

# NEWSLETTER

## Endeavour Academy Newsletter

### Message From The Interim Principal



Dear family and friends of Endeavour,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all students, staff and parents for their support over the last term. It has been a privilege and an honour to look after Endeavour Academy as Interim Principal and I am looking forward to Mark joining the Endeavour family as Principal on the 17<sup>th</sup> April. There have been so many highlights this term; the students have enjoyed the range of trips and community visits they attend including swimming, working on the farm, horse riding and shopping.

Now that the weather is starting to improve the students are enjoying our outside space and making the most of the Sensory Garden. I know that the new slide and Luke's Lookout are a firm favourite of many of our students and staff. It provides a great view of the school site and is a quiet spot when needed, while the slide has provided the students with lots of opportunities to play.

I would like to bring to your attention that we will be having an additional bank holiday off for the Coronation of King Charles III. Therefore, Endeavour Academy school side will be closed on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023.



We would like to wish Nikolle (TA & OT Assistant) all the best as she will be leaving Endeavour on Maternity leave, good luck and we can't wait to meet the new addition.

I hope that you all enjoy the Easter holidays.



*Ashleigh*

Ashleigh Harding  
Interim Principal

## TERM DATES 2022/2023

20/02/2023-31/03/2023

### Bank Holidays

01/05/2023,08/05/2023,  
29/05/2023

18/04/2023-26/05/2023

05/06/2023-20/07/2023

### Inset Days

10/03/2023,17/04/2023,21/07/2023

## Our new Staff

Angel, Edina

Sarah– House Manager

## Upcoming events

Parents Open Afternoon 14:00-17:00 Monday 24th April. Parents are invited to come and meet Mark our new Principal for tea and biscuits

## Easter!



## 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

### Red Nose Day

We celebrated Red Nose Day by having a dress down Friday! Our staff took the opportunity to don their Onesies and pjamas!



### Easter Egg Hunt

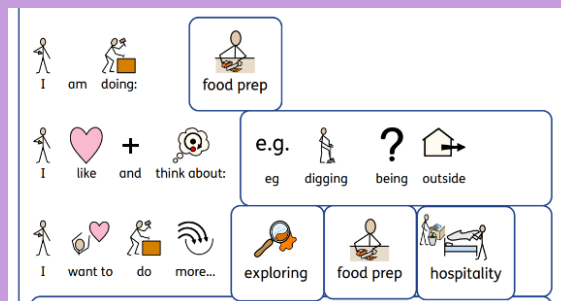
As per Endeavour tradition we held our annual Easter Egg hunt this year along our Sensory Trail.

### Rights Respecting School

We have been awarded Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award! Well done everyone for working so hard on this!

### Careers

We have been working with Advisa as part of our careers work with students. Students have been choosing what they would like to focus on in their work experience such as animal care and office work.





Circle



class



Jessica



is smiling



in the



hall



Hugo



is using the



microwave



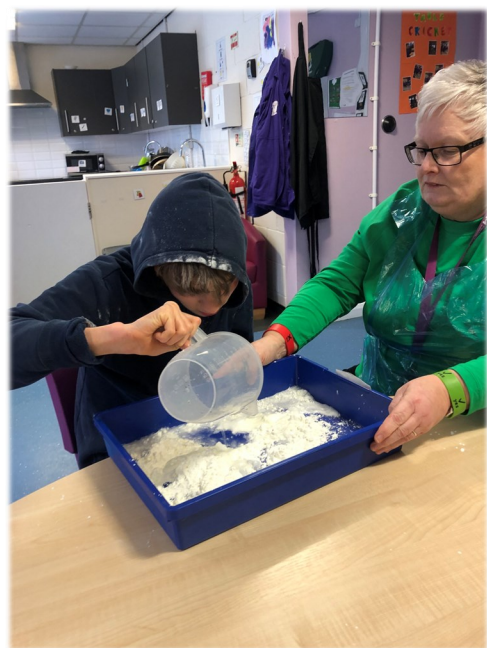
Leo



is playing



on swing



Thomas



is sensory



exploring





John is playing basketball



Harry is wearing a fox on his nose



Darragh is pouring water



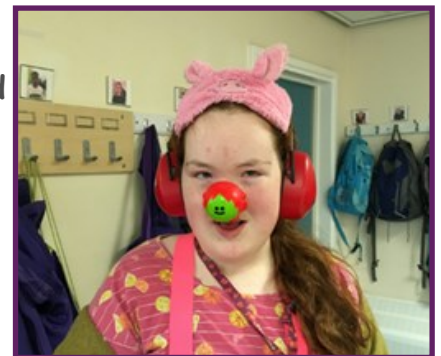
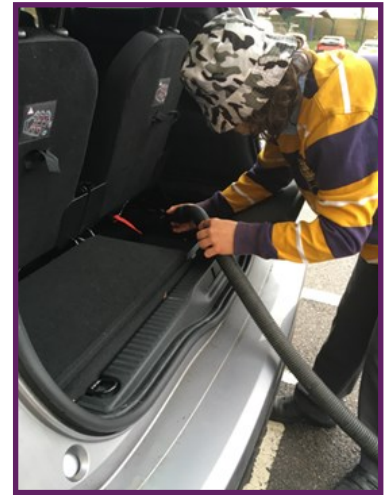
Kieran is doing the laundry



# Square Class



This term students in Square Class have shown good progress towards their individual targets. Class students have worked well collaboratively. We have had trips with peers to the shops to find items we need as a class. This has developed literacy in following a list and encouraged money handling. Students have enjoyed walking in the community with peers. Our class have also been encouraged to play board games together. This has helped build relationships and encourage turn taking. Students have been developing practical skills such as baking and food preparation. We have also been creative decorating our door for world book week and we had fun celebrating red nose day.





# Triangle Class

Triangle class have been exploring new tastes and trying new skills this Spring. We have been learning about People Power. We learned about our faces, bodies and families. Triangle class started to have bucket sessions to improve focus.

Sammy has now become a regular at the hub at snack time and makes choices to meet his taste. Katie made a Mother's Day card for her mum after exploring colour.



# Star Class Newsletter



This half term in Star Class we have been working hard to achieve our AQA unit qualifications in a variety of areas. This has included money recognition, animal care as well as expanding vocabulary with reading and listening skills. Students have also been working hard to improve brushing teeth skills, applying deodorant and body awareness sessions focusing on parts of the body and their functions.

Star Class have also been focusing on experiencing a variety of calming activities to help develop self-regulation skills and understanding. This has included creating beautiful art, cards for all occasion as well as Lego therapy and baking sessions.

We continue to be so proud of our students for all their hard work and determination. On behalf of star class, we would like to wish everyone a happy Easter!!





# Occupational Therapy

## Congratulations Tara

We want to congratulate our Occupational Therapist Tara who has given birth to a beautiful baby boy. We look forward to having Tara back after her maternity leave.

## Goodbye to Nikolle

We wish Nikolle our Occupational Therapy Assistant all the best as she goes on maternity leave at Easter.

## Activities to try at home during Easter

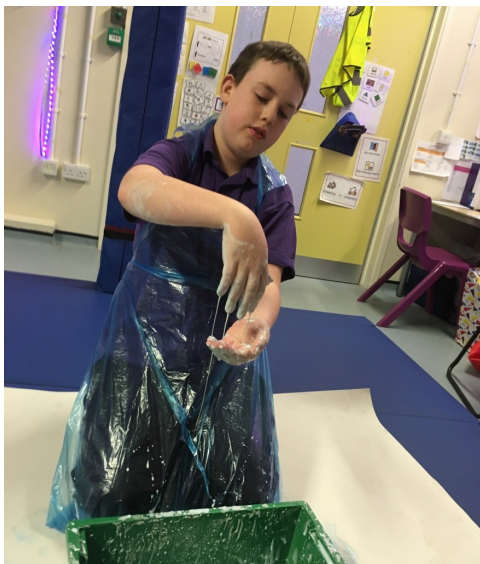
Here are some easy and fun sensory activities for our students over Easter

Oobleck is a quick and easy fun activity for students which helps develop hand strength/ dexterity, fine motor skills, bilateral coordination, and can promote regulation and be a way to distress.

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup water
- 2 cups corn flour
- Food colouring

To make Oobleck all you will need to mix in a large bowl are corn flour, water and some food colouring of your choice.





# Occupational Therapy

Similarly silly stretchy putty or corn flour slime can be made by swapping water for yoghurt to form a stretchy dough. The young person can help make this and knead the dough – which can be a regulating activity.



Flax seed or chia seed mixed with water creates a unique sensory feeling or can be played with dry if preferred.

Place seed on a tray

Trace your name or other words with your finger

Add water to make the mixture glutinous



Top tips:

Lay down a sheet or old cloth you don't mind getting messy

Use aprons to protect clothes

Take messy play outside

Turn the bath into a messy play environment

Put mixtures into a sealed plastic bag to contain the mess

# After School Club

The weather has improved so lots of walks and we've been doing quite a lot of arts and crafts including a whole school project we were involved in. Our young people have been introduced to new foods over the weeks and that has been going really well.

I wish all our families a happy Easter from After School Club.







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# Endeavour House



At Endeavour house we have been doing lots of new things. We have said goodbye H, Alba and Rosie but said hello Sarah as interim House Manager. We have also gained a new resident within the house who is settling in amazingly well!

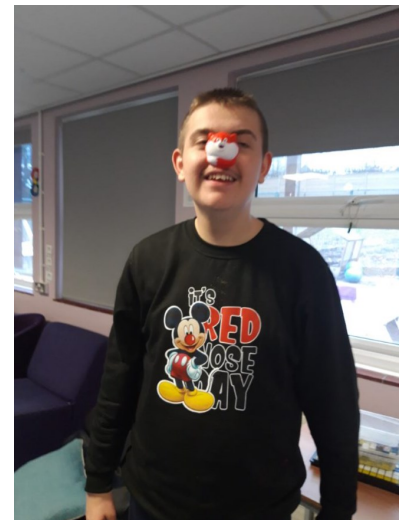




Many thanks to the staff and parents who shared their thoughts about how Endeavour strives to meet the rights of our young people. Comments included that their child felt "safe, confident and reassured by staff" and are supported to "interact with peers". Other feedback mentioned positive relationships with staff who show "compassion and understanding" of individual young people's needs.

These comments contributed to the evidence compiled for our assessment and we are delighted to announce that we have achieved our Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award.

If you are interested in seeing our Rights Respecting video and photos they can be found on the Endeavour website under LEARNING / Our Projects / Rights Respecting Schools Award.



Students and staff wore lounge wear and red nose day outfits as we thought about Article 24 :

I have the right to good quality health care, to clean water and good food.



Our action plan has been accepted by the Arts Council so Endeavour have officially started our 2 year Silver Artsmark journey. Our first project will be exhibiting our Friendship display in St Mary's church as part of Oxfordshire Arts week.

Here is a sneak peak. Keep an eye on our Twitter posts for more details.

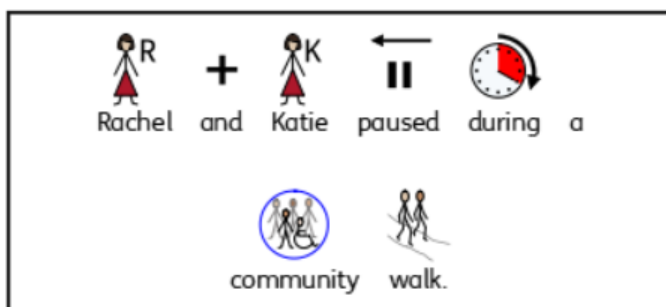
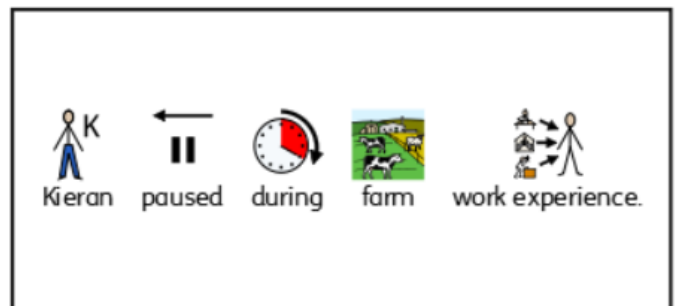
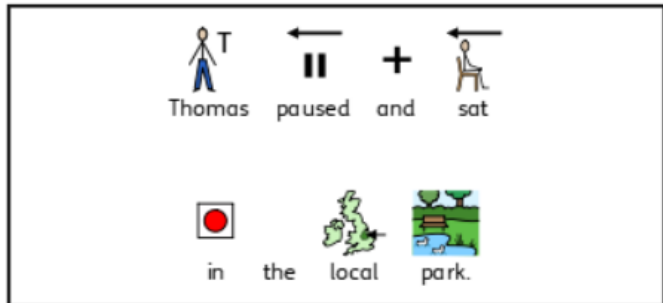




# ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

As part of our Wellbeing approach we look at the Action for Happiness monthly calendars.

This month it is **Mindful March** and students and staff have been encouraged to pause, breathe and notice the world around them. Spring is a great time to notice new flowers, wildlife and hopefully brighter weather.



# Consumer Challenge Quiz

Our Endeavour quizzers took part in Oxfordshire's Consumer Challenge Quiz and did amazingly well coming joint second! This was the first quiz since 2019 and our students demonstrated their knowledge exceptionally well and we are very proud of their work.

This is a long standing event running for over 20 years and teaches life skills and consumer knowledge in a fun and friendly way. The quiz is mainly visual and hands-on, rather than a standard question and answer format. Everyone, including the audience, can take part.





# Would you be willing to take part in an online interview to contribute to a Doctoral research study?



**The purpose of the study is to look at how severely time-pressed and stressed people cope, and what helps them manage their lives to deal with the demands they experience.**

**A key output of the study will be the identification of support for the well-being of working parents who have particularly significant and complicated child-caring responsibilities.**

**You will need to be a working parent over 18 years old who has a particularly challenging life balance due to caring responsibilities for school-aged children with a significant long-term condition or illness - full participation criteria will be provided to potential participants in an information sheet.**

**Interviews will be on Microsoft Teams and will be arranged at a time that is convenient for you. The interview is likely to take about an hour or so.**

**Unfortunately, there is no remuneration for taking part, but your contribution would be valuable.**

**If you are interested in participating, please email Alex Barnes using the email or QR code:**

[a.barnes@2022.ljmu.ac.uk](mailto:a.barnes@2022.ljmu.ac.uk)





# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



# Oxfordshire 2022/23 Academic Calendar



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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	73
Summer Term	64
	195

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

## Term Dates