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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**4<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

Dear parents, carers and families

I do hope that the half term has gone well for you all. The children in Endeavour House had an excellent week with many trips out including the cinema and Thomley Hall.

The children and staff have all come back from the holiday with exuberance and we have had an incredible week. As the Endeavour family, it is incredible how much we have missed seeing the children and each other over the week.

The week started with everyone being invited to the Endeavour House spooky Halloween party. What an excellent afternoon with our students doing all of the planning, invite making, organising games, food and costumes. Thank you so much to everyone involved in making this an afternoon to remember.

We have welcomed to our family this week, Sheila Noble (Operations Manager), Tracey Carnegie (TA) and Luke Kearney (TA).

Nerys Hughes (Clinical Supervisor to Sian Pratchett our OT specialist) led staff training in sensory awareness this week. Staff have fed back what excellent training this was and already strategies are being put into play for supporting our young people further.

### **Vigour**

We have had a full unannounced two day inspection this week from Ofsted in Endeavour House. I am pleased to feedback to you that subject to scrutiny and verification we have been graded as 'Good' in all areas.

The inspector commented that he was exhausted after the two days with us, due to the 'vigorous energy' on display from all staff. It was so lovely to hear his feedback especially regarding the progress of our young people but also of the high expectations

and care from all staff. What has shone through the inspection is that this was a whole team effort in which everyone played a part. As ever I feel very proud and privileged to be part of the Endeavour team. I look forward to sharing the report with you shortly.

Next Friday (11/11/16) we shall be organising activities for 'Children in Need'. The theme is 'Spotacular'. If your child would like to wear clothes with 'spots' this would be great. We will be fundraising for this event and would welcome any small donations.

To finish on this week's quote:

'Don't let yesterday take up too much of today'

Towards a bright future

Best wishes

Angela O'Rourke

Principal