



Harriers Banbury Academy Newsletter

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Principal's News

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

We enter a very busy time of year where we are completing statutory assessments of our pupils and planning for next year, whilst having lots of fun events taking place in school. I would like to wish Year 6 good luck in their SATs next week, they have all worked very hard to prepare and we are proud of them all! Year 1 have been working very hard to prepare for their phonics check as have Year 4 in preparation for their multiplication check. Finally, good luck to Year 2 who will also sit their SATs papers in a couple of weeks. These are all statutory assessments that the Government requires us to complete. They are absolutely the be all and end all of what we do in school, and we really try to make them a stress free experience for the children. Most actually quite enjoy them!

In terms of next year, you have already heard the great news that Miss S Pamplin will be the new Principal at Harriers from September 2022. We are also delighted to announce that Mr Few, who completed a placement here in Year 6 earlier in the year, will be joining us as a teacher in September. We are sure he will be a fantastic appointment.

There has already been Race for Life, football matches, museum trips and a rounders tournament in the first 8 days of this term. Lots more to follow!

Kind regards,
Alex Pearson, Executive Principal

Race for Life

Thank you to all parents who came to watch the children and join in with the run, also a huge thank you to everyone who has sponsored so far...already more than £2,000 raised (including gift aid)!!

Many of our children had very personal reasons for participating, having lost special family members or friends. We were so proud of everyone for taking part (including several of the teachers)!



The link is still open if you would like to make a donation to this very good cause:
<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/harriers-banbury-academy-5> .



Year 6 SATs

Children in England take SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) twice during their time in primary school, in Year 2 and then in Year 6. SATs are meant to help to assess children's achievement and progress in their education.

For 2022, Year 6 children nationally will have SATs week commencing 9th May. The KS2 SATs include tests in English (grammar, punctuation, spelling and reading) and maths. Each paper is 45 minutes long, and the tests are all transported securely and marked externally. Our Year 6 children and staff have been busy preparing to ensure the pupils know how to manage their time and use what they know to best effect. Please make sure your child is in school, on time, fed, calm and ready. We know they will do their best!

KS1 SATs for Year 2 will happen later in May. These are less formal tests, in a normal classroom situation, to get an overview of the pupils' ability in maths and reading (plus an optional test in English spelling, punctuation and grammar).

Mental Health Awareness Week

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week. People of all ages will have the chance to think about mental health and practical steps we can take to improve our wellbeing.

This year the focus is on connecting with other people and our community, to find better ways to reduce loneliness and foster a mentally healthy society.

One of the best ways to do this is through kindness toward others. You may have seen in the Banbury Guardian that one of our parents,

Mr James Stead, had grown his hair during the pandemic and has kindly had it cut to donate to Little Princess Trust, raising funds for Harriers too!



Football Success!

Following the recent return of the boys' football team, we were delighted last week to host our first ever girls' football team match. Both teams have been entered into a Banbury schools competition and the girls' first match was at home, versus Dashwood. Most of the girls had never played a match before and we had a squad that contained six Year 4's (in a year 5/6 competition) so there were, understandably, plenty of nerves prior to kick off.

Mrs Moulder, however, had fully organised and prepped the team and they played confidently and passionately. Despite conceding first, the girls sped into a commanding half time lead and ran out 10-6 winners!

Amelie scored an amazing 7 goals, Anna-Rose an excellent 2 goals and Tamara scored the goal of the game! Well done girls, a fantastic first match that all the staff and parents thoroughly enjoyed watching... including our new Harriers cheerleader! The next match is away to Deddington on Tuesday 10th May, and the boys travel to The Grange on 13th May.



The Queen's Jubilee

There will be celebrations all across the UK in June and late May to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and an amazing **70 years** on the throne!



We would love you to join us at our Jubilee event on Friday 27th May. There will be a family picnic, Bake-off style competition, refreshments, musical performances, art and history displays to showcase what we've been learning, and other activities.

Each class will be growing its own special garden and the Eco Council are planning a tree planting project as part of "The Queen's Canopy".

We look forward to sharing information soon... and to seeing you there!

Spring Fair and Plant Sale

10am-4pm Saturday 14th May | Harcourt Arboretum

Fun for all the family!

Music, family friendly crafts, stunning blooms and delicious food.

FREE with your entrance ticket. £6.30 adults, children free with a paying family member.

Prebook your tickets now on our website.
Harcourt Arboretum, Nuneham|Courtenay, OX44 9PX



Banbury's Jubilee Celebrations

Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th June 2022



Thursday 2nd
Spiceball Park
20:30-22:00



More than 1,500 beacons will be lit throughout the Commonwealth! Our event will open with a band at 20:30. Evening snacks and drinks available throughout the duration of our event - all you need to do is bring along a deck chair and enjoy the music! Then at 21:35, our Beacon Lighting Ceremony will begin featuring Pipers, Buglers and a local choir performing 'A Song for the Commonwealth'. At 21:45 the Beacon will be lit, followed by a Fireworks Finale at 22:00! Be sure to come down into the Park to get the best view of the display!

Saturday 4th
Spiceball Park
13:00-23:00



Join us for an afternoon of live music, food & drink in Spiceball Park, followed by an evening of 'Platinum Party at the Palace' broadcast live onto a big screen showing the action straight from Buckingham Palace - all you need to do is bring along a deck chair and enjoy the action! Children's rides & activities available throughout the duration of the afternoon too.

Sunday 5th
Market Place
12:30-14:30



Come along and be a part of Banbury's Big Lunch, taking place in the Market Place for 1000 Children, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee! Tickets must be pre booked here: <https://www.experiencebanbury.co.uk/the-big-lunch/>

For further and up-to-date information, please visit our Social Media/ Website pages.

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Dates for your Diary

Mon 9th - Fri 13th May: KS2 SATs.

Wed 18th May: Y6 Lion King trip.

Fri 27th May: Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. More information to follow.

Fri 27th May: Term 5 ends.

Mon 6th June: Term 6 begins.

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

2022-2023 are also online: [Term dates for the next academic year](#) (subject to change)



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



The Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock

The Museum offered a fantastic range of free activities over the Easter holidays, but did you know that they offer trails and activities outside of holidays too?

With a wonderful museum, lovely gardens, café, shop, and even their own resident dinosaur there is something for everyone to enjoy!



<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordshiremuseum>

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