

NEWSLETTER

Endeavour Academy Newsletter

Message From The Principal



Dear parents, guardians and friends of Endeavour,

We hope you are all adjusting well to the changes in the current government guidance and are now able to see some more of your extended friends and families. I would like to say another big Thank you! for all your support throughout this term.

Our young people are very happy that we have been able to reinstate some of our community activities again. Swimming and trampolining have been a massive hit with students and staff. We have also been able to welcome Anne Spencer (Reflex Therapist) back to school too. Some students started their regular shopping trips again and we so proud of their ability to accept all the safety measures that emerged in the last year. A number of our students now wear face coverings/shields as well as use hand sanitiser without being prompted while others might need a little reminder. This is amazing progress and it shows our students' resilience and ability to accept some unpredictable and unprecedented changes. They are absolutely amazing!

This term a high volume of staff either had their first or second vaccination. Additionally, we had a group of NHS nurses visit Endeavour to administer the vaccine to some of our full-time residential students. With a combination of Social stories, a personalised approach and the compassionate support from our team, the lovely nurses were able to give the vaccine to the students who were all very brave. Well done everyone!

This year we will be saying goodbye to the biggest group of 'leavers' we have had so far. As such, the upcoming term for these students will be focussed on transitions to either college, supported living or another path. We are also preparing for our annual Leavers Ball while anxiously monitoring all new government and DfE guidance. We are hoping we can give our students the send-off they deserve.

In recent days we held Deputy Principal interviews and we are happy to announce that an appointment has been made for September 2021. I will be in touch during the next term with the Deputy Principal introduction.

In Endeavour house the building work is now nearly completed, our new sofas are now in place and we will soon start further improvement work such as lighting. A few other projects are planned and will hopefully be completed prior the summer holidays.

The new Rugged walls have been very popular with both - students and staff and we are seeing some very healthy competitiveness emerging.

The last half term in the summer term always flies by. We are hoping to hold an end of term party. Unfortunately, this will be for students only this year as at present, any events involving parents are presently prohibited. We are hoping that we can reinstall all our regular events in the next academic year.

I hope you all enjoy the Half term which should finally include some sunshine!

Please remember that 7th June is our inset day – we will be having a training session of PDA (Pathological Demand Avoidance) led by Ruth Fiddler, who is a specialist in this field.

Michaela

TERM DATES 2021

08/06/2021-21/07/2021

Bank holidays 31st May, 30th August



Our new Staff

We have welcomed several new staff members to the Endeavour family. Nadia and Yasmin have joined the school team with Nadia starting as the new teacher in Triangle Class and Yasmin as a TA. Nikolle has started at Endeavour House as a Residential Support Worker.



Upcoming Events

Summer Ball 15th July 2021!



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

Easter Egg Hunt

We celebrated the end of the Easter term with an Easter egg hunt! The students went to Barton Park where they went on the hunt for tokens that they could swap for an Easter Egg of their choice.



Rugged wall

Our new Rugged Wall is up and has already proved to be very popular with our students and staff! The therapy team have been making very good use of the wall which can be found in the Therapy section of the newsletter.





Spring Term

Square Class Newsletter



This half term in Square class, our students continued working towards achieving their **AQA** unit Awards and learning new career-based skills through **Talento**.



As COVID restrictions are easing, we started our weekly **swimming** session & **farm** trips.



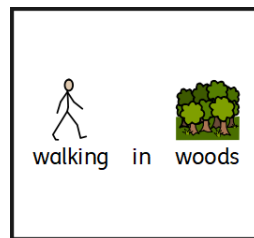
We had 4 **birthday** celebrations.



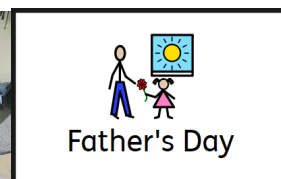
Hugo and Harry participated in **litter picking** in the community.





Students enjoyed **walking in the woods** to practice motor skill and to enhance their wellbeing.



During enterprise activity, our students made **Father's Day cards**.



 
Circle class



  
I am doing mosaic



   
I am selling my artwork.

  
Angel is doing her college book



  
I am making a cup of tea



  
I am feeding the ducks



  
Chris is having a massage



 
Alex is doing yoga

Star Class

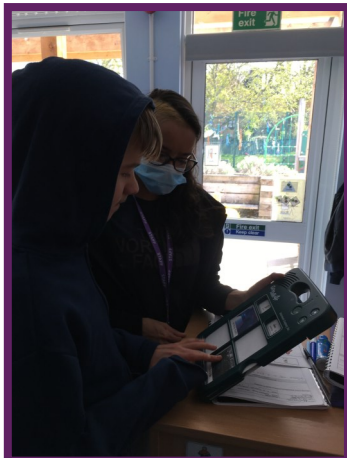
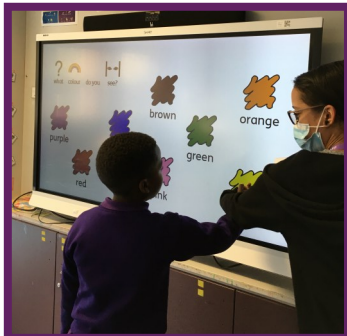
This term star class have been working on completing the AQA qualifications that we have been working on throughout the year. These are qualifications linked to life skills as well as functional maths and literacy.

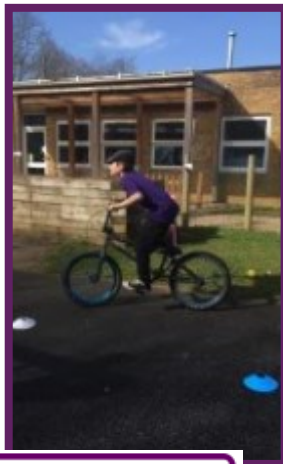
We have been working on a healthy eating qualification that has entailed students recognising healthy and unhealthy foods, and preparing healthy meals such as fruit salad, sandwiches and vegetable salads. We have also been tasting healthy foods. Other qualifications students have been working on are personal hygiene, sports studies, shopping and money.



Triangle Class

Triangle class have been busy having fun whilst working on all areas of the curriculum to achieve their Learning Intentions and AQA units.






healthy living

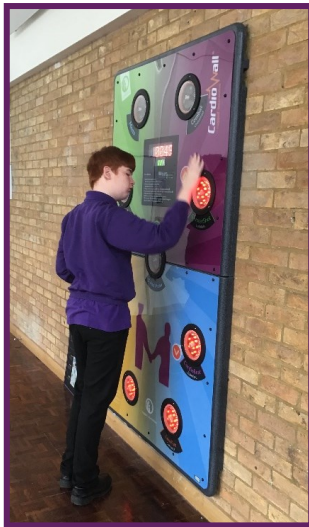



play skills



Therapy

Endeavour has new equipment to challenge students (and staff!) coordination and movement as part of PE and sensory morning organising. It has proved very popular and we will work on increasing participation time and using equipment with it, such as throwing balls at targets, standing on a wobble board whilst chasing the different coloured targets and lots more!



The staff team both at school and Endeavour House have been adjusting to wearing new wristbands to support communication.

Being able to give a response using a 'yes' or 'no' is still a key skill for some of our students. Others who have mastered this already, but who find it difficult to give a response when anxious or overwhelmed, will also benefit from staff asking simple straightforward questions that require a yes, no response.

Students can either look at or tap the wristbands that staff are wearing, or they might be ready for their own set.

This allows a much more easily understood 'no' response than some of the other behaviours we often see. The students will need some time to learn, but it has been great to see staff wearing them. At the house, we have been able to give training on how they can be used.



Afterschool Club

All our young people have been excited about all the new things happening in ASC. They've been trying out some new outdoor equipment & we're busy making things to hang in the play areas. We also have some hands on equipment dotted around the school. I've changed up the tree in reception so that it is now covered in cherry blossom & leaves for Summer, we have some great artists in school & some of our young people have created woodland creatures for the display. Thank you all again for the all the interest & support you give to ASC!



Endeavour House newsletter



It has been a busy month at Endeavour House. After nine months and some delays, The revamping has been completed. We did it!


We are very happy to be back to normal and are looking forward to returning to all the places where we used to visit including the swimming pool, cinemas and restaurants now that restrictions are being lifted.



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		
Tue	5	12	19	26		
Wed	6	13	20	27		
Thu	7	14	21	28		
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Nov-21						
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Dec-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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May-22						
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Jun-22						
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Jul-22						
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Aug-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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