

Newsletter from Michaela Soporova, Assistant Principal

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Dear parents, Carers and Families,

Endeavour Academy had another brilliant and busy week.

We have welcomed Clare Goodall back to Endeavour, she will be continuing to run exciting arts and crafts workshops weekly. The focus of this week's session was on creating faces with geometric shapes and the hall was filled with amazing, colourful art work. All students settled well to the session and enjoyed the sensory experience.

Three young people attended their first trampoline session at Oxford Academy. They really enjoyed themselves, engaging every muscle in their bodies. Our partnership with Oxford Academy does not stop there. This week we also welcomed Joel, who is a Sports Coach at Oxford Academy. Joel will be coming to Endeavour every Wednesday to lead a sport session focussing on games, cooperation, balance and team work.

A new group of students have been participating in Yoga this term, with Zoe Pattmore from Tatty Bumkins and some extraordinary progress has been taking place during these sessions.

Four students went to HorseWyse this week for our first horse riding session and returned very excited with the biggest smiles on their faces. They all stroked the horses and ponies, walked them around the arena, some students sat on the horse confidently and others had a ride on the cart. You can see photographs of this on our Twitter page.

We joined the national 'Speak Like a Pirate' day on Tuesday this week and some staff yet again enjoyed dressing up. The pirate hat Cathy kindly brought in changed its ownership a number of times during the day. We also enjoyed finding out our pirate names using an online name generator. If you are interested in finding out what your name would be if you were a pirate you can find out by clicking on the web link <http://gangstaname.com/names/pirate#.WcOmnE3wuUk>

Each week during our Celebration Assembly we present certificates to “stars of the week”.

This week’s stars are:

Triangle class: Harry Axford
Square class: Theo Bannister
Star class: John Hemingway
Circle class: Anna Wiater
Science: Alex Dunlop
Staff team: Cathy Clark

Recruitment

During the last two weeks interviews have taken place for Teaching Assistant positions and we have had the privilege of meeting some interesting applicants. We have offered two full time positions and one relief position. We are pleased to say that one full time position and the relief position were accepted and we are hoping to welcome the new staff to the Endeavour family within next couple of weeks. We are also interviewing for Residential Support Workers over the coming weeks.

Next Week

We have a week filled with number of exciting activities and visitors.

On Monday 25th September, we will be joined by 4Motion Dance Theatre, who will lead on dance sessions for the school.

On Tuesday 26th September, our young people will have the opportunity to participate in a Mini Beasts workshop facilitated by Zoolab. We should see number of small animals, beetles and reptiles and students will have a chance to learn about their habitats,

On Friday 29th September, we will join the MacMillan World’s Biggest Coffee Morning in all classes.

Have a good weekend



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