

NEWSLETTER

Endeavour Academy Newsletter

Message From The Principal



Dear parents, families and friends of Endeavour,

The Autumn half term is always busy with Christmas preparation and this year was no different.

Since half term we have been working hard on making Christmas cards for Barton Community Centre. We have also made decorations and small presents for the Barton Community Centre for their annual Christmas dinner.



Our young people enjoyed a number of festive activities this term such as Pantos, and our Christmas market, for which they worked very hard creating lots of amazing gifts to sell.

We also enjoyed our first whole Endeavour Academy Christmas dinner since the pandemic. The dinner was attended by young people but also school and house staff and everyone really enjoyed the opportunity to sit together to be festive.



We have not, however, only completed Christmas preparations, we have also worked very hard on achieving our new outcomes, celebrated a number of birthdays, attended work experience sessions and also welcomed the Singing Hands group.

On a more personal note, I would like to say a huge **Thank you** for all the support, kindness, generosity and compassion you have shown towards me and the team. I will really miss Endeavour and all our young people, families and the staff who will remain in my heart forever.

Thank you for sharing all your lives with me,

Michaela

TERM DATES 2022/2023

04/01/2023-10/02/2023	<u>Bank Holidays</u>
20/02/2023-31/03/2023	01/05/2023, 08/05/2023, 29/05/2023
18/04/2023-26/05/2023	<u>Inset days</u>
05/06/2023-20/07/2023	10/03/2023, 17/04/2023,

Our new Staff

Josie has started as a new teacher in school. Evie, Theresa and Eugenia have all started as Teaching Assistants. Karen, Patrick and Sabrina have started in the house as Residential Support Workers

Upcoming events

Christmas!!!



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

Singing Hands



We were recently visited by Singing hands who gave wonderful interactive performances for our students!

Music for Autism live

Continuing with our music activities Music for Autism came into school and played for us live for the first time since the pandemic! Each class had their own concert with some students popping into multiple since they enjoyed it so much!



Cinderella Christmas Panto

We have continued our Christmas panto tradition and this time we went to see Cinderella!



Christmas Market

On the 16th December we held our annual Christmas market!





Darargh is taking photos



Circle



class



Kieran is taking photos



Leo is playing piano



John

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Jessica

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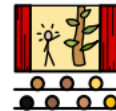
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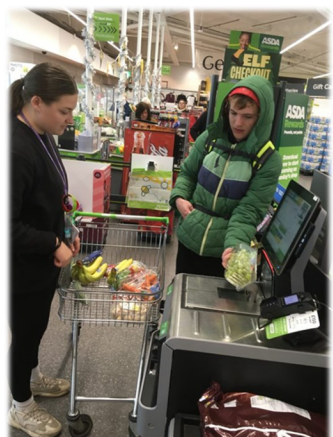


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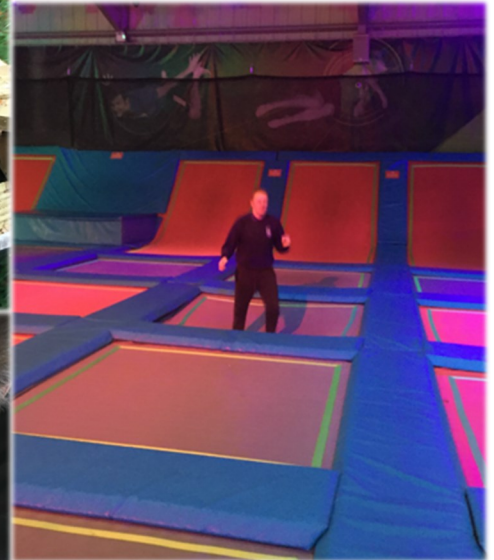
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Square Class

We have been very busy in Square Class this term and we would like share some of our favourite highlights with you as seen in the pictures below



Triangle Class

With Christmas just around the corner Triangle Class have enjoyed many different Christmas based activities including arts and crafts, Singing Hands Christmas Show, a wonderful trip to the Pantomime and a tasty Christmas Dinner!!

As well as working on current skills Triangle class have developed so much this term and are keen to try new things!



What Have the University Students at Endeavour Academy Been Up to This Term?

Abi - Student Speech and Language Therapist.

University of Reading

Abi has been working with the students on understanding relationships and appropriate interactions within different relationships. In addition, Abi has been working on the student speech skills - forming sounds and phonics as steppingstones to clear speech. The students have been forming sentences using colourful semantics (a colour coded sentence template) to describe scenarios in pictures. Most importantly Abi has brought a creative and fun approach to speech and language at Endeavour Academy.



Sophie - Student Occupational Therapist

Oxford Brookes University

Sophie has mostly been working on regulation with the younger years at Endeavour Academy, encouraging a wide range of sensory activities in classrooms. The students have been engaging in regulating physical activity such as sensory circuits (a sequence of regulating movements) and the interactive floor as well as tactile activities such as messy play with slime, water and grains and deep pressure.

With the older students Sophie has focused on zones of regulation, a tool used to allow the students to express their emotions, understand their feelings and to support regulation with a toolkit. The toolkit allows the student to calm or alert themselves accordingly with a regulating strategy. The students have made progress in this and are encouraged to 'check in' with their emotions each day.



Star Class Newsletter



This half term in star class we have been developing our career-based enterprises.

This has included creating beautiful bespoke greeting cards, table and tree decorations as well as present tags. Students created all of the above to support our local Barton community as well as Endeavour's annual Christmas Market. We continue to be so proud of our students for all their hard work and determination.



This year Star class were also extremely excited to attend the Oxford playhouse pantomime. This year the show was all about Cinderella. All students and staff were engaged throughout with smiles and laughter all around.



Star class would like to wish you all very Happy and relaxing Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

After School Club

At ASC

We have been doing some Arts & Crafts activities in small groups which our young people have really enjoyed, I feel it's a lovely way for them to express their individuality.

We've also been outside weather permitting, but have been using the Sensory garden a lot, looking at the changes in the colours of the leaves & acorns on the ground, we've also had new paths laid out with bark & some new seating areas, we've also seen the last of the vegetables that were growing in the garden.

I hope you all have a lovely time together at Christmas & give Thanks for our blessings

Merry Christmas

From everyone at ASC





MacIntyre Academies

Endeavour House



At Endeavour House we been having lots of fun getting in the festive spirit. We have enjoyed trips to Father Christmas, the shops and are looking forward to an upcoming trip to Blenheim palace. We had a great Halloween where we enjoyed parties, pumpkin picking and lots more. We also celebrated Diwali where we had a Diwali dinner. We have had so much fun this term celebrating so many holidays and we look forward to celebrating more next year!



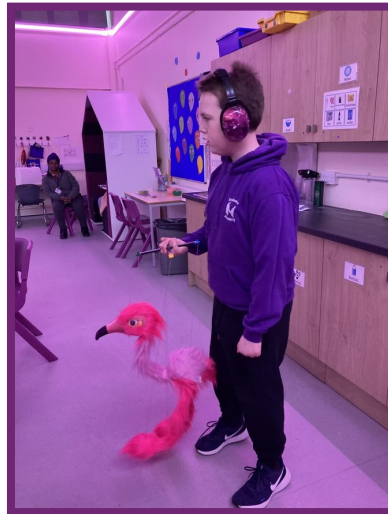


Puppets

Happy Days Charity kindly donated a box of hand puppets and marionettes which the students and staff have enjoyed playing with. Please check out our Twitter page @MATEndeavour_ac for a great video of Jasmine interacting with the puppet in the last photo.



Links to UNICEF Rights Respecting Article 31: I have a right to relax and play.



Eco



schools

It might be Winter but the polytunnel is still full of life. Students have been planting bulbs and winter flowers to complete the beautiful planters our amazing Facilities team have created to sell at our Christmas Market.



Links to UNICEF Rights Respecting Article 29: I have the right to an education which develops my personality, respect for others' rights and the environment.





Earlier this term we had a wonderful visit from Suzanne and Tracey from Singing Hands. Each class had a session tailored to their individual needs and interests which meant sessions varied from lively pop songs to actions songs with musical instruments & ribbons or quieter rhymes with light up stars. The whole school was buzzing as students and staff communicated their choice of songs, engaged in the singing & dancing and practised their signing with expert support from Singing Hands.

We are extremely grateful to the Happy Days Charity who funded this session.



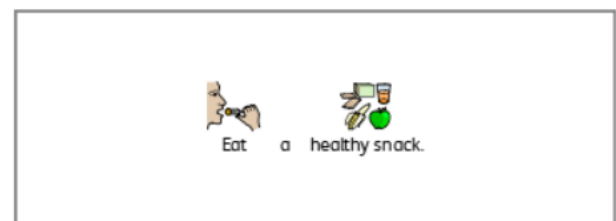
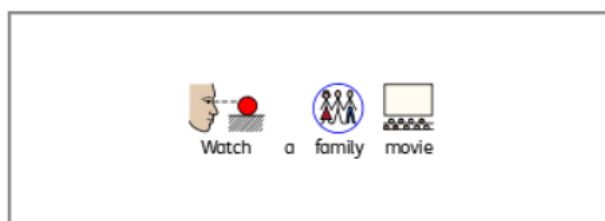
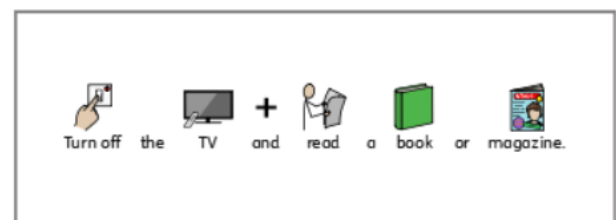
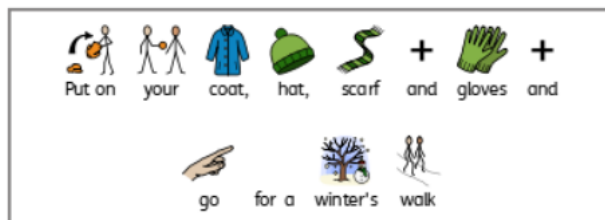
Links to UNICEF Rights Respecting Article 23: If I have a disability I have the right to special care and education. This includes living, as far as possible, with independence and to play an active part in the community.



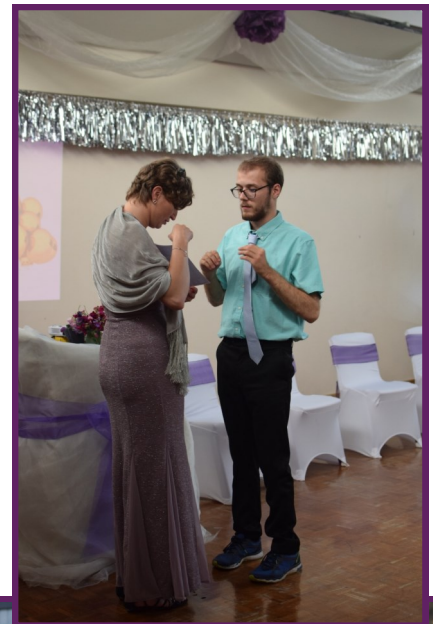
Wellbeing Christmas challenge

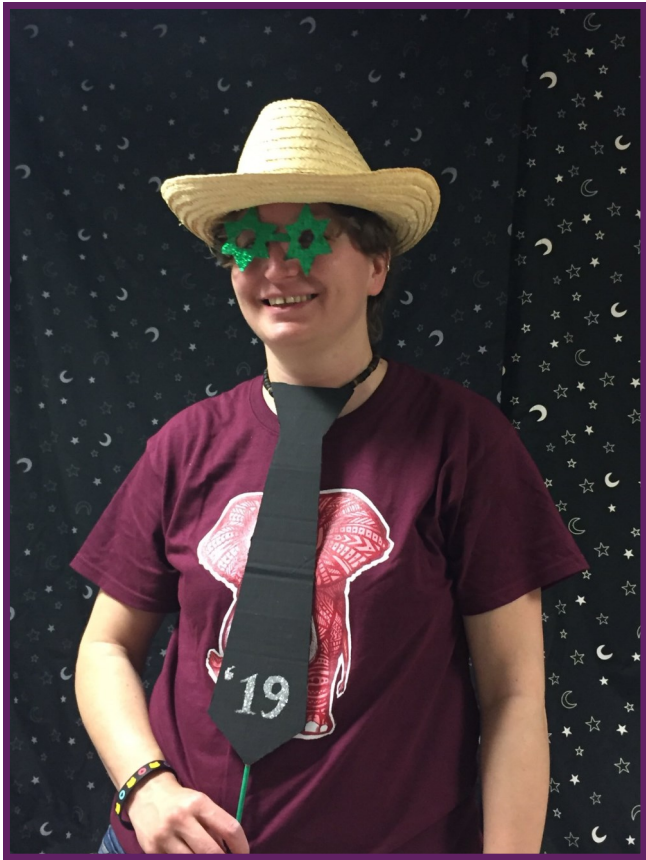
These fun challenges are designed to support positive physical and mental health and wellbeing for students, staff, parents and carers.

How many can you achieve over the Christmas holidays?



Michaela





Next Academic Year term Dates

Oxfordshire 2022/23 Academic Calendar

 Inset days
 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

Total days	
Autumn Term	73
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