

NEWSLETTER

Endeavour Academy Newsletter

Message From The Principal



Dear parents, guardians and friends of Endeavour,

This term we have worked really hard on settling back after the Christmas holidays. We have been heavily engaged in Duke of Edinburgh and our pupils have been cooking outdoors, shopping for outdoor equipment and making sure they are suitably dressed for any activity they might be undertaking in the January and February weather conditions – rain or shine we are out there having fun and learning new skills.

Our school council met this term to check how the Leadership Team is supporting pupils' needs and wishes and we are happy to announce that a number of actions have been met and few are now in process of completion such as a new basketball hoop in the playground, providing crisps in the café and a number of staff being trained in delivering aspects of Reflex Therapy.

Our staff team have undertaken a number of CPD opportunities and we are proud to announce that Helen is our 2nd Competent Intensive Interaction Practitioner with another four staff members working towards this status. Autism Education Trust delivered a 'Leading Good Autism Practice' course and we are very excited about our next steps within this framework.

Our Local Advisory Board welcomed a student representative for the first time. Benny did really well in expressing his feeling about Endeavour. He also tried to think what other young people might be feeling.

We are very pleased to announce that Endeavour Online Shop is now open on our website and you can order products from our pupils. Our pupils make amazing greeting cards, bird houses, decoration products such as mosaic mirrors etc. - Please have a look.

This term we welcomed two new staff members – Robyn and Teresa.

We had a number of students completing short placements with us and learning about Autism, communication and Endeavour's curriculum. Those included future teachers and paramedics. Endeavour also hosted Autism training for school professionals from schools across Oxfordshire.

Some exciting news for us all is the arrival of a new student. Zach will be joining Endeavour Academy after the half term. Zach came to visit school last Wednesday and is already settling into the school very well.

We have so many exciting plans for the next half term including the Easter Egg hunt and Music for Autism. I would like to bring your attention to the 26th March (15:00-18:00) - we will be hosting 'Parents workshops'. You will be able to find more information regarding Duke of Edinburgh, Communicating advice, Positive Behaviour Support advice and you will also have the opportunity to link with other parents.

I would like to wish you a lovely half term and just a gentle reminder that a training day is scheduled for the 24th February and the school will be back open to pupils on Tuesday 25th February.

Michaela

TERM DATES 2019/2020

6th January- 14th February

25th February- 3rd April

20th April- 22nd May

2nd June- 21st July

Inset days

24th February
2020

16th March
2020

1st June 2020

Our new Staff

School

New TAs: Robyn Cooper and Teresa Gonzalez



Some of our upcoming events

Music for Autism- 12th March 2020

MacIntyre Academies Staff Conference-
School will be closed-16th March 2020

Soundabout will be delivering their
'Reach for the Stars' interactive sensory
experience- 17th March 2020

Parents workshops- Alternative to par-
ents evening- 26th March

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

Duke of Edinburgh

Our Duke of Edinburgh students have been practising a variety of skills. The students have been out and about buying camping equipment, taking Ralph for walks as well as practising their cooking a map reading skills in the local area. The students are now preparing to do a full overnight camping trip.

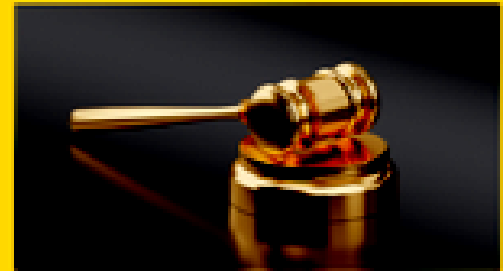


New equipment

We have recently had some brand new bike sheds fitted. We hope that this will encourage our staff to cycle to work and benefit both their health and the wider environment.



**Joint event being
held by
OxFSN &
OxPCF**



SEND Law Training

For Parents/Carers

With Steve Broach, Public Law Barrister

Steve Broach is a Public Law Barrister at Monckton Chambers who specialises in cases involving disabled children and young people. Steve is one of the co-authors of *Disabled Children: A Legal Handbook* (Legal Action Group, 3rd edition 2020). Steve acts for children, young people and families in courts and tribunals from the First-tier Tribunal to the Supreme Court. Prior to coming to the bar Steve worked in the voluntary sector, including for the National Autistic Society and the Council for Disabled Children, where he managed the 'Every Disabled Child Matters' campaign.

Outline of the day:

In the 'Law in a Day' training, Steve will cover the key law across education, health and social care as it affects disabled children and young people aged 0-25 and their families. He will address the main duties and powers created by the Children and Families Act 2014 and the Care Act 2014, as well as broader entitlements across, education, health and social care. The session will be interactive with time for questions throughout. However, Steve will not be able to provide any advice on individual cases.

This is a FREE event but to keep costs low, please bring your own lunch.

Refreshments will be available.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL VIA EVENTBRITE.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/93823710243>

PLACES ARE LIMITED

Please see our Facebook pages and websites

www.oxfsn.org.uk www.oxpcf.org.uk

Booking enquiries: info@oxpcf.org.uk




Tel: 07394 735666

















**OXFORDSHIRE
PARENT CARERS FORUM**




The Voice of Parent Carers in Oxfordshire







**Wednesday 4th March
10am to 2pm**


 square
  class
  newsletter

 we
  have been
  learning
  about
  people
  power

 we
  have
  read
  books
  about
  mum
  dad
  me

 baby
  grandpa
  grandma

 we
  made
  a
  book
  about
  me

 here
 are some of the pages from the books we made

written by harry

My Name is



Kieran

My Favourite thing is

 reading
 reading



My Favourite book

we go up

Hugo's Family

Mum Sister

Dad Hugo

Brother

I like



swimming



drawing



sweets



park



swings



cheese



My Family



Sister




Samuel?




Mum and Dad


I Like




swings



biscuits




eating




Charlie


My Family



Mummy and Daddy



brother



sister

I like to...





drawing



balls

My Friends

My Family



Brother



Brother





Mum and Dad.



Jessica

I Like

MUST HAVE TOYS

Circle Class

I have been to work



We do woodwork



We have a new burrito café I have a governors meeting



We walk ralph



We see chickens at the farm



Circle Class

I spend time with my best friend Angel.



I go to the gym and swimming.



We do mosaic.



We go to Wheels for All.



We work at jacket potato café.



We go to the café.



Star Class

In January students from Endeavour took part in a multi-school table cricket tournament with a strong turnout from star class. The table cricket game follows the same rules as cricket. The difference is students play with a miniature bat and there is a ramp for bowling a smaller ball.

We trained throughout December and January for the tournament having weekly visits from Oxford cricket board to help students develop cricket skills. These sessions were a great learning experience for our students. They encouraged students from different classes to share space together, play, take turns and have fun together. They were great shared experiences.

The tournament took place in St. Marys Church, Wheatley. Many other schools from Oxfordshire were there. Our students represented the school well showing good sportsmanship as well as a competitive edge. We finished second in our group. We just missed out on reaching the final and moving up to the regional finals which is something we achieved last year. Most importantly, the students had great fun and were a credit to the school.



Triangle Class

This term our topic has been People Power and in Triangle class we have been learning about ourselves and how our bodies work. To achieve this our students and staff have started each morning with an OT morning organising program. This has included alerting (trampoline, star jumps and running), organising (crab walks, push ups and body rolls) and ending with relaxation including hand and foot massage.

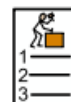
With their brains and bodies ready for learning our students have amazed us by their engagement and progress in a range of life skills. The photos tell the story better than words could.



OT



morning

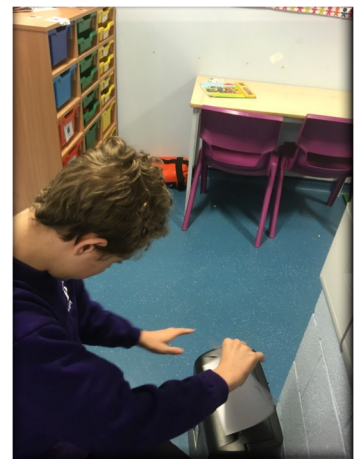


organising



hygiene



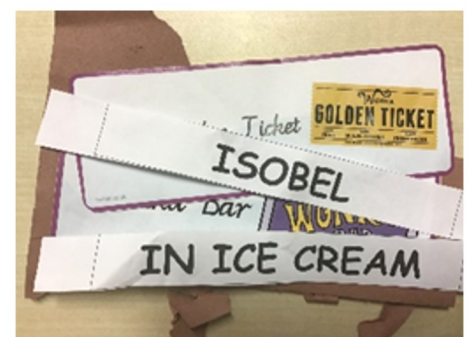


Occupational Therapy

In Occupational Therapy it has been a busy term!! We have been focusing on reintroducing and 'sprinkling' Occupational Therapy throughout the student's day. This often starts with Morning Organising first in the morning - where the circuit is changed every week to work out achieving a 'calm alert' state for learning and developing our motor skills! We have been working with the class teams to integrate any recommendations into the student's typical routines and providing training and up skilling to staff about Occupational Therapy and sensory processing.



There has also been a lot of 'behind the scenes' work such as attending Paediatric and LDCAMHS Clinics, where we have met some of the families of our young people. Other behind the scenes work that has been taking place are creating Occupational Therapy programs, writing EHCP reports and attending Annual Review meetings and where possible linking in with other professionals involved in the students care - to ensure joint up working. Nicola has been busy delivering OT programs throughout the term, working on everything from walking endurance to self-care tasks to being able to self-occupy!



We also had fantastic peer to peer interactions in our book group, where we followed the AQA English award, as guidance only, where students had an in depth look at characters in the Roald Dahl classic Charlie and the Chocolate factory. It was very popular and we have continued in this term with stories about 'People Power'.

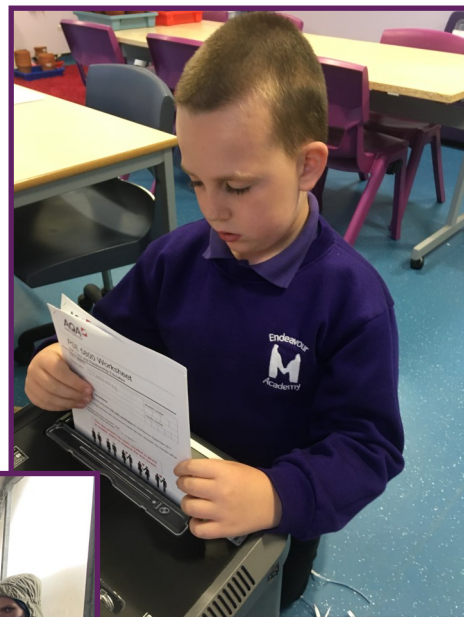
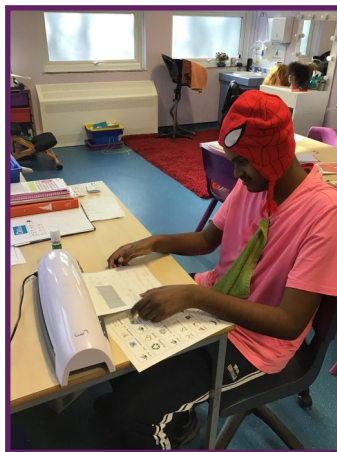
Speech and Language Therapy

In Speech Therapy we have been focusing on using visual schedules to help students become more independent when they are completing specific tasks, such as preparation for jacket potato café. The staff are working hard to improve their signing skills and learning new signs each week. We have had our first two staff members gain their Intensive Interaction Competent Practitioner Award, congratulations to Helen Cashman & Alex Galvez! Intensive Interaction is a way of students being aware of and sharing in moments of communication with staff, and building on this interaction.



TALENTINO® !

Talentino is a careers coaching programme. The school has taken a new approach into promoting and teaching skills ready for the work place. The students in each class have been participating in new work experience opportunities and enterprise. This includes, hairdressing, office skills, catering and horticulture.



After School Club

This term we have been busy bees, doing a wide range of activities. Our young people really look forward to our community visits, these might be a shopping trip into Headington or a visit to one of the many cafes for milkshakes or a bun! Weather permitting there might even be time for a run around the park.



This has enabled our children to develop road safety awareness and feel at ease when in a busy city.



We have been asking our young people to try different foods and encouraging them to help in the kitchen as much as possible with preparing our evening meals.



It is a joy to see our young people growing in confidence and caring for each other.



Endeavour House



January has been a fantastic month at Endeavour House, with a great transition back to school after the Christmas holidays!

The children and young people have enjoyed many activities throughout January during their stays at Endeavour House, including walks to Shotover woods, visits to the city centre, shopping and cinema trips.

When the weather hasn't been so generous, the children and young people in the house have been taking part in arts and craft sessions, baking, going to trampoline parks, soft play centres and swimming in the local pool which is often a favourite activity.

After welcoming our new Head of Care in December, Raul has settled in to his new role brilliantly and has quickly become an amazing part of the team.

