

NEWSLETTER

Endeavour Academy Newsletter

Message From The Principal



Dear parents and friends of Endeavour,

Thank you for supporting us during another busy half term full of changes and adjustments. We had lots of fun during this term too – we started some regular offsite activities again such as swimming and trampolining, but we also had a lovely time really enjoying the return of the live concert from Music for Autism.



We were very happy to welcome Amanda (teacher) back to school after her maternity leave and are very proud of Andrea (teacher) who gained her teacher status. We would also like to wish all the best to Marissa (team leader) who is due her second baby soon.

We would also like to share with you that Ralph, our school dog, has now semi-retired and will not be on site every day any more. Ralph has been a big part of Endeavour Academy for nearly three years and he is now ready to enjoy the sofa and easy strolls around the garden. He will visit occasionally, but we are currently looking at new plans for a therapy/support dog.

I would like to bring to your attention that we will be having an additional school day off for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. In order to keep the routine and change to a minimum we will be attaching the day to a Summer half term holiday. Therefore, Endeavour Academy school side will be closed on 6th June 2022.



Next term we are really looking forward to Red Nose Day, World Book Day and Autism Acceptance Day.

Very sadly, this half term will always bring the sadness of losing Luke. Luke has been at Endeavour Academy for a number of years and his smile always brightened our day. We are currently working with the family in preparation for the celebration of Luke's life. Luke is, and will be greatly missed but we know he was well loved by everyone and he will never be far from our thoughts.

I hope you all have a good rest over the half term and we are looking forward to seeing everyone on 28th February.

Michaela

TERM DATES 2021/2022

28/02/2022-08/04/2022

25/04/2022-27/05/2022

07/06/2022-20/07/2022

Inset Days- 11th March, 6th June

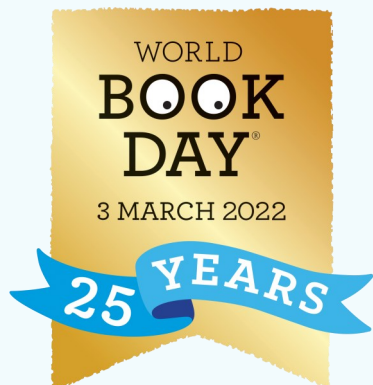
Our new Staff

Lauren, Rosy, Jesse and Lula have all joined the school team as Teaching Assistants!

Upcoming events

3rd march world book day

We will be celebrating World Book Day and students and staff are more than welcome to dress up as their favourite book Character. There will be prizes for the best dressed!



11/03/2022- MAT CPD Day - The MAT CPD day is a Macintyre wide event for all staff to take part in training and activities designed to help us better support our children and young people.

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

Music for autism

With the relaxation of Covid restrictions we were able to have the Music For Autism musicians perform for our students in person rather than over Zoom. This gave them the opportunity to do some conducting of their own!



Staff Relaxation

We have converted an area of our Portacabin and turned it into a break and respite area for the staff to come and relax on their break.





Circle



class



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Alex is shopping



A



Andrew is grating cheese



K



Kieran is cooking chicken



H



Hugo is serving jacket potatoes



L



Leo is feeding the sheep



A



Ashley is making milkshake



J



John is cooking lunch

Square Class

In square class we have been focussed on students working towards their individual learning goals. We have had some excellent progress in the class.

Rehan has had some great interactions with people who he works with and has been trying out lots of activities that encourage interaction with an adult. Particular favourites of his are water play, leaves and bubbles. Rehan now explores lots of areas of the school.

Zach had targets to complete an adult led activity and to follow a visual schedule. He achieved these with flying colours. Zach uses a visual schedule that he follows to inform him what activities he needs to complete. He completes many adult-led activities each day and has shown progress in a range of skills.

One of Grace's targets was to work on personal care skills. We have been pleased with the progress she has made in looking after herself, particularly showering, washing thoroughly and hair drying. All these are done with a visual schedule and minimal verbal prompting.

Darragh has been exploring his community. He goes on regular trips around the local community as well as forest school, Thomley Hall, walks in the woods, shopping and horse riding. It is great that he gets such enrichment and it gives him opportunities to socialise, build life skills and burn off some of his energy. Darragh has also made progress with engagement in table activities and signing for personal needs.

Jasmine's communication has improved including using a communication book, signing, telling us if something is wrong or just general social chit chat. She has made excellent progress in her personal care which could be life changing for her. She has also developed play skills in girl group.

Charlie follows his daily schedule really well. He completes all his scheduled work. He has also developed life skills such as food preparation and cleaning. He has engaged well in his morning OT programme. Charlie has been motivated to work hard in school in the morning then explore the community in the last hour of school, including going for walks in the countryside.

Amy has become settled in her new school and has formed great relations with people in square class. She had a target to follow a visual schedule which she does really well from a daily schedule and a now and next board. She is very productive in class and has made good progress in communication skills.

Well done to all the students.

Triangle Class

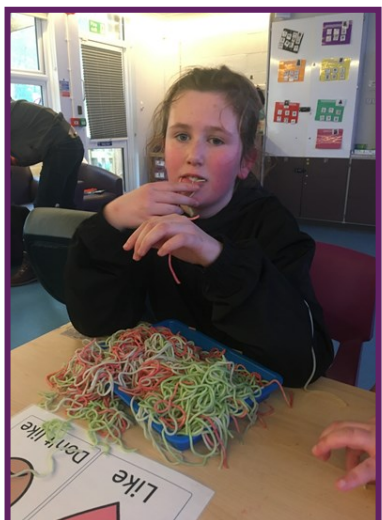
This year in triangle class we have been very busy. We have taken in new students who have integrated within the class to perfection. We have also created a routine in which we could all work and enjoy ourselves at the same time.



Exploring sessions

During this term we have taken exploration with our senses to the limit. Related to the colour and fruit of the week, we have experienced and decided which flavours and textures we like and which we do not like.





Art Sessions

We have become real artists using different techniques! from cutting and sticking to form collages to painting with hands and feet!



Community visits

We are accessing the community for trips: horse riding, swimming, Thomley Hall and Sensory drives



Star Class Newsletter

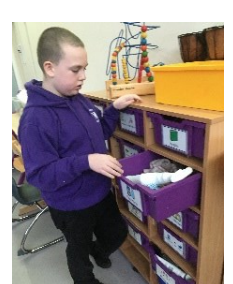
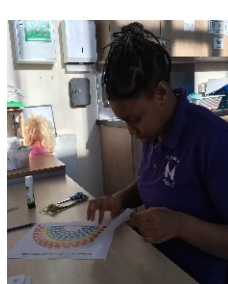
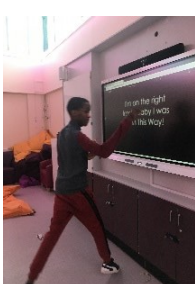


In star class we are incredibly focused on learning and developing skills through a variety of exciting activities. These have been taking place within the classroom as well as at various out-side locations.

Students have created beautiful handmade cards for Valentine's day, followed visuals to make toasties and smoothies which has also include preparation and cleaning as part of our career's development.

Personal care sessions are taking place daily. These sessions include body awareness, face/hands washing, as well as teeth and hair brushing. The students have enjoyed these activities.

All students have shown such resilience and continued to work incredibly hard on completing individualised OT programmes, working towards or independently using communication systems as well as accessing therapy sessions. These sessions have included, art, playdough, reflexology and food exploration to name a few.

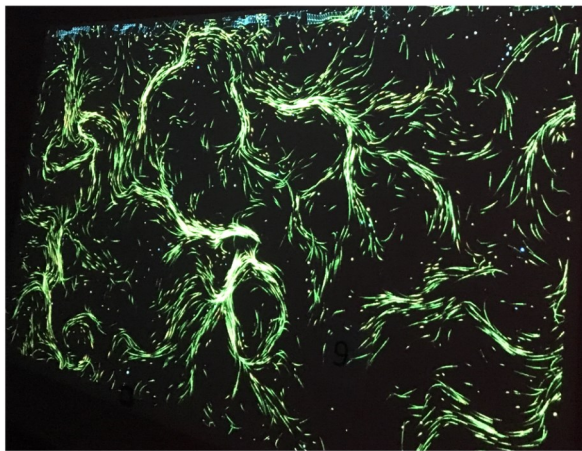


In star class we have also been excited to be able to begin resuming some of our community-based learning. This has enabled us to partially resume hydro therapy sessions, work on road safety, access our weekly shopping trip as well as Vana farm, Horsewyse, Farm ability and Earth trust. Whilst following current guidelines.

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

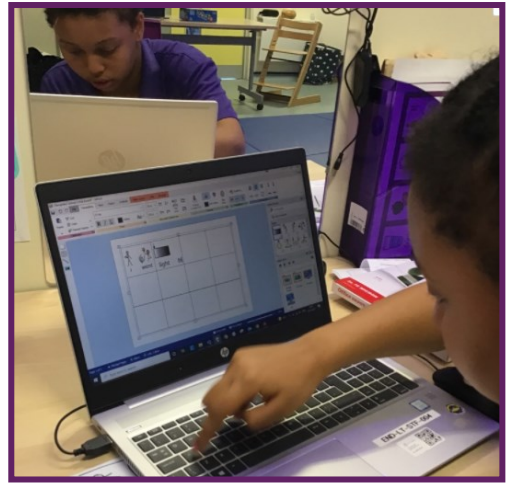
After School Club

This term in Afterschool club we have been making the most of our wonderful resources. We have been fortunate to have had a Cardio Wall put in the hall, where our young people can choose different levels to help with motor skills & agility alongside a Breeze wall, which is an interactive wall of colour & shapes which can be relaxing & calming, we also play music & instruments as you can see.





Speech and Language

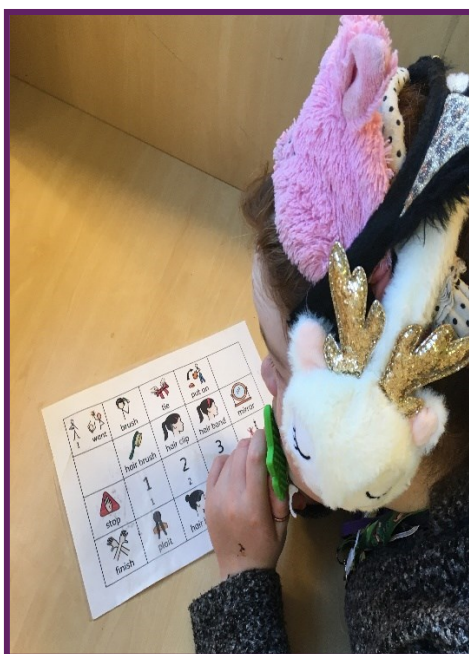


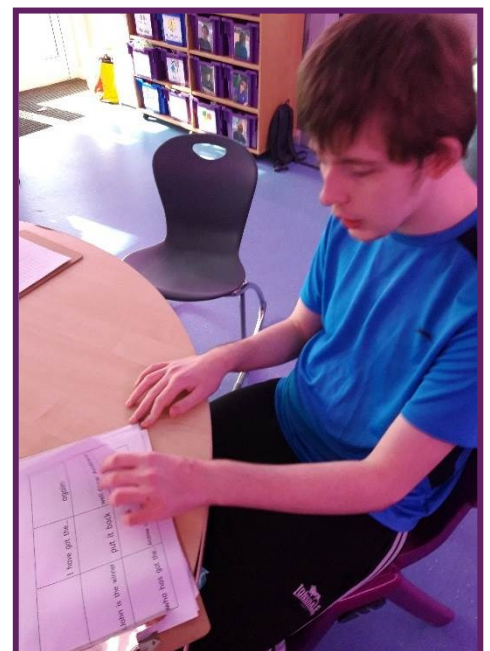
Many of our students have really got involved in using chat boards or communication boards this term. Students can use these when they no longer need to exchange a symbol, as in PECS, and instead know that by pointing they are communicating. It becomes easier to think about making comments too, rather than just requesting, and we've had lots of fun learning new vocabulary and talking about what we are playing with.

We can also use communication boards to help support longer phrases and sentences when students do ask for things, and also to give each other instructions.

We use chat boards as a prompt to talk about topics that our students are really interested in too, and this is a nice way for students to learn how to start a conversation with another person.

We make boards about topics of interest, trips, what we can see in school, and for sets of Playmobil, Lego or toys that we share.






MacIntyre Academies
Endeavour House




At Endeavour house we have been working on our life skills. Our children and young people have been helping with cleaning in the house and cooking simple meals.

We also celebrated Chinese new year in the house. The young people helped to decorate the house and enjoyed a meal and celebration together.



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	
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Nov-21						
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Feb-22						
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Apr-22						
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May-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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