

**NEWSLETTER FROM  
MICHAELA SOPOROVA, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  
20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

Dear Parents, Guardians and Families,

The last week of the term is usually difficult for students as they prepare for the half term holiday. However, we have all had another brilliant week filled with learning and trying new things. All pupils have taken their learning very seriously and have worked very hard in the classrooms as well as offsite.

On Monday we celebrated “World Food Day” and students had the opportunity to taste, see, smell and touch food from different countries around the world. The Spanish kitchen was especially popular with the ‘real deal’ omelette.

A number of students attended a ParAbility event at Blackbird Leys Pool & Leisure Centre. All students had a fantastic time, showing their physical abilities, trying new sporting activities and socialising with other young people from Oxfordshire Schools.

Coral Romain, our new interim Principal, came to spend time with us on Wednesday and Thursday this week. She had a chance to meet the students and see them during learning activities as well as during play time. We are all very excited to have her at Endeavour full time after the half term holiday.

**Stars of the week**

Triangle:	Luke H
Square:	Cosima
Star:	Mizan
Circle:	Jamie C
Staff:	Raphaelle

### **Recruitment and staff leaving**

We held number of interviews this week and offered 3 full time teaching assistant posts and 1 relief residential support worker post.

We have said a sad goodbye to Raphaelle who is going to spend more time with her family. Sheena is moving to Endeavour House and will be an excellent addition to a growing team.

We would also like to say a big THANK YOU to Fiona for helping us this term. However, this is not goodbye as we will be working closely with her and her MacIntyre School team.

### **After Half Term Holiday**

The next half term will be another busy one with a number of external visitors, exciting guests and whole school events and activities.

We will be holding a "Sponsored Shared Reading" in the school next term but this will also be a brilliant family activity on those grey, cold evenings when all you want to do is have a 'cwtch' (Welsh equivalent of a cuddle) under a cosy blanket and let the imagination grow.

In the first week after half term we welcome back the 4 Motion Dance Theatre who will be holding their second workshop in the school hall on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October we will have a **Halloween Party**. The party starts at 2pm and students will have the chance to play 'spooky games' in the school hall and the dining room. **Face painting might be used, so please let the teacher or the office know if your child can not participate in this activity.** Students can come to school dressed for Halloween or keep their costumes in the bag and change just before the party.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term.



**Michaela Soporova**  
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