

NEWSLETTER

Endeavour Academy Newsletter

Message From The Interim Principal



Dear family and friends of Endeavour,

First off, an apology - I wrote in the last newsletter that we were heading towards warmer and sunnier weather, but as I sit here listening to the rain hammering down, I think I may have jinxed the summer!

We did, however, have some lovely weather during the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition. We had two lovely days walking through Wendover Woods and Port Meadow with the young people who were confidently reading maps, identifying landmarks and animals and enjoying being in the open countryside.

We had the Macintyre Big Thankyou Day in June and staff and young people enjoyed some amazing ice creams and sundaes from the ice cream van which came on site and we are looking forward to Sports Day on the last day of term.

I been really proud of how the young people have adapted to the new classes which we have put in place for the last 2 weeks of term. They have managed the change in staff and peers really well and I am hoping this will make for a less anxious and more settled return to school in September. We are also saying goodbye to 3 young people this term and we all congratulate them for everything they have achieved at Endeavour and wish them the very best for their futures

As we move into next year, I want to create more opportunities for parents and carers to engage with the school, both in person and online. If you have any suggestions for things you would like, please let me know. Thanks also to those of you who responded to the recent consultation on the timings of the school day. I want an open dialogue with parents and carers and I hope you are reassured that I will listen carefully to issues raised.

Finally, I hope you have an enjoyable summer. Please remember that we have INSET days on Friday 1st and Monday 4th September, so the first day back for pupils is Tuesday 5th September.

Mark

TERM DATES 2022/2023

05/09/2023-20/10/2023

31/10/2023-20/12/2023

08/01/2024-09/02/2024

19/02/2024-28/03/2023

Our new Staff

Temitope, Lilian, Abolade, Douglas, Babatope and Constance have all joined our residential team as Residential Support Workers and Waking Nights

Upcoming events

Summer 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

Celebrating our leavers

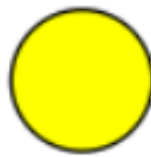
This year we have said farewell to 3 of our students; Samuel, Leo and John. This year we held a smaller more low key leavers party which our students really enjoyed. We will miss them all so much and would like to wish them and their families the very best for the future!



Sports Day

As per school tradition we have held our annual sports day. This year we fired up the barbecue for burgers and hotdogs which went down a treat. Students (and staff) also made great use of the new drifting trikes riding and skidding all across the school carpark.





Circle



class



Grace



is sharing



books with



Katie



And Rachel



Katie



is chopping



mushrooms

Katie is chopping mushrooms



Amy



is cooking

Amy is cooking



Jessica



is relaxing

Jessica is relaxing



Kieran



had



ice cream

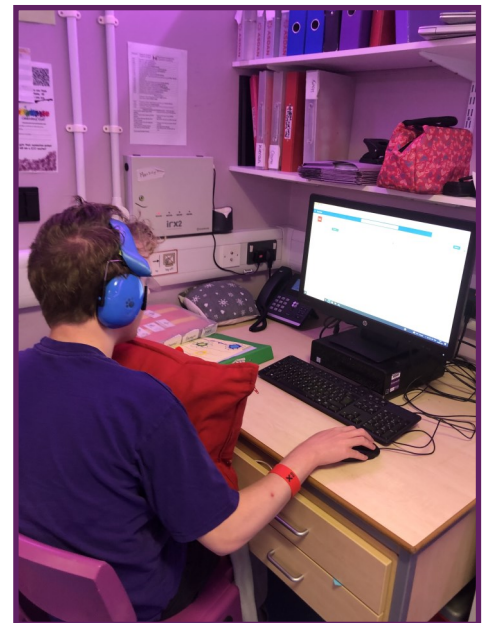
Kieran had an ice cream



Harry is playing basketball



John is recording himself



is



using

the



computer

Hugo is using the computer



Leo is blowing bubbles

Square Class

This term Square class and Endeavour school sadly said goodbye to Samuel who left us to move to another school. Samuel had been at the school for several years. We will really miss his chats, sense of humour and engineering skills.

We had a great term in square class. Rehan has been making progress in making a choice from two preferred items. Charlie has been working hard with his academic skills and life skills. He has also enjoyed some great trips out in the community. Amy and Jasmine have enjoyed cookery lessons. Zach has done well doing some shopping trips in the community. Jordan really enjoys his trips to Earth trust.

Square class wishes good luck to those students who are moving classes and looks forward to welcoming back those who are staying with us. Have a great summer everyone.



Triangle Class

Triangle Class have focused a lot on communication this term and building on relationships. With lots of sensory exploration and opportunities to try new skills Triangle Class have made us all proud this term!

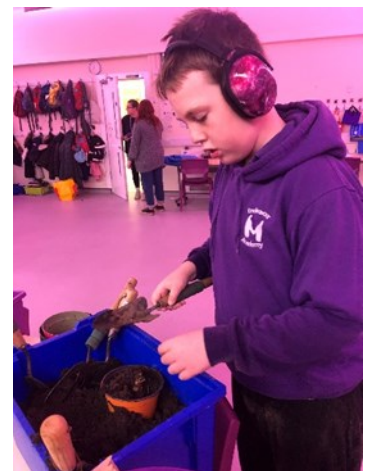


Star Class Newsletter

This term in Star Class we have been working hard to develop our school allotment space by growing a larger variety of vegetables and plants. Students across the school have been taking responsibility for planting, watering and harvesting.

Students in Star class have also been engaging in a variety of forest school and Duke of Edinburgh activities and skills. This has included using the firepit, creating art from natural materials and scavenger hunts.

Star class have also been fortunate to have the opportunity to engage in weekly wood work sessions. Students have created hedgehog and bird houses.



We continue to be so proud of our young people and for all of their achievements this academic year. We would like to wish you all a fantastic and safe summer holiday.

The year has seen staff and students work together on a number of local and national projects and awards. These have resulted in Endeavour celebrating:

Being recognised as a UNICEF UK Silver: Rights Aware School



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child



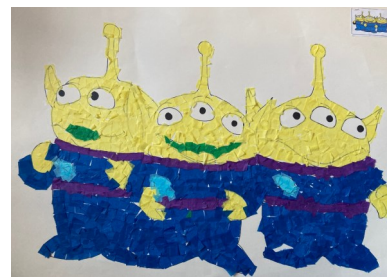
Evidence of 3 personalised Learning tasks that are incorporated into Sammy's curriculum at Endeavour.

23 – If I have a disability, I have the right to special care and education



Awarded Attachment & Trauma Sensitive Schools Bronze Award and started our journey towards Silver.

We were very proud of the team of students who won joint 2nd place in the Oxfordshire Consumer Challenge competition.



As part of our Artsmark journey we spent a lovely afternoon at St Mary's Church, Barton seeing our 'Friends' display alongside other artwork as part of Oxfordshire's Art weeks.

This year we have had the opportunity to offer our young people a range of enrichment activities. Highlights have included:



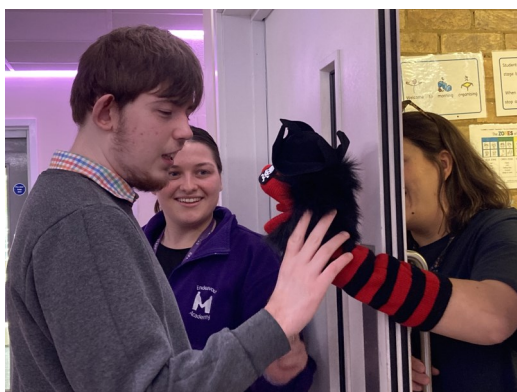
A festive trip to Oxford Playhouse Panto—Cinderella complete with snacks, drinks and party bags, thanks to The Province of Oxfordshire Freemasons.

A trip to the Abominable Snowman sensory show with Wild Boor theatre was funded by Happy Days Charity for those students who would have found the Playhouse over stimulating.



A very enjoyable day with Suzanne & Tracey from Singing Hands where students & staff got to learn new Makaton signs while dancing to favourite pop songs. Thanks to Happy Days Charity for funding this session.

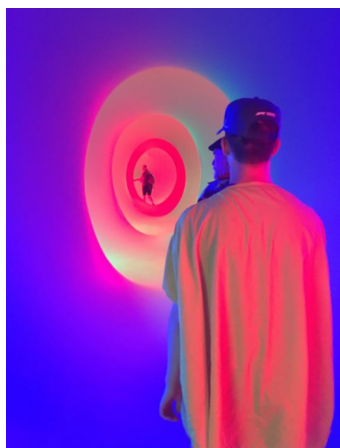
A new Endeavour tradition was started as School & House staff and students sat down to a delicious Christmas lunch prepared, cooked & served by the Senior Leadership Team.



Colourful puppets donated by Happy Days Charity have become a popular part of the weekly Dance therapy sessions provided by Irem from Natural Genius.

Red noses & colourful tops were seen around school as we raised awareness of Red Nose day as part of our Rights Respecting Schools work.





Students explored colour and sound during the Colourscape exhibition at Waddesdon Manor.

World Book Day saw stories being shared in class, in the library and on the playground.



Students worked on co-ordination as they engaged well in SEN golf sessions delivered by The Golf Trust.

Square class' unique gingerbread men won the Endeavour Great Bake Off competition.



The ever energetic Emma Boor brought her sensory performance of Goldilocks to Endeavour with an array of sounds, materials, puppets and shadow box puppets. The afternoon ended with an opportunity to make their own bear spoon puppet.



With so many fun activities on offer Anne Spencer's functional reflex therapy provided much needed calm and relaxation for students and staff.

We have enjoyed several visits from Music for Autism where our young people have listened to a variety of musical instruments from different sections of an orchestra.



Music therapist Andy Stevens' visits have been the highlight of many of our students' week as they enjoy the opportunity to request songs and play Instruments.



Mosaic artist has worked with our young people to create sea themed wallpaper and a colourful shell & tile entrance to our outdoor therapy hut.

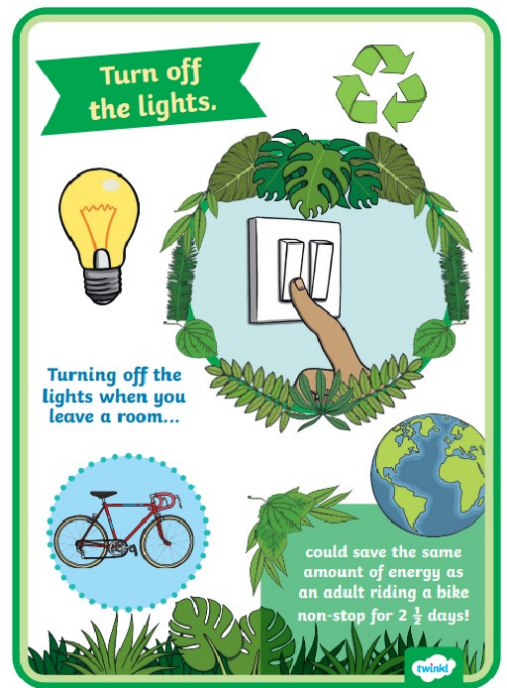


After making red, white & blue bunting & table decorations for the Barton community students donned crowns and shared an English tea party for King Charles III coronation.



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As part of our renewal of Eco school's Green Flag Award Post 16 students have been litter picking around Barton community and helping tidy up playground equipment at the end of the day. They have also created posters to help younger students understand how to look after the environment.



Therapy

Goodbye to Aisling

We wish Aisling our Occupational Therapist all the best as she moves home to Ireland. We thank her for all her amazing work and OT over this year; we will miss her!



Goodbye to Alex

We also say goodbye to our Alex our Speech and Language Assistant, who is not returning to us after maternity leave. We will miss Alex dearly as she has been with Endeavour from the start, and has been here for 6 years!



Zones:

We have continued to work on our Zones and Sensory Regulation this term, and preparing all our resources for new classes in September. A simple check in you can use at home over the summer:



Sad



Happy



Worried





Angry

Summer Activities:

Indoors:

Play Doh Tasks

Roll out Play Doh with rolling pin for bilateral	
Hide beads in the Play Doh and pick them out for fine motor skills	
Use cookie cutters to make shapes in the Play Doh	
Use cutting tools to practice hand grips for tools	
Add glitter and squidge it around so the glitter is through the whole bit of Play Doh. Good to work all the hand muscles	

Roll play cars and trucks through the Play Doh. Brown works well to look like mud



Place whole cloves into the Play Doh for fine motor practice and sensory experience

Add a few drops of essential oil for different smells experience



Place paper clips or spaghetti into the Play Doh to practice fine motor control



Make small dots and the squash them for finger isolation and fine motor skills



Homemade Play Doh for one ball:

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup of flour

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup of water

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup of salt











$\frac{1}{2}$ tbsp. cream of tartare

$\frac{1}{2}$ tbsp. cooking oil

Mix all ingredients in a pan. Cook dough in pan for about 3 minutes over a low heat until it clumps together. Then add colouring. E.g. food colouring or cocoa powder.

Outdoors:

Go on a sensory exploring adventure
outside!

  	Outdoor	Sensory	Treasure Hunt
	Soft		
	Loud		
	Rough		
	Red		
	Fresh		
	Blue		
	Sweet		



Outdoor



Sensory



Treasure Hunt



Smooth



Sour



Crunchy



Orange



Sticky



Bright



Colourful

After School Club

On behalf of myself & all the support staff, we would like to say a Huge Thank you to the families of all our young people, who have attended Afterschool club over the years & I'm sure they've all had a fun time.

I will still be around, in school, after the Summer break, I will be working in Square class with James & looking forward to my new role.

Have a wonderful Summer

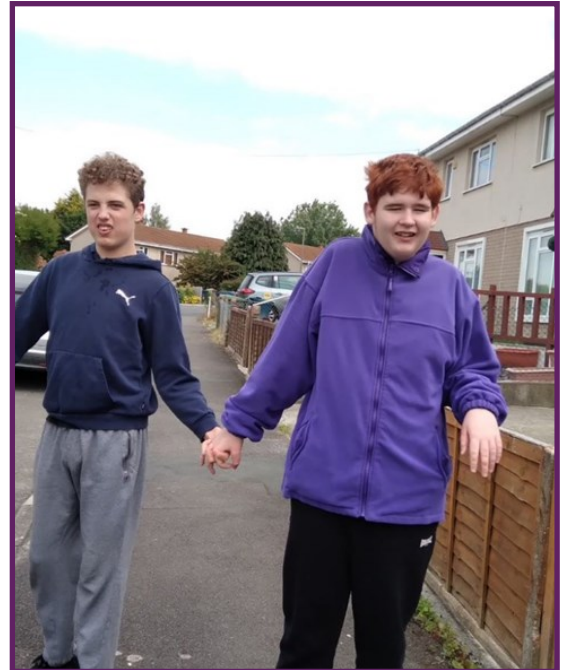
Kay Sage



MacIntyre Academies Endeavour House



Summer has arrived! We have been getting out and making the most of the fine weather - going out with our friends for walks and cooling down with cold drinks and ice cream!



Here we chose a magazine with a cool activity that came with it to do back at the house and also enjoyed spending time in the garden in the paddling pool! It was a great day and we look forward to planning many more in the summer hols!



We would also like to inform you of a leadership update in the house. Sarah Nicholson has been working with us as Interim House Manager for some time. Sarah has done an amazing job and has been offered and accepted the role of Head of Care and is also to become Registered Manager. Jane our School Business Manager will also be taking a larger role with the house providing compliance and operational support. Thank you both for all of your work!



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 2023/24 Academic Calendar

Pupil Days

Bank holidays

School holidays

Inset Days

Term Dates

Sep-23						
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	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24		

Oct-23						
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Apr-24						
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Students: 190 days
Teachers: 195 days

Autumn Term: 74 days
Spring Term: 54 days
Summer Term: 67 days

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