

NEWSLETTER

Endeavour Academy Newsletter

Message From The Principal



Endeavour Academy has had another interesting term. As you all know we remained open to all our students this term and we are very proud of the educational and care that we were able to provide. The Endeavour team have done an amazing job during this difficult time.

This term we welcomed some new staff members who have settled into the school and the house environment really well - it's great to have you all on board. We also said a goodbye to Jane-Anne, the school nurse and welcomed Olivia, who has now started supporting our nursing needs. She will be sending a hello email to all parents shortly.



The term was busy and filled with activities - we were so proud of everyone who completed their Duke of Edinburgh. Our students and staff completed 3 days of walking and other activities.

We have had another couple of virtual concerts with Music for Autism, which were amazing and allowed our students to have the concert experience in the comfort of their classroom.

We also managed to celebrate Red Nose Day with a number of activities. Staff and students enjoyed trying on different 'Noses'.



Although it is rather difficult to provide the same level of training, some of the Endeavour Academy staff attended MIDAS training (minibus efficiency training) and Autism Awareness training with Ruth Fiddler as well as Wellbeing and Resilience training session with Tatyana Stewart.

We are now all ready for our Easter Egg hunt before the Easter holiday.

Hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday with lots of sun, chocolate eggs (or chocolate alternatives) and hopefully finally having some time to meet your loved ones. We are really looking forward to seeing you all on the 19th April.



Please take care and have fun,

Michaela

TERM DATES 2021

19/04/2021-28/05/2021

08/06/2021-21/07/2021

Bank holidays-2nd

April, 5th April, 3rd

May, 31st May, 30th

August



Our new Staff

Angela has joined the Endeavour school team as a Teaching Assistant and Olivia has started as our School Nurse! Maria Cubillo, Nikolle Romero, Anne Njoroge have now started at the house as Residential Support Workers!



Final Day of Term Easter Egg hunt!



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

Red Nose Day! The day was filled with fun activities and each student had their own red nose:)



This term Duke of Edinburgh participants have been planning and preparing for their expedition and working incredibly hard. We would just like to say a huge Well Done/Thank you to all young people/staff for their hard work and commitment in achieving their Bronze award.



Square Class



This term in Square class we have been focusing on a variety of new and exciting learning opportunities.

This has included students exploring the environment to learn and to be able to identify signs of spring in nature.



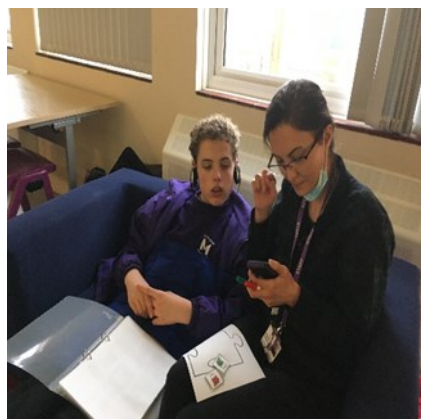
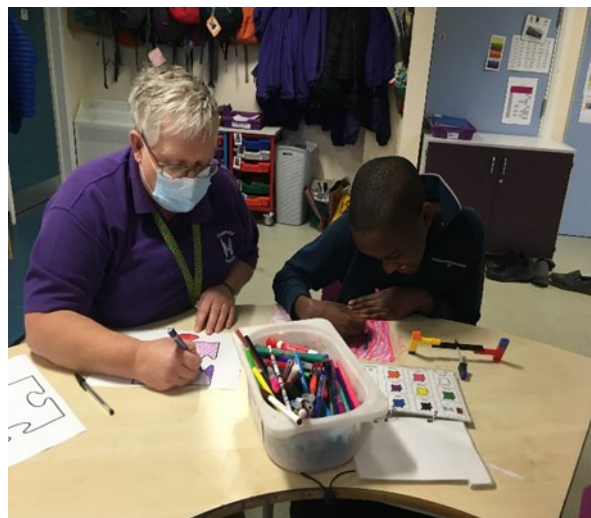
We have also been learning about recycling and how to upcycle used materials to create something beautiful from everyday items.

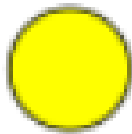




We have also continued to improve our skills and gain experience with career-based opportunities through our school's careers development programme Talentino.

Students have been supported to create hand made cards for all occasions including Valentine's day, Easter and Mother's Day.

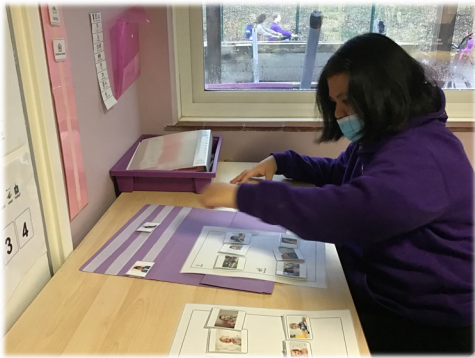




Circle



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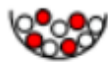


Emma



Angel

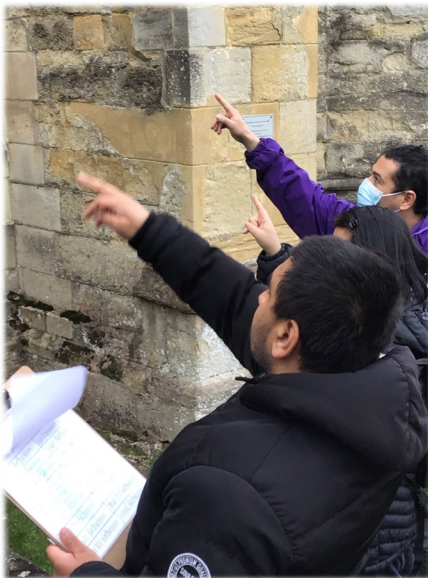
is doing



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I am looking at the Church for my ASDAN work.



Sasha

is doing



mosaic

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I am shopping in Asda.



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walking the dog.



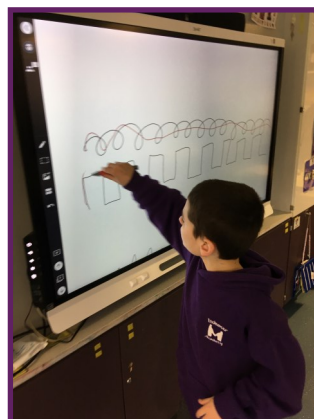
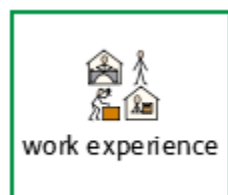
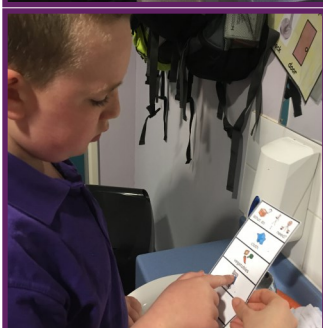
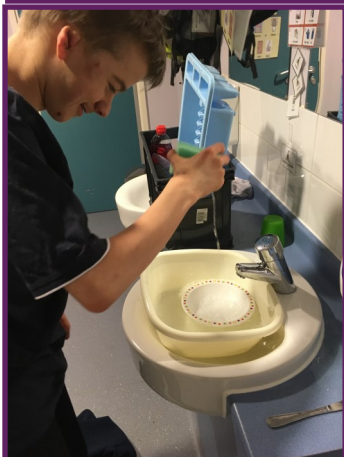
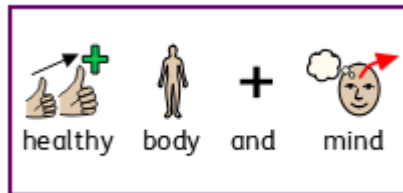
Star Class

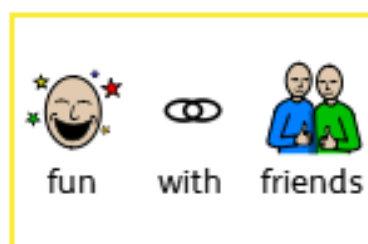
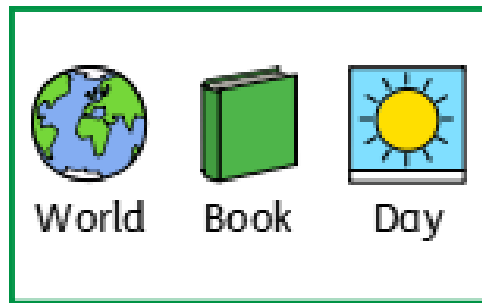
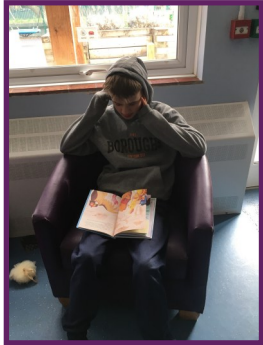
In star class we have had an active term. Students have gone on regular walks in the community to share experiences together and get some exercise. We have also been working on a physical education qualification with a focus on ball skills. Pupils have continued to develop life skills including personal hygiene and cleaning a home. The students have been happy to return to normality by coming in everyday to learn with their friends. Outdoor learning places such as horse riding and Vana farm have reopened which has made students very happy.



Triangle Class

Triangle class have been busy practising life skills and having fun with friends while looking after our bodies and minds







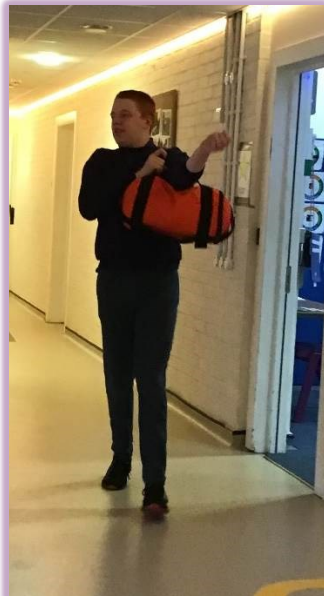
Morning Organising Achievements!



We are so proud of our students accessing the daily organising routine in the hall (and throughout the day), completing their **ALERTING-ORGANISING-CALMING** routine to get bodies and brains ready for lessons.

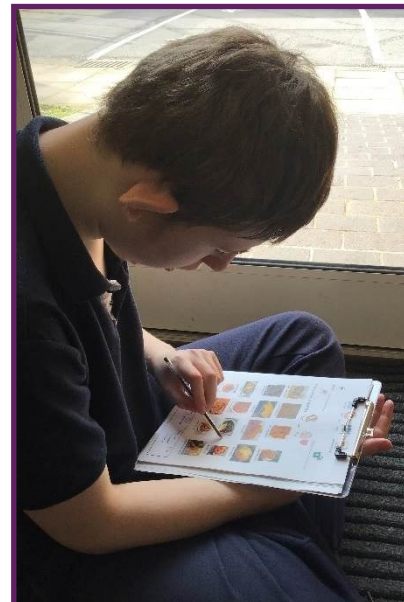
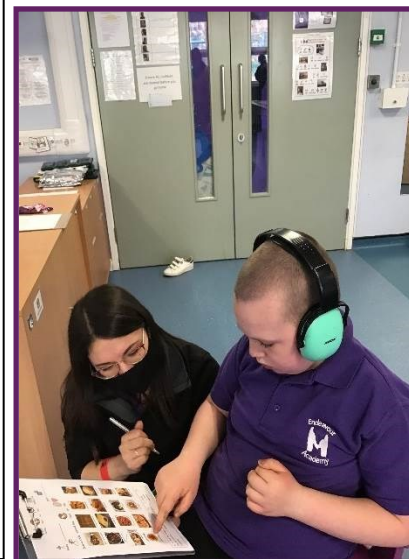
Staff continue to be amazing at adapting routines so that a student can have an individualised program if the big busy hall is not suitable for them. This includes some heavy work with gym bags, using the static gym equipment (rower or bike), the bouldering wall, walking in the wooded area behind school or a calming massage in the sensory or therapy room if deep pressure is not wanted.

This routine is a key part of the school day where students join sensory and motor skills together.





All students who have school dinners had the opportunity to choose their favourite foods for the Summer term's menu. Each student was asked individually and was provided with a 'Student Feedback Form' with pictures and names of different options for them to choose from. This initiative has been used before which has been successful. The result, is an adapted menu with the most popular dishes chosen by them.



Afterschool Club

Lovely to see Spring is on it's way, which means more time outside for us, which our young people love, The newly refurbished woodland area around the school is great for walks & exploring.

Alongside all the other things we do at Afterschool Club we've been making Mothers Day cards, Easter cards & made decoupage eggs together to send home for you to enjoy.

Have a lovely Easter break
From everyone at The Afterschool Club.



Getting more and more confident



Nico decorating his
Easter card



We made Decoupage eggs
for Easter

Endeavour House newsletter



Life at Endeavour House has been quite exciting over the last few months:

The children and young people have been on various outings during the February half-term, including trips to woods and local parks, even some shopping with our masks on.

On a housekeeping note, the house repairs are nearly finished. The residents have all coped with the ongoing building work so well—we couldn't be prouder of them! We are also enjoying some of the new décor, especially the new sofas.

The children and young people have continued to learn about caring for the home. They have all been involved in helping with daily activities of living, such as doing laundry, cooking, and cleaning out the buses. Well done all!

Finally, we would like to say a big welcome back to Luke, who has been staying with us recently. The residents and staff have all really enjoyed having him staying with us.

Looking forward, we welcome the warmer weather and we will plan our Easter holidays



Consultation Oxfordshire 2021/22 Academic Calendar

Pupil Days

Bank holidays

School holidays

Proposed inset day - 4 more inset days can be set by the schools

Sep-21						
Mon	6	13	20	27		
Tue	7	14	21	28		
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thu	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24		
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

Oct-21						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
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Nov-21						
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Jan-22						
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Feb-22						
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Mar-22						
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Apr-22						
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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: 69 days
Summer Term: 53 days

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