

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

13 JANUARY 2017

Dear parents, carers and families

This week we have all enjoyed another magical afternoon with 'music for autism'. We welcomed Derek Paravicini, who is described as an autistic savant and a musical prodigy. Please do have a look at the following YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzDBFCvIvk4>

Derek amazed us with his repertoire and all of our students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.

In extending our partnership work with other schools, I am delighted to inform you that LVS Oxford will be using our school hall on a Friday morning for their PE session. We are hoping to introduce some of the Endeavour students into this session in future weeks.

We are all very relieved today that the forecasted snow did not appear, however, it did give us a chance to review our snow procedures. To make parents aware, if there is ever the need for education to close, the senior member of staff 'on call' will telephone parents directly.

On to learning this term. Our Topic is: People Power. Attached is 'challenge work' that we have set the students for this Term. Look out in future weeks for our new home / school photo books and how families can also engage in these activities.

We will be sending intimate care plans home in envelopes today. Can parents please sign to let us know that you are happy with the plan or come back to us with any queries.

### **Request**

If you have any dressing up clothes that you no longer require, can we make a plea for these to be donated to the school.

### **Events for your Diary:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 16 January	Martin Luther King Day
Friday 20 January	National Hugging Day
Monday 23 January	National Handwriting Day
Wednesday 25 January	Robert Burns Day
Friday 27 January	Chinese New Year
Tuesday 07 February	Charles Dickens Birthday
Friday 10 February	Valentine's Day
Tuesday 21 February	National Random Acts of Kindness Day
Tuesday 28 February	Shrove Tuesday
Thursday 02 March	World Book Day (students to dress up as favourite characters)
Monday 13 March	Holi
Friday 17 March	St Patricks Day
Friday 24 March	Mother's Day
Monday 27 March	World Autism Day Celebrations (students to wear blue clothing to school)
Friday 07 April	Easter Celebrations

To finish on this week's quote:

'There are two ways to live your life.

One is as though nothing is a miracle.

The other is as though everything is a miracle'

Albert Einstein

Towards a bright future

Best wishes

Angela O'Rourke

Principal