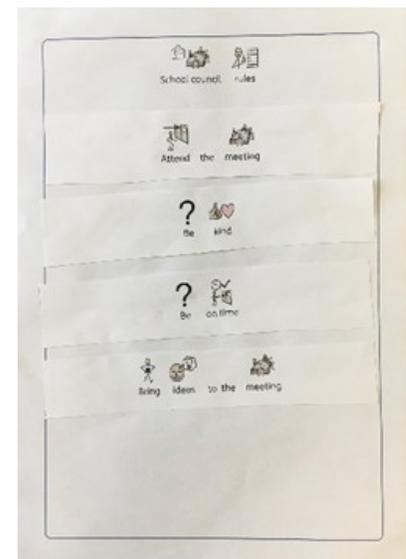
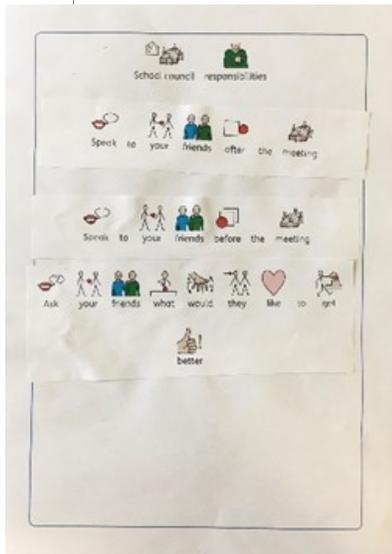


Elections were held on: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019

2019-2020 representatives are: Zaki, Jessica, Jack, Angel and Isobel.



Our first meeting was held on 18<sup>th</sup> October and we have been thinking what are school council rules and responsibilities.



Our next meeting will be held on: 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2 pm.

We will working on School Development Plan



# Duke of Edinburgh

It has been an exciting term as we introduce the Duke of Edinburgh award to Endeavour. Seven students across the school have started working towards their Bronze award. This award consists of 4 areas: Volunteering, Skill, Physical and Expedition.

Duke of Edinburgh is a nationwide recognised award , which allows our students to gain valuable skills and challenge themselves.

This term we have brought the students together across the school to take part in some team building activities, map reading and camp cooking outside .





Thame Barns Centre

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

&

# FESTIVE CAFE

Friday 22 November 2019

9.30am to 3pm

Fabulous local crafts and Christmas gifts

*Parking available*

***Thame Barns Centre***

*Church Road, Thame, OX9 3AJ*

# Endeavour House

All the children had a lovely summer break, making the most of the sunshine and enjoying a number of trips such as picnics, long walks in shotover woods, going to the cinema, the zoo, the beach, snakes & ladders, bowling and chilling out in the house with staff!

We welcomed Sasha, Hugo and Harry to Endeavour house and are joined by two new members of staff, Rosie & Zoe.



Staff enjoyed supporting children to take part in their activities and access the community.



The children had a fun filled summer spent with their friends & family and supported by staff. They were ready to return to school and start a new year!



The children were asked to choose their activities, ensuring that they could make the most of their time off and en-



The children enjoyed splashing around in the paddling pool!



A big thank you to everyone who helped over the summer!