

# NEWSLETTER

## Endeavour Academy Newsletter

### Message From The Principal



Dear parents, guardians and friends of Endeavour,

Firstly, I would like to say how amazed we are with your ability to cope with yet another lockdown. The time has been extremely difficult for all our families. You are all doing amazingly.

This term started very strangely and the uncertainty, further changes of routine, lack of some activities our students love the most and the increased worries about the increase of COVID19 spread has been hard to manage at times. We would like to Thank You all for your understanding and support this half term. We are currently accommodating around 70% of students each school day on site, which is well above the national average but we know the reduced on-site offer impacts on all students greatly. As you might expect, we are not planning to increase the number of students in the building at this stage as we must comply with health and safety measures and the internal risk assessment. We will update you on any changes on fortnightly basis.

I would like to celebrate some of the successes this term:

This term we had another lovely concert from Music for Autism and joined Electric Umbrella Music Machine session. Our young people are actually really enjoying the virtual experience and both events were a great success.

Ralph has had a lot of local walks and the confidence of all our students continues to grow.

We made the most of the little snow we had and built the smallest snowmen, snow prints and snow signs.

We are becoming fairly skilled with all the online meetings and our online assembly is now well established. We are hoping to send invites to all students after the half term so they can join us from home too.

Our students have made great progress and we have had positive Learning Intentions meetings with lots of beautiful stories and evidence shared. We are so proud of the students and the way they are managing to navigate through COVID19 reality.

Our onsite asymptomatic testing is now up and running with most staff members being tested twice a week.

Most of our residential staff members have now been vaccinated, which is fantastic news. Sadly, vaccinations are not yet provided for the school team but we remain hopeful.

We would like to wish you a nice half term break,

*Michaela*

## TERM DATES

22nd Feb-31st March 2021

19th April-28th May 2021

8th June-21st July 2021

## Our new Staff

Welcome Ana, Courtney and Pablo to the School team!



## Upcoming events

Inset day 5th March

Easter!



## 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

We've had our very own portacabin delivered which we have turned into our dedicated testing centre. The staff are being tested twice a week so we are now even more Covid safe. We're not sure who enjoyed watching the cabin being delivered more the students or the staff!



Music for autism concerts always prove popular with our children and young people and the latest concerts were no exception!





# Square Class



This half term in Square class we continue to be so proud of our students who have endeavoured to further develop their skills, knowledge and understanding in a variety of areas.



We have been focusing on learning new career-based skills through Talentino our school careers development programme as well as working hard towards independence with life skills and personal care sessions.



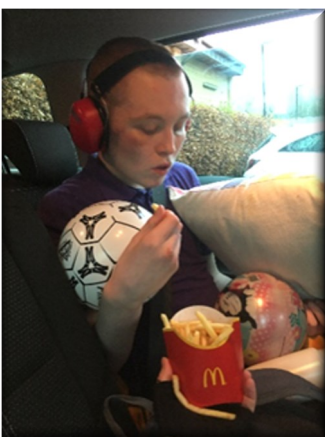




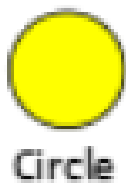
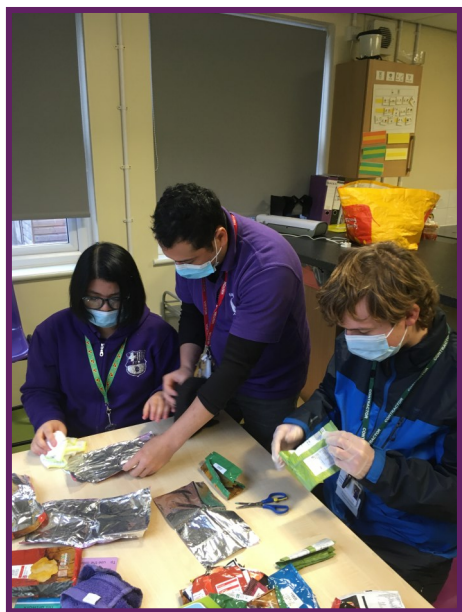
We have explored a variety of new outdoor activities for cooking sessions where students have learnt how to safely use camping stoves as well providing new social and wellbeing opportunities with the use of our new school firepit.



We have also still been able to access the community where students have done remarkably well to learn, adapt and follow new safety measures.



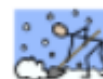




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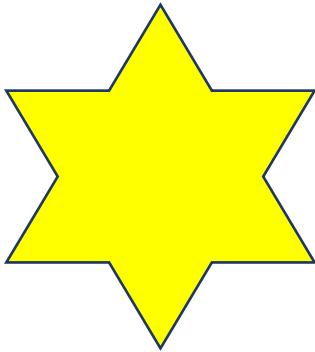
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# Star Class

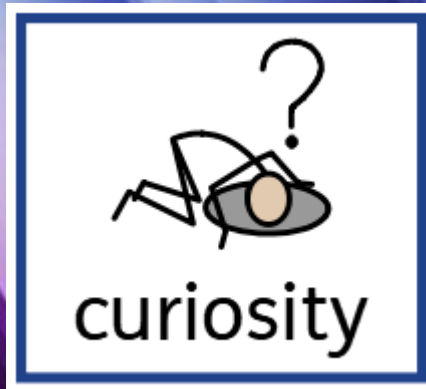
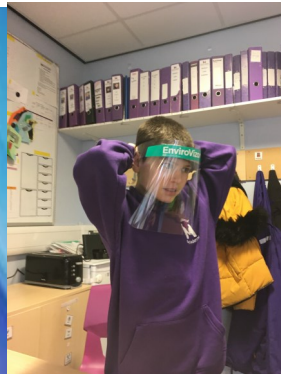
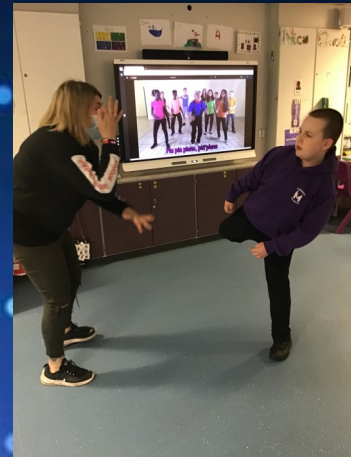


During this term star class students have been working on some ASDAN qualifications related to money and sport. For money, students have sorted coins from other objects, working on counting coins and sorting coins. In sport we have covered many aspects of ball games including using both feet, dribbling, throwing, passing to a friend and shooting to a target. We have been building our symbol recognition and doing many learning activities to improve our communication. We have worked on our life skills including cooking, cleaning and personal hygiene. Jack has been working on these at home. We have also created an exhibition inspired by David Hockney and his photo montage artwork.

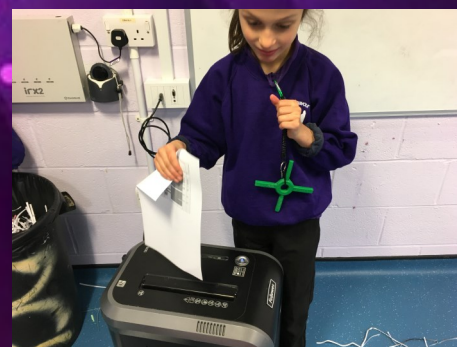


# Triangle Class

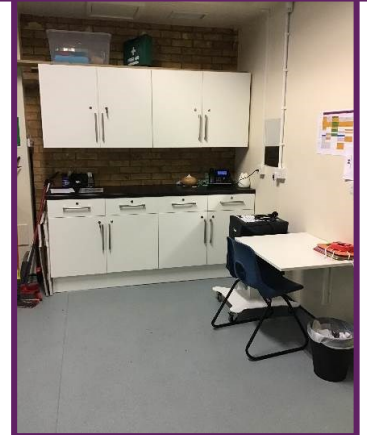
Fun and Learning across the Curriculum in Triangle Class





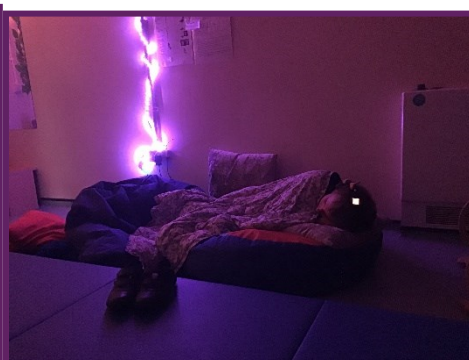
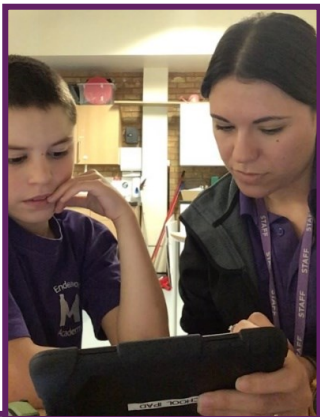






The therapy team have been busy over the past two half-terms, re-designing and re-stocking the therapy room to support easier access to play equipment both for use in sessions and for use in the wider school.

The therapy room has become a hub for the team, and whilst sessions have had to change in Spring term to comply with the guidelines at present, we have been able to make use of the room still for shorter, single student sessions with our PPE on. We are pleased that the room is a calm and relaxing space for students to use before focusing on their specific tasks.





# After School Club

A big hello from Afterschool Club, we're still having lots of fun doing Arts and Crafts, Book Club, Cooking & other activities.

Our young people have been creating some great works of art & enjoying using new materials, they love to show staff and by sending pieces home, we feel the whole family can enjoy them. Thank you for your messages of appreciation.

We are always trying new dishes & encourage our young people to participate in some way. The topic this month across the school has been Foods from around the World which we have been happy to try in ASC.



Stencilling



Preparing dinner



Adding ingredients



Talking about  
her work



Working in small  
groups



# Newsletter Endeavour House



During January the long-awaited renovations at Endeavour House were in full swing. Both long stay and short stay living rooms are now complete and back open, with renovations beginning upstairs.

Cosima enjoyed her 16th birthday, with presents and a Colin the caterpillar cake!

Towards the end of the month we all enjoyed the snow, which was a lovely surprise for some of the young people.

Staff at the house have begun receiving their coronavirus vaccines! This is a big step in the right direction, we are hoping school staff will be able to soon too.

