



We are delighted to welcome prospective pupils and families to our

OPEN DAY

19TH OCT 2021

**AM & PM
SESSIONS AVAILABLE**



Contact us to reserve your place: 01295 263067 or office@harriers-aspirations.org

Principal's News

Dear Parents/Carers

This week we have seen a rise in positive Covid cases. Nothing too alarming but enough for us to trigger our contingency plan, where we inform Public Health England and reintroduce some measures into affected year groups (of which there is only one). It serves as a timely reminder to us all that Covid is still very much with us and we should treat it with caution. If your child has any of the main symptoms (cough, high temperature or loss of smell/taste) please keep them off school and get a PCR test. They can return to school if they have a negative test result. By following this guidance we help to keep everyone safe.

Leadership & responsibility is one of our 8 Conditions for Learning and something that is very important in our pupils' development. Last week we launched The Harriers Parliament to our pupils, where we explained how they all have a voice in decision making and all have a

responsibility for how we care for our school, environment and each other. As part of The Harriers Parliament there are six councils: Eco, Wellbeing, Safety, Aspirations, Health & Fitness and Break & Lunch. Next week all pupils will have the opportunity to become a councillor, if they wish to do so. More information to follow!

The Harriers Parliament					
The Cabinet:					
- Mr Pearson		- Junior Principals		- Junior Vice Principals	
- Spokespersons from each Council			- Staff Spokespersons		
Eco Council	Wellbeing Council	Aspirations Council	Safety Council	Health & Fitness Council	Break & Lunch Council
Environment Wildlife School Grounds	Mental Health Happiness Equality Friendships	Dreaming Doing Teaching Learning	STARS In/Out of School Online	Sport Healthy Living Competitions Clubs	Playtime Garden Food Tuck shop
Councillor Councillor	Councillor Councillor	Councillor Councillor	Councillor Councillor	Councillor Councillor	Councillor Councillor
Class					

Have a lovely weekend,

Alex Pearson, Executive Principal



Women's Tour of Britain



It was thrilling to see a convoy of police escorts, television crews, support vehicles and obviously the women cyclists themselves – the children got a real sense of excitement, and the experience of elite sport on their doorstep!



Watch the video of the children cheering on the riders [here](#).

A huge thank you to all our parent helpers who assisted with looking after the children during the event.

Harvest Assembly and collection

The Harvest Festival assemblies for Early Years, Year 1, Year 2 and the Year 3 to Year 6 have been recorded and will soon be shared with families.

Grateful thanks to all the generous gifts of food items for our harvest collection; these will be donated to a local food bank.



Bicycles wanted!



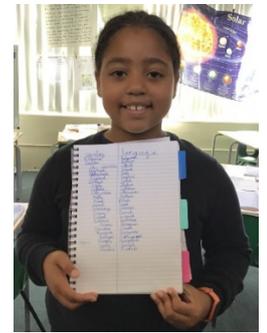
We would welcome any donation of bicycles, which are in good working order and condition, to the school. We would particularly like some balance bikes for Nursery and Early Years and some bikes suitable for our year 4/5 children. Can parents please contact the office if you can help.

European day of Languages



Pupils enjoyed a European Languages Day, learning about the different countries and their culture. Year 3 children drew flags for a lovely display board.

The children were so interested that some did extra research to show to their teachers.



Penguins on Fridays

'Penguins' (replacing homework club on Fridays) will start on 15th October and offer opportunities for the children to learn skills outside of the normal curriculum as well as an optional chance to complete homework or recap learning from lessons. Activities will run on a rota basis with every group, at some point, taking part in forest school, sports, cookery, rock choir, and art.

If your child is already signed up for Homework Club then they will automatically be signed up for Penguins. Please email or call the office if you would like to add your child to the new optional hour, but we do ask that the commitment is made for a term not ad-hoc weeks.

The choice is totally yours, and you may still pick your child up at 2:00/2:10/2:15pm on a Friday if you wish to do your own activities at home.

PTFA News

Given the ongoing situation with Covid, we as a school must continue to be careful about any large gatherings. This means we are, very sadly, unable to host our popular annual fireworks event.

Our PTFA do a great job supporting Harriers. Pupils showed great skill in designing their own special Christmas cards for the PTFA's most recent fund raising event.



Uniform

Thank you to everyone for their efforts with our new PE uniform, the children are looking really smart.

Please can we remind you hoodies are NOT allowed in school for health and safety reasons.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 19th October: Open Day for prospective EYU/New families (see poster).

Friday 22nd October: Last day of Term 1.

Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October: Holiday.

Monday 1st November: First day of Term 2.
Friday 26th November – INSET day (no children in school).

Term and holiday dates for this academic year 2021-2022 are online: [Term Dates](#)

Parents Evenings

We hope our virtual Parents Evenings were useful and informative – thank you to all parents that took the opportunity to discuss their child/ren's progress.

Is it Covid-19?

Please continue to be extra vigilant about taking precautions against covid-19 infection. If your child/ren are showing symptoms of the virus, DO NOT send them into school. Please call 119 or through <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test/> to ensure you get a free PCR test if asked to do so. If the test is negative, the child can end self-isolation; if positive, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared. For more information about the illness and useful web links, see the full letter to parents [here](#).



Another great way to see what we are learning at Harriers is to follow our [Facebook](#) page or our [Twitter](#) page.



Community Activities

ACTIVE ADVENTURE
8:15am-6pm Children aged 6-14!
October 25th - 29th
at
SUMMER FIELDS SCHOOL
Book Now!
Slacklining
Fire Lighting
Survival Skills
Whittling
Archery
£50 per day £225 per week
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TOKYO ROADSHOW

Technical Masterclass with
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PARALYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST
TOKYO 2020 PARALYMPICS

Banbury Judo Club
Sunday 7th November

Junior: 17:00-18:30
Seniors: 18:30-20:00

Blessed George Napier Catholic School
Addison Road
Banbury
OX16 9DG



BRITISH JUDO

GREAT BRITAIN

This event is only available for people with an entry knowledge of Judo; this is due to the safety that is taught in the first few weeks of starting Judo.

We always welcome new starters to Banbury Judo Club and have a very welcoming junior and senior team. Find out more here:

www.banburyjudoclub.org.uk

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Sibford School
25 - 29 October

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Football Camp

@ St Johns RC School, Banbury OX16 9YA

Monday 25th – Friday 29th October




Don't forget YOURS

Our FUN Camps are held in the secure environment of St Johns School and designed for Boys & Girls of all abilities aged 4 – 12

Kick Off: 10.00am Final Whistle: 3.00pm
(Drop off from 9.30am)

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Our Fees:
1 day £20
2 days £35
& then it's
£10 per day
Payment on the day

