

NEWSLETTER

Endeavour Academy Newsletter

Message From The Principal



Dear parents and friends of Endeavour,

Firstly, I would like to say the biggest THANK YOU for your ongoing support during such a difficult time. We know that things are not easy and you have all been so understanding. The reduced timetable and the rapid change of offered school activities has been difficult for so many pupils, but we were astonished how well they all coped and adjusted to the lockdown and the 'new normal'. We have been trying to provide as much schooling as possible for everyone either from the school building or remotely and we are hoping that you feel well supported.

We have been working hard on delivering aspects of our school curriculum without the access of the wider community. This has been challenging, but not impossible, and the staff teams have been very creative with activities they have been able to offer. The Spring and Summer terms have been full of walks, gardening in our new horticulture area, working in the office and utilising our outdoor area.

Our use of the Hexagon Hub has increased rapidly in the last 3 months. This increase was planned for the Summer term however, since our school lunch's provider stopped delivering food at the beginning of the lockdown, Helen and the team have been cooking lunches every day. Our young people have been helping so much and the 'Lunch Preparation' is now part of timetable for few pupils. They are doing amazingly.

Ralph became even more popular during lockdown than he already was. He has been getting more grooming, walking and playing. He is spending his weekends resting and sleeping.

The school preparation for September and the upcoming year is very much underway and any transitions within the classes will be managed by the class teachers and their team. Your letters will be on their way during the next week. They will inform you what class and staff members will be supporting your child next academic year.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold a Prom this year however we are planning a small and less formal 'send off' for Sasha and Isobel, who will be greatly missed next year. We would like to wish them all the best to their new adventure and we hope they will stay in touch and visit us sometimes.

I would like to ask all parents to complete a feedback form that will be emailed/posted to them in next couple of weeks. A small number of you have completed this in the past, however, we would like to get some more feedback while we are preparing for the new academic year. This is your opportunity to have your say on the running of the Academy and it really help us with planning for the upcoming academic year.

Just a quick reminder – the 1st and 2nd September will be an Inset day with a number of training sessions for our staff with the main focus on Safeguarding and Health and Safety.

Take care,

Michaela

TERM DATES

Last day of summer term 21st July 2020

First day of Autumn term 3rd September 2020

Our new Staff

School: We have welcomed Andrea Torres, Cati Bohm and Max Mohammed as new TAs in the school!

House: We have also welcomed Veronica Weise, Lenin Rivas, Raquel Jimenez, Manuel Medina, Paula Sanchez and Adebola Olasunkanmi as Residential Support Workers

Upcoming events

School Parties for our leavers 15th July!
We will be saying goodbye to Izzy and Sasha



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

Living eggs

Our living eggs proved to be highly popular with both the staff and students alike. Their adorableness will be missed and we wish them luck in their new homes.



Recycling

We have had a new collection of recycling bins delivered for each of our classes ready to help mother nature.



Square Circle Class

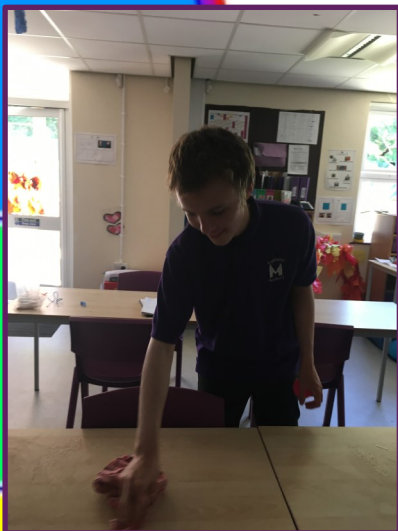
This term has been about:



Enjoying simple things such as playing music with our peers in our playgrounds. Listening to beats and enjoying the sunshine.

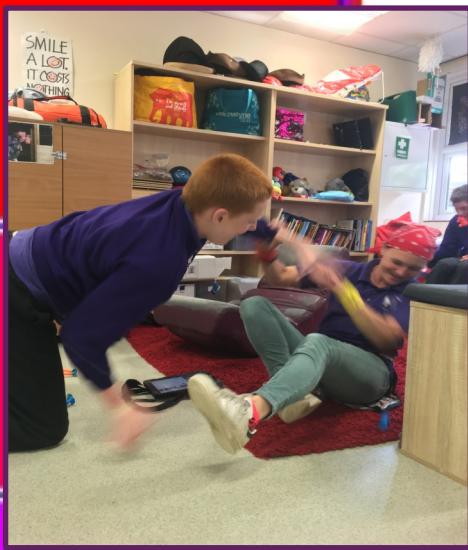


Sharing walks in the community and local forests and parks.



And being responsible for keeping our classroom clean and safe for me and my peers.

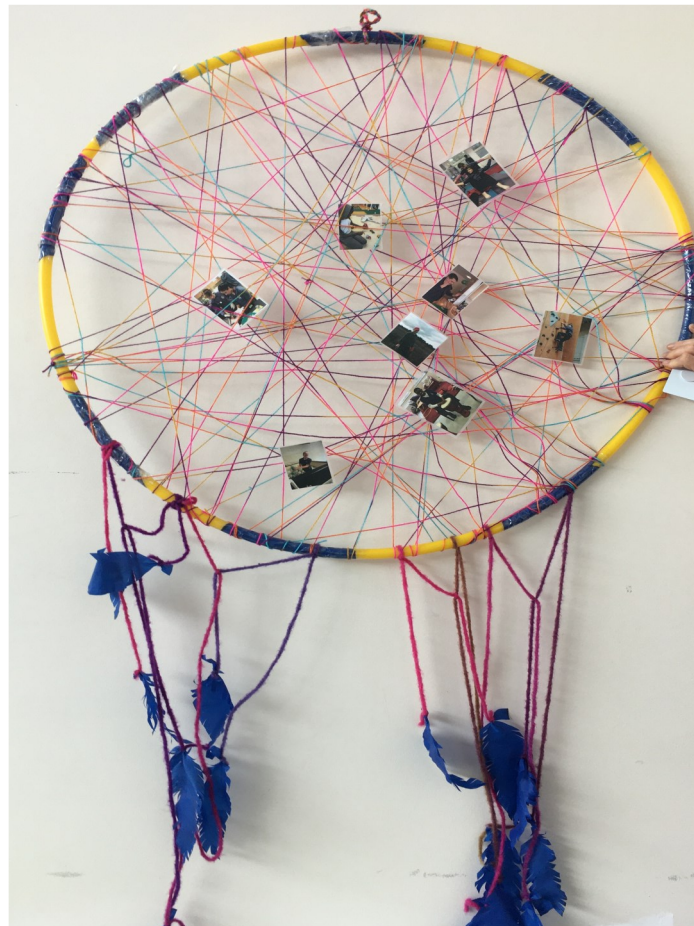




To look after our wellbeing we have prioritized meaningful playtime and amazing yoga sessions with Emma.



And last but not least, we put up on the wall our DREAM CATCHER



Circle Class

We have been posting letters to our friends



Birthday celebrations



We all had fun



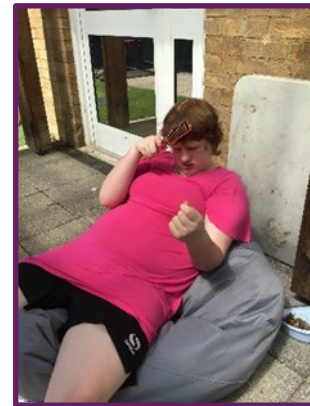
We had j20



I do some dance lots of people came
Thank you everyone for coming

Star Class

During lockdown our students haven't been able to access the community like before. However, they have still been developing life skills and enjoying the outside environment in the safety of school. The pictures show Kieran and Sohna working on a horticulture project. Kieran learnt to ride a bike in under a week. He somehow managed this without ever falling off. He is now regularly cycling around the playground with Cosima. Grace is shown brushing her hair outside and John gaining baking skills. John has also developed some good basketball skills.



We recognise the extra responsibility and support parents and carers have given during lockdown with many students on reduced timetables or self-isolating. The pictures show Jack working from home doing maths and baking.



Triangle Class

We are so proud of all our students in triangle class who have endeavoured to gain and develop new skills in a variety of areas. All students have achieved a wide range of AQA unit awards, gained work related learning and experienced sensory/therapy opportunities.



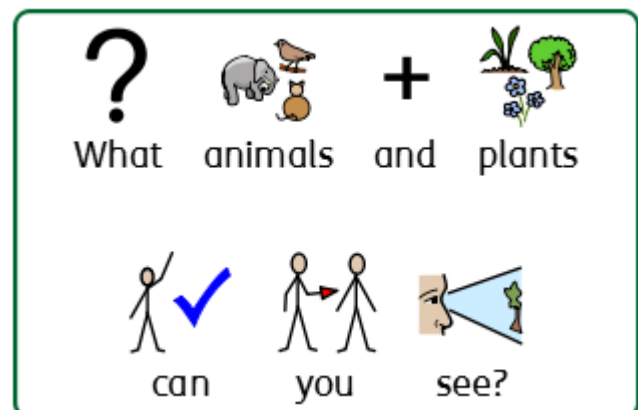
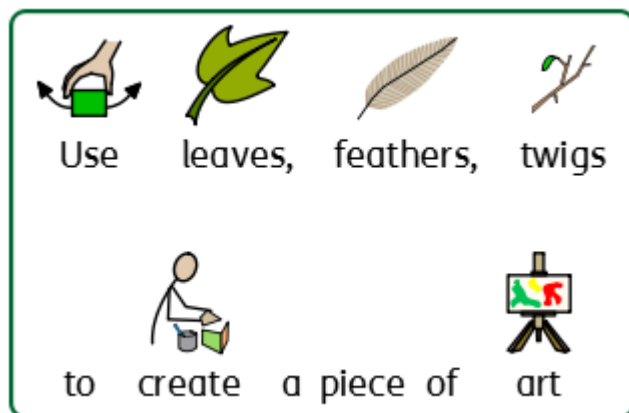


30 Days Wild

As many of us have been stuck indoors now is the time to safely enjoy the beautiful countryside across Oxfordshire and the Wildlife Trust's 30 Days Wild project has lots of ideas to incorporate into our daily walks. Their Random Acts of Kindness cards provide opportunities for our young people to explore and learn more about the wildlife around them.

Below are just a few of the 30 ideas but the full selection can be found on their website

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/news/countdown-starts-30-days-wild>



Lunch in the wild

Take your sandwiches outside and sit on a blanket or under a tree



Create

a



bird



feast

with



fruit,



cheese

+

and



seeds



Listen

for



wild



sounds

Snap a blue photo

Butterflies, damselflies or even a clear blue sky



Read a wild book

Find a book about wild creatures and read outside



Relax,



do



yoga

or



listen to music



outdoors

After School Club

This term has been a little different due to the Corona virus but we've still been very busy, the weather has been glorious so we've been doing a lot of our activities outside.

Some of our young people have been learning new skills such as learning to ride a bicycle, playing a new game and even paper folding.

The children and staff collectively made things to go on our new Healthy Eating board in the Hexagon Hub, it's nice and bright and helps us to check if we're eating a balanced diet while still having treats.

We would like to thank all our families for your continued support and positive messages we have received this term and we're looking forward to the next one.





MacIntyre Academies

Endeavour House

May 2020



We have had a great month at Endeavour House and have really enjoyed the sunny weather! Despite all of the changes happening surrounding the lockdown, we have had a lot of fun. We have been enjoying nature with lots of walks around Port Meadows, Thame nature reserve, Cutteslowe Park, Christchurch meadows and much more for lovely walks in the fresh air.

Over the half term holidays we enjoyed a picnic at Kidlington meadows and had a paddle in the river.

At the house we have a new paddling pool set up in the garden and have been having lots of fun playing in the water and enjoying the warm weather.

We have welcomed Paula, Raquel, Lenin, Veronica and Manuel to our team as Residential Support Workers. We have also welcomed Adebola as part of our Waking Night team.

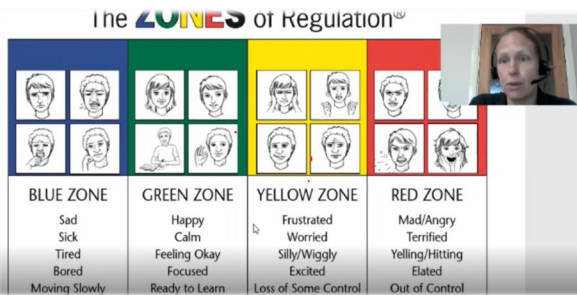


Endeavour Therapy Team

It has been a busy term for the therapy team! We have been involved in the learning intentions meetings and health goal setting for the rest of the year for our young people. We have been supporting our young people and their families under the uncertain circumstances of COVID-19. Our speech team has been tirelessly working to create resources that support transitions during the different working day of the students and the staff. They have also supporting the new learning intentions by creating various resources to help students best achieve their goals.

We have continued our therapy provision as safe to do so under the circumstances. This has included sending morning organizing (also called sensory circuit's), intensive interaction, relaxation sessions, and virtual sessions. As well as facilitating access to the therapeutic environment around the school such as the ball pool, sensory room and therapy room.

Intensive interaction continues throughout the school with Alex leading on this and students and staff making some lovely progress in their interactions.



Kate has been busy making training videos on lots of different topics to support both parents and staff in the therapeutic approach at Endeavour.

The OT team has been busy supporting self-care skills such as washing, dressing and nail care. The therapy team continue to meet (virtually) and work towards various team goals.

Alex and Nicola have been developing 'small world play' sessions where they use story telling alongside play and students are free to explore imaginative play alongside peers. These sessions have been very successful and we are planning on expanding in the new academic year.



The OT team has welcomed Hacer, a Masters OT student from Oxford Brookes, who also works at Endeavor house, who has been fantastic at supporting the OT team this term. She has also been working one on one with some students to develop specific skills.

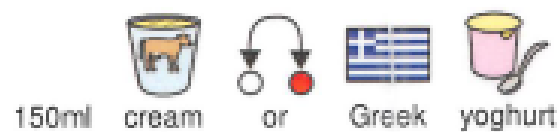
Behind the scenes the therapy team has been busy working on finishing pupils learning journeys and EHCP reports, developing training, and updating risk assessments, as well as planning for next school year.

The Hub

A few easy peasy recipes from the Hub



300g SR flour



 Put  flour  into  mixing  bowl




 Add  cream  or  yoghurt and  stir  with a  knife

 Slowly  add  enough  lemonade

 until  dough  comes  together

 Knead  until  smooth

 Flatten  a little

 Make **6** - **8**  circle shapes  using a  cutter

 Put  onto  a  lined  baking tray



smarties cookies



100g butter



100g light muscovado sugar



1 tablespoon golden syrup



150g self-raising flour

3 tubes of smarties (85g)



smarties cookies



preheat the oven to 160



put the butter and sugar into a bowl and mix



add the syrup and mix. Add half of the flour



add the smarties and rest of the flour and mix



make the mixture into balls and place into the tray



12



bake in the oven for 12 minutes

Oxfordshire 2020/21 Academic Calendar

Pupil Days

Bank holidays

School holidays

Inset day

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Students: 190 days
Teachers: 195 days

Pupil days shown include four to be selected by schools as additional INSET days
Teacher working days include five INSET days

Autumn Term: 73 days
Spring Term: 58 days
Summer Term: 63 days