



Endeavour Academy Newsletter

Message From The Principal



Dear parents and friends of Endeavour,

We are so pleased to welcome everyone back to Endeavour Academy for this school academic year. All our young people have settled back into school life really well and they were all pleased to see their friends after the summer holiday.

We have welcomed three new students – Catherine, JayJay, Jasmine and a number of new staff members. We have been getting to know each other and are starting to develop some amazing relationships.

Our young people have surprised us so much by their ability to accept the 'new normal'. Although a number of regular activities have now started again (trampoline, farm, horse riding) there are still lots of activities that we can't access such as swimming or climbing. Our young people have been very patient and calm and as we all know, such changes can be unsettling, but we have been astonished by how amazingly everyone is coping. We are providing lots of new opportunities within the school building and the outside space. In this newsletter you will be able to see the progress made within the school environment, as well as all the amazing learning that has been taking place this term.

We are really looking forward to the next term and all the preparations for Christmas celebrations/Winter holiday.

I hope you enjoy your half term.

Michaela

TERM DATES 2020

2nd November 2020-18th December 2020

<u>Christmas holidays 18th December2020 -4th</u> <u>January 2021</u>

Our new Staff

We welcome this new term with new starters

School: Liv, Tier, Hannah, Maria, Chrissie, Maryam and Lenin to the school as our new TAs and Finlay as our new Facilities Assistant

House: Antonio, Lisa, Emily, Beatriz, Marta, Beth, Laura C and Laura have joined us as Residential Support Workers

Upcoming events

Getting ready for Christmas

Christmas open event 16th December 2020



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.

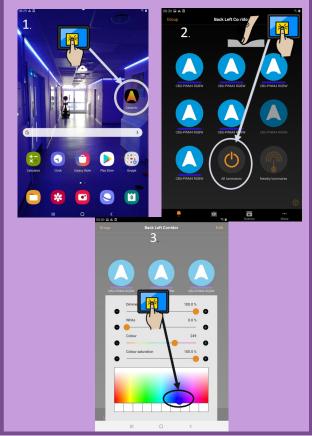
A few of our school activities

With the easing of Covid restrictions the students have been able to get back out and about. This has included returning to some old favourites such as horse riding and Vana farm!





We have recently installed a brand new set of sensory lights all across the school. These lights can be controlled by both the staff and students utilising tablets installed in the corridors. These can be used to customise the lights however the user wants such as colour and brightness. We even have picture based instructions next to each tablet for the students to use.







We have been learning how to be safe in shops and on the buses. Choosing between masks and face shields.



We have been looking after our wellbeing, through relaxations, massages, TAPPAC and lovely Yoga sessions.



Within our topic Explorers we have been working hard developing social, independence, wellbeing and knowledge skills.

Circle Class





We have been staying safe.

We have been washing hands, doing lost of cleaning and We been wearing masks on trips. By Benny



Star Class

It's been a great first term back at school for Star Class. We welcomed two new students into class, Zaki and Jasmine. Both have settled in well to the class. The students have returned to working in the community, with three of the class working at Vana Farm and also we have had nice walks in the community to do shopping, to play with peers in the park or to just exercise. Students have been working hard on their own individual targets. We look forward to making more progress next term.



Kieran working towards a pottery qualification



Jasmine following a schedule.



Sohna carrying out an experiment.





Some of our students have been learning through structured play. This has developed social skills as well as speech and language.

We have been developing office skills in star class, including, shredding, answering a phone, using a stapler and filing. Star class have been working at gaining personal hygiene skills, such as washing hands, showering, brushing teeth, putting on deodorant. We have been learning the dangers of bacteria and how to prevent bacteria



Triangle Class

It has been lovely to see students back in Triangle class after the summer break and to welcome Catherine and Jerald to our class. This term our topic is 'Explorers' so we have been busy exploring the school environment including the exciting new spaces being created in the outdoor area and learning about our bodies and how to use them in a range of wellbeing activities. Alongside this our focus has been on extending communication and independence skills.























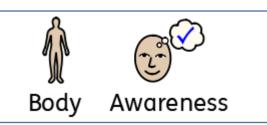


















Therapy

Welcome Becky

Welcome to Becky Underdown – the NHS Speech Therapist who is on site on Mondays. Becky is working closely with the Speech Therapy team and is supporting a number of students on

site! Welcome Becky!



Students:

We have been fortunate enough to have some Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy Students who have joined us over this term. Depending on the placement length students can spend anywhere from a few weeks to months with us. Students learn about Autism, multi-disciplinary team working, as well as how we deliver therapy in this setting.



Sensory Circuits in the Corridor

One of the projects over the summer holidays was to install a sensory circuit in the corridor! We also have a rock climbing wall and new exercise equipment around the corridors which mean that students can access sensory regulation at any time of day! This is in addition to the daily sensory circuits that are completed daily in the hall.







Elklan Training

Kate has begun running this accredited training, and 11 staff members from Endeavour are working hard in the weekly session and completing work outside of this to show their skills in 'supporting communication for 0-25's with complex needs'. It is fantastic to have this dedicated time to think about and improve on our communication interactions and support.

Word of the Week

Each week the SALT team focus on one key word, showing the signs, symbols and where these appear in the various communication systems being used across the school. There are also some ideas for activities that can be done at home or at school for each word. Check out the school website to see the words and activities so far.



After School Club

It's been a very busy start to the Autumn term, with the colours on the trees changing & the weather feeling a little chillier, we've been taking inspiration from this with our young people contributing to an Autumn display for the Reception area, I look forward to seeing it complete for everyone to enjoy.



Trying new foods



Preparing dinner



Moulded and shaped a guitar from air dough



Arts and crafts

deavour House September 2020





We have had a great summer at Endeavour House and have done lots of exciting activities. With all of the hot weather over the holidays we have enjoyed many walks in the community at places like Port Meadows, Blenheim palace, Farmoor reservoir, Cutteslowe Park and Shotover woods. There have been plenty of picnics and drives in the countryside as well. Some of our children also went to Thomley hall, the West Midlands Safari Park and the beach!

MacIntyre Academies

In the house we have also been busy with lots of activities such as baking cakes and pies as well as arts and crafts like painting and drawing. We were also lucky enough to have someone come in and make mosaics with the children.

All of the children also had a great transition back to school in September.

We have sadly had to say goodbye to Tina, and we wish her lots of luck in her new role. We have welcomed lots of new starters— Antonio, Lisa, Emily, Beatriz, Marta, Beth, Laura C and Laura W.







