

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

27th January 2017

Dear parents, carers and families

This week we have been celebrating 'National Handwriting Day', Robert Burns Day and Chinese New Year next week. I had a lovely afternoon with Triangle class after being invited to their celebration of Robert Burns and enjoyed a 'high tea'. It did bring back childhood memories for me, especially in the rendition of 'Donald Where's Yer Troosers'.

We are delighted that Louise Hodgins has joined the administration team and Gemma Stockford has joined us as a Teaching Assistant. We welcome them both to the Endeavour family. Education has been very busy this week with four trainee paramedics joining us for two weeks in learning more about communication skills, and two PGCE students from Oxford Brookes.

We wish Emily Wheeler the best of luck as she leaves us for maternity leave to have her first child. During Emily's absence Sarah Roots and Suzanne Russell will be job sharing as Children and Young Peoples Outcomes Lead in covering Emily's duties. Suzanne is creating a variety of bespoke formats that support children to have their voices and opinions heard and for them to become actively involved in decision making. Sarah is supporting the transitions of new students into Endeavour and supporting our leavers to access the best future placements, as well as promoting and initiating person centred planning. Both Sarah and Suzanne are available to meet with families and can support you in accessing additional external services. If you would like to contact Sarah and Suzanne their email addresses are:

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Just a reminder to parents that if you would like the weekly newsletter in any other format, for example in large print or another language please do not hesitate to contact us.

I have enclosed in your weekly pack a copy of our safeguarding leaflet that is given to all visitors to the Academy.

To finish on this week's quote:

'Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around'

Towards a bright future

Best wishes

Angela O'Rourke
Principal