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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL 3rd March 2017

Dear parents, carers and families

The highlight of this week has been 'World Book Day' – please see our twitter page for photographs. Thank you to all students and staff who made such an effort in making it a very memorable day across school for all. Winners of the best student costume competition go to Oli G. Best staff dressed competition Cathy & Raul. We also ran a best dressed classroom door competition with the winners being Circle Class. Thank you and well done to all.

We have also had Richard Hirstwood from Hirstwood training with us for two days this week. Richard inspired and enthused the whole staff team with training regarding addressing the sensory needs of our students. On Tuesday and Wednesday Richard worked with students and staff in the sensory room and the hall on specific strategies, techniques and ideas for development with our students. An amazing two days with one of the best professionals that I know. Please have a look at Richard's website: <a href="http://www.hirstwood.com/">http://www.hirstwood.com/</a>

#### **Chair of Local Advisory Board**

Following the resignation of our chair of LAB, Anne-Marie Dawe, Cecilia Guntrip has been appointed by Trustees as our new chair of LAB.

We would like to thank Anne-Marie for all of her hard work and involvement at Endeavour though the years. Anne-Marie will remain on the LAB as a Community Representative.

Cecilia will be in school in the next few weeks spending time with staff and students.

## News to make you smile:

Great news to share with you. Emily Wheeler has given birth to Jake Benjamin weighing 7lb 1 oz. Mother and baby are both doing well.

## **Inviting All Families: Family Information Event**

On Thursday 30th March we are holding a family information event at Endeavour from 5:30-7.00pm. At this event there will lots of different organisations who can offer a variety of support for your family as well as looking at future options for example colleges and employment. This event isn't just open to Endeavour families but to all local families who do not know where to go for additional support or future options. Please invite anyone who you feel would benefit from the event. Flyer with more information to follow next week.

## Change of INSET Day

A further reminder that we will **NOT** have INSET as scheduled on 06 March. This will now take place on Monday 24 April.

To finish on this week's quote:

Anything that annoys you is teaching you patience. Anyone who abandons you is teaching you how to stand up on your own two feet. Anything that angers you is teaching you forgiveness and compassion. Anything that has power over you is teaching you how to take your power back. Anything you hate is teaching you unconditional love. Anything you fear is teaching you courage to overcome your fear. Anything you can't control is teaching you how to let go.

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Towards a bright future
Best wishes
Angela O'Rourke
Principal