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## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, guardians and family,

We hope you have all had a lovely week.

We celebrated 'Hug a bear' day and each class had their own activities tailored to the class group. Students were engaged in sensory bear activities throughout the week. A number of teddy bears visited Endeavour and a Teddy Bear Picnic was a popular event for students and staff. We also watched the new M&S Christmas advert starring Paddington Bear.

We have focussed on Remembrance activities this week including a Remembrance Assembly. The decorating and selling of Poppy cookies was amazing and very tasty.

Two students had an amazing community experience, going to the cinema, shopping, lunch in town and taking two different public buses to get back to school. This was an amazing achievement for both students.

Some of our students were invited to a Birthday Party in Bicester. The invitation came from a former student, Mikey. The party took place in a trampoline park and the interactions between all involved was a fantastic and joyous experience.

This week we have added two computer stations installed in our school library, allowing more focused ICT sessions to take place.

We thought you would like to know that during the recent review of special schools and colleges **Oxfordshire has been cited as a good practice in term of placement and planning for SEND, naming Endeavour Academy specifically.**

### **Star of the week:**

Triangle: Luke

Square: Zaki

Star: John

Circle: Anna

Staff: Cathy

### **Staff Training and CPD development:**

Four members of staff attended an iPad training session this week. The training was focussed specifically on using iPads as a communication tool.

Coral and Adam attended a Leadership Conference in Milton Keynes with number of inspiring speakers.

Raul and Marissa extended their Safeguarding knowledge by attending Oxfordshire Safeguarding Board's training on Safeguarding for Disabled People.

Luke attended training this week on Social Story Writing.

### **Endeavour House**

This week Endeavour House have welcomed Apolline as a new Support Worker. Recruitment for Endeavour House is going well and job offers have been made to several candidates who are currently in the recruitment system. We look forward to welcoming them on board soon.

Endeavour House have been very busy with lots of activities and trips in the local community, cooking and swimming. They will also start visiting Thomley's Youth Club every Thursday from next week.

### **Next week:**

Next week is Anti-Bullying Awareness week. The theme this year is 'All Different, All Equal' and we will concentrate on friendships and how to be kind and accept each other.

The School Council meeting will be held on Monday and we will be making a 'Tolerance Poster'.

Next week we also welcome Megan Edmans, who will be undertaking work experience on a Monday each week and Oxford Brookes University BSc Paramedic Students Leah Hunt and Michael Chan who will be with us for 2 weeks.

Have a lovely weekend,



**Michaela Soporova**  
**Assistant Principal**