

NEWSLETTER

Endeavour Academy Newsletter

Message From The Principal



Dear parents, Guardians and friends of Endeavour,

First and foremost I would like to **thank all the young people**. They have coped with so much in the last two and a half years and they have proved to us again and again how **amazing they truly are**. This academic year was harder than anyone could have ever imagined and just as we started to work towards 'normality' we all experienced new setbacks with staffing changes and new and different restrictions and rules. Our young people took it all in their stride and tried really hard to accept all the changes imposed on them. I am so proud of all the progress they have made during this ever-changing year.

This academic year we have said hallo to so many new students and staff members and they have become part of the Endeavour Family. Unfortunately, we have also said/are saying goodbye to many. One loss was especially painful and **Luke remains in our hearts** and we are hoping to open his memorial in the Autumn term.



In addition to our day to day activities we have also managed a number of **bigger events** that were very successful including our Christmas party/panto trip, Easter Egg hunt, Forest School sessions, working in conjunction with other schools and our local church on an Art exhibition, attended a cricket competition, completed our Duke of Edinburgh expedition and SO much more.

The whole team have also been working on other projects and we are very pleased to announce that we are an **Attachment and Trauma Sensitive School** after receiving our **Bronze Award**. This is an amazing achievement and we are already planning our next steps toward the Silver Award.

I would also like to **thank all the staff** who have been so **fantastic and hard working** even when times were so very hard. They work relentlessly supporting our young people and Endeavour would not be the same place without such an **amazing team**.

I would like to **thank you** all for all the support you have given us over the years, we know this was not an easy year for you all. We are so grateful.



Michaela

TERM DATES 2022/2023

05/09/2022-21/10/2022

01/11/2022-20/12/2022

04/01/2023-10/02/2023

20/02/2023-31/03/2023

Our new Staff

Natalie McCowan, Elysia Bairstow and Josh Payne have started in the school, as a Teaching Assistants!

Alba Martin has just started in the house as a Residential Support Worker!

Upcoming events

Summer holidays!

Have a great



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

Leavers Ball

On the 14th July we held our leavers ball and said goodbye to Alex, Ashley and Andrew. The evening was filled with music, dancing, food and some old friends. Special shout out to Chrissie for making the absolutely amazing cake we all enjoyed! We would also like to thank everyone who supported the organisation and overall success of the ball! Best of luck to all of our leavers we will miss you all!



Sports Day





A

Ashley is walking to the shop



Circle



class



A

Andrew is going to the party



J

John is emptying the dishwasher



H

Hugo is washing the car



K

Kieran is walking to the shops



Leo

Leo is buying ice cream



A

Alex is with his friends



Square Class



Square class have made the most of the sunshine with visits to the community. Rehan has started to visit a park each morning. This is the first time he has regularly been out in the community. Our students contributed to art week and went to the church to see the exhibition of their work. Jasmine has been making good progress feeding animals at the farm and following a schedule. Charlie has started going out in the community again this term to shop, go to the park or visit Thomley Hall. Zach has participated in new activities such as pottery and baking. Amy has engaged in reflexology for more time. This has benefited her well-being. A great term. Well done everyone!



Triangle Class

In this newsletter we would like to let the photos do most of the talking with a few of our term highlights.

ART SESSIONS

Triangle class has been working on Animals and Plants this term. We have made a poster for all students to stick their animal drawings on to create something beautiful!



STORY TIME

Stories has been linked with Animal Planet and Julia Donaldson.



SUMMER TIMES

Lots of time playing outside. Sensory play and trips in the community!



Star Class Newsletter

This term in Star class we have been working incredibly hard developing our skills in a variety of areas.

This has included creating beautiful handmade jewellery for our class enterprise project.

Students have also been working hard towards finishing all AQA awards as well as engaging in external learning opportunities.

We continue to be so proud of our young people and for all the achievements they have made this academic year.



In Star Class we have been very excited to be able to start resuming accessing the community. This has enabled us to resume travel training, farms work experiences as well as shopping and café visits.

All students this year have remained focused and extremely resilient to all changes and have managed extremely well.

We would also just like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of the staff across the school and house for their phenomenal level of commitment, passion and care.

We Wish You All A Safe and Enjoyable Summer!!! Star Class



Occupational Therapy

Occupational Therapy Student

Aisling is a final year Occupational Therapy student who is working with us for 12 weeks. Aisling will spend 6 weeks working in the school before moving over to the house for the final 6 weeks. Aisling has been enjoying getting to know the students and working with them. Aisling runs individual sessions as well as group sessions such as sensory circuits.



Visiting NHS therapists and linking with other Macintyre therapists

We have continued to work closely with our colleagues from the NHS OT community team. Tara continues to meet regularly with the NHS OTs to share training, learning, discuss ideas and to support each other to develop and build new creative ways to embed OT into Endeavor and the community. This is a very useful resource for the OT team at Endeavour. We have also continued to meet regularly with the OTs at Quest Academy and Macintyre Wingrave to support each other by sharing ideas and challenges.



Camel Mangar Cushion Training

The school has recently ordered a camel cushion which is an inflatable cushion that is battery powered and inflates into a firm chair that can be used if one of our students is unable to get up off the ground when in school or out in the community. Many of the staff in the school have received training on this and Tara will be training the house staff over the summer. This cushion will be shared between the house and the school to support everyone.



Elkan Course

As part of the Speech Therapy provision at Endeavour, we have been running an Elkan Course with accreditation from OCN London. The course is called '0-25s With Complex Communication Needs' and three groups of staff from Endeavour School and House have attended the 8-week course over the past two years. As part of the course staff can opt to gain accreditation by completing ongoing learning tasks, to put what they have learned into practice and record this to a nationally recognised level.

Huge congratulations to the following staff who have received confirmation of achieving the standards- Alima, Helen, Rachel, Andrea, Alicia, Christina, Anna, Manuel, Marta and Laura

After School Club

At Afterschool club we've been having a lot of outdoor fun, enjoying the sunshine getting outside as often as we can. We have filled the pool, had fun with spray bottles & ridden bicycles through the sprinklers to keep cool, even sitting under a tree having an ice-lolly, while still making full use of the great facilities we have in & around the school.



MacIntyre Academies Endeavour House



At Endeavour house we been having lots of fun in the sun. Many day trips out and lots of fun in the garden. Lots of lunches out, water fights, playing in the paddling pools and going to new places and seeing new things.





Student



voice

Students have continued to be involved in all aspects of Endeavour life. This has included choosing the lunch menu, helping staff choose what resources to purchase and, for the older students, making the important decision of which career pathway to try. These choices will help inform their personalised curriculum in September.



Wellbeing



summer



challenge

These fun challenges are designed to support positive physical and mental health and wellbeing for students, staff, parents and carers.

How many can you achieve over the summer holidays?



Enjoy a picnic in the park



Go for an evening walk or bike ride



Make a den in the garden



Draw, colour or paint a picture



Borrow a book from the library



Put on your pyjamas and enjoy a movie





Feeling Safe

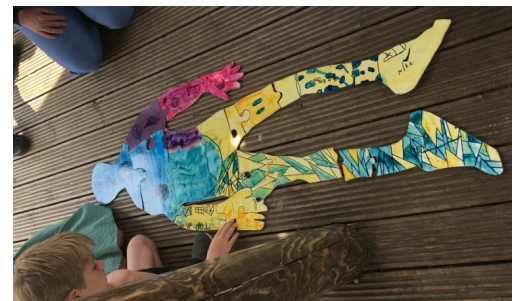


art



project

This term we worked with 2 artists to create a gift for the pupils at St Swithuns primary school in Kennington. The sessions involved exploring colours through art, movement with materials, play and preparing healthy smoothies. Two Endeavour students visited St Swithuns where we enjoyed a tour of their lovely school and exchanged gifts. Each school has one of our colourful banners and we were given a beautiful puzzle and messages from their Year 4 pupils.



Eco



schools

This term students have been working hard in our allotment area and started to see the rewards of their digging, planting and watering. Staff have enjoyed the salad items in the Jacket Potato café that Circle class run as their enterprise project.





When Saturday 6th
August

Time 11.30am-1pm

Where Swings &
Smiles, Lower Way,
Thatcham, RG19 3RR

Sibling Support Open Day

Swings & Smiles is a charity that supports disabled children and their families. We understand just how different life can be as a child with a disabled sibling, and our SIBSupport work is an important part of the services we offer.

SIBSupport sessions run at the centre every other weekend and are an opportunity for children who have disabled brothers and sisters to have fun and build relationships with peers in a similar situation to theirs.

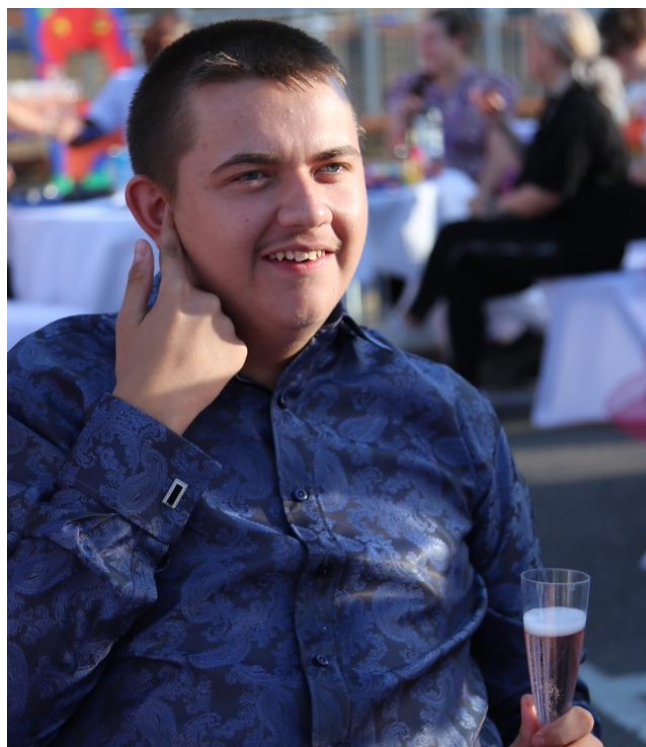
On Saturday 6th August, we're opening our doors and inviting all existing siblings and their parents, as well as any new siblings that haven't had the chance to visit us yet, to come along and see what we have to offer. There will be lots of games, activities, refreshments and even a bouncy castle! The team will be on hand to chat and answer any questions you might have about our support for siblings.

If you would like to join the fun please email office@swingsandsmiles.co.uk to book a space.

Leavers Ball



Leavers Ball





Next Academic Year term Dates

Oxfordshire 2022/23 Academic Calendar

 Proposed inset day - 4 more inset days can be set by the schools
 Bank holidays
 Pupil Days
 School holidays

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September 2022						
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August 2023						
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September 2023						
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Half Term		Days	
1		36	
2		37	
3		28	
4		30	
5		29	
6		35	

Autumn Term		Total days	
Spring Term		58	
Summer Term		64	
		195	

Pupil days shown include four to be selected by schools as additional INSET days
 Teacher working days include five INSET days

Students: 190 days
 Teachers: 195 days