

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017**

Dear parents, carers and families

I do hope that you have all had a lovely half term. The children in Endeavour House have had a marvellous holiday accessing many events in the local community and having fun with staff. Thank you to all staff who worked so hard in ensuring that the children had a memorable holiday.

This week has marked my first year anniversary at Endeavour. It is an absolute privilege and honour to be the Principal at Endeavour.

I am also delighted to have been able to share with parents of children accessing Endeavour House our Ofsted report this week. This inspection was one of the hardest that I have been involved in with us being one of the first homes in the country to be inspected under the new children's homes guidelines. I am delighted to share with parents that we have been awarded a 'GOOD' grading overall. We know what we need to put in place to be an outstanding provision in the future and the team will strive to make this happen.

Our Education Ofsted report is due any day now and I look forward to sharing this with you in due course.

We have welcomed our Trustees this week to Endeavour and shared with them the many fantastic stories of how much progress the children have and are making and the many enrichment activities that they are involved in.

On Tuesday we celebrated the NSPCC Messathon and as you can imagine being involved in messy play went down well with our students.

We welcome Alba Morales Cansino to the Endeavour House team this week as a Residential Support Worker. We also welcome Laura Weir to our Teaching staff. Laura comes with a science background and will be a huge asset to the team. We also welcome Leigh Rowlands into the position of Site Manager. Leigh comes with a wealth of skills and

expertise and I know will transform the Endeavour site with his fantastic ideas for site development.

Sophie Hugo (Star Class) leaves us this week in her capacity as HLTA but re-joins us in a new role as our first School Direct candidate. This means that Sophie will train with us in becoming a 'home grown' teacher.

What an amazing afternoon we have all had today with our 'Circus Afternoon'. Thank you to parents who were able to join us. I do hope that you enjoyed sharing in the fun with us. Thank you to Marcelle and Cathy for their enthusiasm and organisation in ensuring that all students had a fantastic day. Do enjoy looking at the pictures from today on our Twitter page.

### **School Rules**

We have been working with the students to re draft our school rules to really reflect who we are and our aspirations for the children. I am delighted to enclose a copy for you with this week's newsletter.

### **Families First Award**

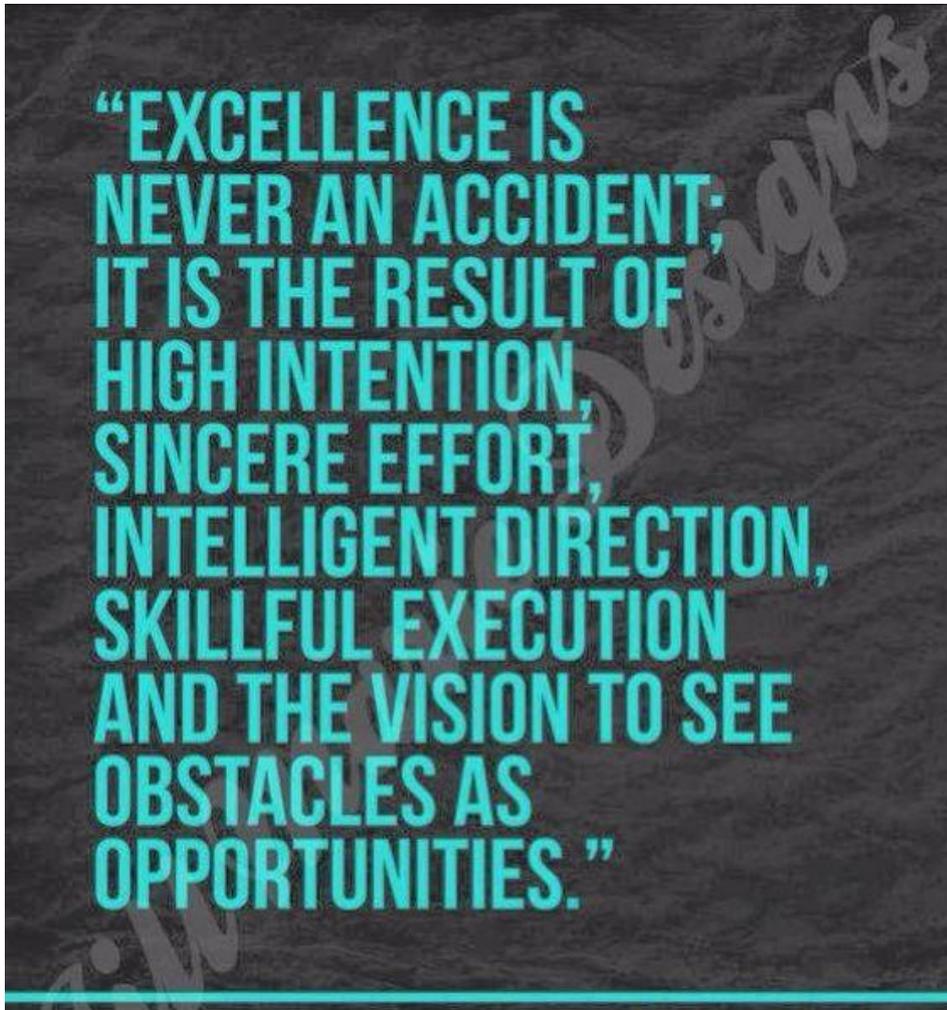
Following my note in last week's newsletter – we have received our 'official' certificate this week in gaining the Nationally Accredited Families First Quality Award for joint working with families. Thanks go to all parents who shared their views, to all staff involved and to Emily Wheeler and Sarah Roots for leading this project across school. Please see the photograph on our Twitter page.

### **Dates for the Diary**

| <b>Calendar</b> |   |
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| <b>Date</b>     | <b>Area</b>                                       |
| 12–16/06/17     | Bike Week   |
| 12/06/17        | Lions of Zululand – whole school event            |
| 14/06/17        | Open morning re recruitment (09:30 – 11:00)       |
| 14/06/17        | Sports Team at Bisham Abbey Regatta               |
| 15/06/17        | Careers Advisor in school                         |
| 15/06/17        | Nature Photography Day                            |
| 16/06/17        | Save the Children Den Building Day                |
| 20/06/17        | Open day re recruitment (11:00 – 14:00)           |
| 22/06/17        | School Council 11:30                              |
| 23/06/17        | Bowel and Bladder clinics in SB                   |
| 27/06/17        | Placement of the Year Awards                      |
| 05/07/17        | Star Class Community Visit to Oasis swimming pool |
| 10/07/17        | Sports Team cricket festival                      |
| 11/07/17        | Thomley Family Day – Summer Picnic                |
| 13/07/17        | Square Class to Hinksey Pool                      |
| 14/07/17        | Whole School Reports to Parents                   |

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| 14/07/17 | Leavers Graduation Lunch and Trip         |
| 17/07/17 | 4 Motion Dance Theatre whole school event |
| 18/07/17 | Nelson Mandela Day                        |
| 18/07/17 | Parents' Open Evening                     |
| 21/07/17 | Education Finishes for Summer             |

To finish on this week's quote:



We Endeavour to be the best.....

Best wishes

Angela O'Rourke  
Principal