

# NEWSLETTER

## Endeavour Academy Newsletter

### Message From The Principal



Dear parents and friends of Endeavour,

I would like to dedicate this newsletter to all the amazing staff at Endeavour.

This term was the hardest one we have experienced so far and we would have not been able to provide your children with the education and care they deserve without the extreme determination, dedication and compassion from our staff.

While a high volume of schools in Oxfordshire and wider UK were forced to close their doors and provide virtual learning, Endeavour managed the staffing shortage purely down to the amazing team work from everyone in the school and the house.

*Michaela*

**THANK YOU**  
FOR BEING SUCH AN  
*Awesome*  
& **AMAZING**  
**TEAM**

## TERM DATES 2021/2022

28/02/2022-08/04/2022

25/04/2022-27/05/2022

07/06/2022-20/07/2022

Bank Holidays 02/05/2022, 06/06/2022

### Our new Staff

Martin has started as a TA in the School!

Faisal has started as Relief RSW and Bolu as Waking Nights in the house!

### Upcoming events

#### New Member of the Family

We are very happy to say that Marissa has given birth to a baby boy! We wish her the very best and hope she is able to get some sleep!

#### Easter Egg hunt and Holidays

After a very packed term topped off with our annual Easter Egg hunt it is time for both our students and staff to have a much deserved break over the Easter holidays!



### 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

### World Book Day

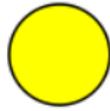
As part of our World Book Day celebrations many of our staff and students dressed up as their favourite characters. We saw everything from Witches, Winnie the Pooh and even a Dragon ahhh! Everyone had an amazing day with prizes for the best dressed being deservedly won!



### New outdoor café area

Our amazing facilities Team have built an outdoor Café area next to the hub. It even features a snazzy retractable awning.





Circle



class



Leo is washing the car



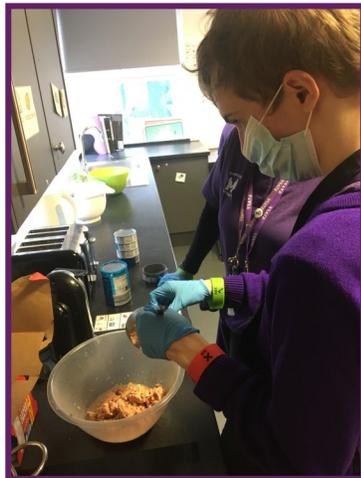
John is using his



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Hugo is cooking



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Alex is making pancakes



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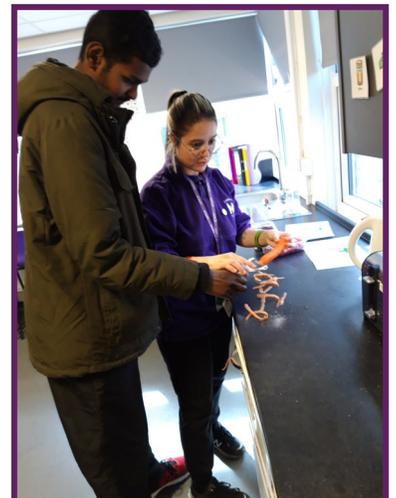
Ashley is doing his laundry



Kieran is stroking the goat



Andrew is peeling carrots



# Square Class



Square Class have been working on many different life skills and AQAs this term to help improve their independence along with regular enrichment activities including Horse Riding, Vana Farm and Earth Trust.

All of the students in Square class have progressed well and enjoy different activities with staff such as water play, relaxing in the garden and lots of games.



# Triangle Class

SPRING TERM 2022

Group and enrichment sessions



We had music sessions back!  
Triangle class has enjoyed sessions in the Hall with Andy our Music Therapist choosing their favourites songs and playing different instruments





Group relaxation sessions with music in 4D, feet massage, coloured lights and a foot spa!



# Star Class Newsletter

This term in star class we have been working hard to developing our career-based skills.

All students in star class have been working incredibly hard to develop new class-based enterprise projects.

This has included creating beautiful handmade cards for all occasions especially Mother's Day and Easter cards.

Students have also appeared to have thoroughly enjoyed creating bespoke pieces of jewellery.



Also, in star class we have been very excited to be able to resume accessing our community-based learning. This has enabled us to shop as well as access café visits once again.

Within star class we have also adapted our class space to include a quiet areas that can be used for therapies to take place as well as a library which students appear to enjoy accessing.

Students have also engaged amazingly with our new pottery, music therapy and horticultural sessions.

We continue to be so proud of our young people and for all of their achievements so far, this academic year!



# After School Club

Here at Endeavour we have really great outdoor areas available to ASC, we now have a new fenced in decking area with an awning & tables & chairs, just outside of the hub. This will be a nice place to have our evening meals or just sit & relax.

We recently had World Book Day at Endeavour, at ASC we chose the story of The Gingerbread Man, our students decorated card & paper gingerbread men, which we displayed in & around the hub.

With the lovely weather here at last, our young people are making the most of being outside as much as possible, while enjoying all our other activities.

Thank you for your support

Kay (ASC Co-ordinator)



# Occupational Therapy

We have recently purchased a brand new assessment released at the end of last year called the SAND.

The Sensory Assessment for Neurodevelopmental Differences (SAND) is a clinician-administered observation and corresponding caregiver interview that quantifies sensory symptoms in hyperreactivity (a little of information feels like a lot), hypo-reactivity (a lot of information feels like a little), and seeking (needing more information) domains across visual, tactile (touch), and auditory (sound) modalities.

This is exciting as it is the only sensory assessment on the market that is standardised for those with Neurodevelopmental disorders.

Some students participated in this during the recent research completed at Endeavour.



# SAND

SENSORY ASSESSMENT FOR  
NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS

## SWING TRAINING

Recently Tara attended training relating to creative use of suspension equipment to help develop and refine the use of the swing as part of OT programs at school. The vestibular (inner ear) system is very powerful and a great way for our students to gain information into their bodies e.g. rocking, spinning, rolling, swinging etc. The OT team look forward to incorporating this learning into their sessions over the coming weeks and months.



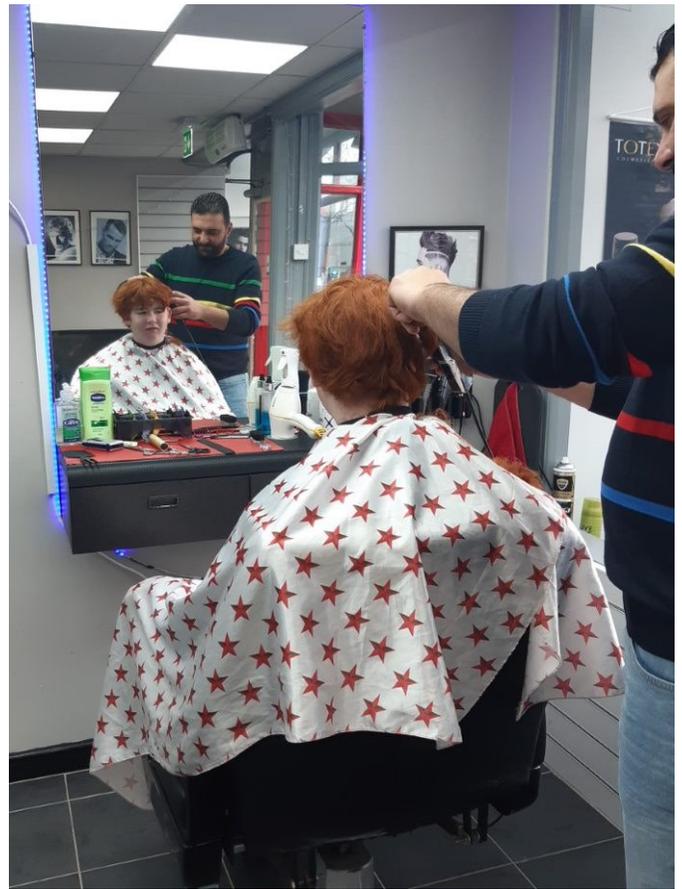
## VISITING NHS THERAPISTS & linking with other MACINTYRE therapists

We have a close working relationship with our colleagues from the NHS OT Community team and we have recently welcomed them to Endeavour to shadow the OT team, and review our use of equipment at school. Tara regularly meets with the NHS OTs to share training, learning and ideas and brain storm creative ways of OT working. This is great to have a wider OT team around Endeavour as well as supporting the OT team at school.

We have recently made links with the OTs at Quest Academy and Macintyre Wingrave, and there are regular meetings sharing what is working with Macintyre. As sole OT's across the schools, its great to link up and share practice, ideas and challenges and bounce ideas off each other.



# Endeavour House



At Endeavour house we have been enjoying lots of lovely walks in the nice weather along with learning more new life skills .



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

## Next Academic Year term Dates

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		
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
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Nov-21						
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Jan-22						
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Feb-22						
Mon	7	14	21	28		
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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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69  
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