



# MacIntyre Academies

## Endeavour Academy

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### NEWSLETTER

**1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

Dear Parents, Guardians and families,

This week Endeavour welcomed the Reed Trio from Music for Autism. All students really enjoyed the orchestral music, joining in with conducting, playing some instruments, singing, dancing or just sitting down and listening to the beautiful music. Macintyre School from Wingrave also joined us for part of the day, giving everyone an opportunity for some positive interactions between students and staff. We are very keen to continue this relationship with MacIntyre School students sharing facilities and experiences.

We have also been visited by Angela Turton, the Head of the Oxfordshire County Music Service, who is keen for us to join a nationwide musical event in London next year. We will be linking with local secondary schools and looking at a buddy system for this event. We will keep you updated on this exciting project.

Our Christmas preparations are now in a full flow and we have number of activities planned for the next couple of weeks. Please see the attached Christmas calendar.

During the afternoons and evenings this week students have joined in with art and craft activities, music, cooking and baking.

#### **Students' individual achievements:**

Cosima had a very calm visit to the doctor as she was not feeling well, Adam has had a brilliant week being more accepting of others, Luke has been very playful and joined in with all the music events this week and Nico had a brilliant transition visit.

### **Staff development:**

Our second cohort of Autism awareness training have been submitting their application forms and our cohort 3 will be signing up at the beginning of January.

On Friday all the staff team have participated in face-to-face Safeguarding training, ensuring that our care is of the highest standards.

### **Next week:**

Students will be purchasing and dressing a Christmas tree. On Tuesday we will have a Virtual Reality morning with our young people, having the opportunity to try Google Goggles and on Wednesday we will be visited by the 'Wild Boar Ideas' company who will do an interactive puppet show.

We are also looking forward to seeing many of you during the parents' evening sessions. Please contact the office if you have not yet booked your slot. There is so much to celebrate and it will be brilliant to share this with you. You will also have the opportunity to meet the class teams as well as the broader school community.

### **Miss:**

We are proud to share that Cathy (Square Class teacher) donated her hair to 'the Little Princess Trust', please check their website for all the amazing work they are doing.

<http://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>



With the outside temperatures dropping rapidly please ensure you send your child to school with a hat, gloves and scarf, as we do spend lot of time outdoors. If you have any difficulties providing these please let us know and we can provide support where possible.

Have a lovely weekend,

**Michaela Soporova  
Assistant Principal**