



**Harriers Banbury Academy**  
an Aspirations Academy

***Our Vision: to cultivate high quality education in a supportive environment, enabling our pupils to become happy, confident individuals, ready to take on the world***

# Harriers Newsletter

Friday 30th September 2022

# Message from Miss Pamplin



What a busy few weeks we have had!

Today, we welcomed parents, carers, family and friends to our MacMillan coffee morning and uniform sale. Thank you to everyone who sent in donations and supported the event, which was really well attended and it was lovely to meet with so many of you. Our P.T.F.A. committee were there also, discussing membership to the committee this year and it was wonderful to see the very long list of volunteers who have signed up to help with events over the coming year.. If you were unable to make it today, there is still an opportunity for you to come to the first meeting of the year, being held next Wednesday, at 3.30pm in the hall.

As you will see in the slides that follow, classes across the school have been enjoying a huge variety of trips and activities linked to their learning this week as well as some children participating in an inter school cross country event.

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Congratulations go to  
Toucan (95.5%) &  
Owl (96.9%) Classes  
for winning the  
attendance bears this  
week.



**Attendance**  
Whole school attendance  
this week was 93.8%  
**( -2.2% on expected level)**



## Upcoming Dates

Virtual Parents' Evening next week.

Please book via message sent by  
School Ping.

You child's class teacher will send  
you a link via Seesaw.

- Tuesday, 4th October -Parents' Evening 3.30-7pm (virtual)
- Thursday, 6th October Parents' Evening 3.30-5pm (virtual)
- Friday 14th October Whole School Photos
- Tuesday, 18th October Year 1 "Book and a Brew" 2.30pm in the hall
- Thursday, 20th October School Disco  
Session 1 4-5.15pm (recommended for N-Y3) Parents must stay with Nursery & Early Years children.  
Session 2 5.30-6.45pm (recommended for Y4-6)
- Friday, 21st Oct Term 1 ends
- Monday, 31st October Term 2 begins
- Early Years Open Sessions for prospective parents 1st, 2nd & 3rd November (9.15-11am)
- Thursday, 3rd November Harriers' Fireworks Night (5-7pm)



In the first week of this term, Year 6 went on a local walk where we studied local OS maps as part of Geography topic. We also rolled/ran down a very damp hill and picked blackberries along the way.





Last week both Year 6 classes went on a residential trip to Everdon. The children had to show determination, resilience and most importantly teamwork to complete the tasks set before them. The children completed a wide range of activities such as den building, orienteering and roasting marshmallows!





Year 5 children  
created rivers in the  
forest school this  
week, linking this to  
their learning in class.





After planning and writing group debates, year 4 were able to put their learnt persuasion skills to practise by debating with each other, using formal spoken and body language. Some of the children could give our parliamentary MPs a run for their money!



# Great Fire of London in Year 2!

Year 2 made some amazing houses and then burnt them down in forest school to understand how the fire spread in 1666.



# Year 3 visited Broughton Grounds Farm this week

Year 3 had the pleasure of returning to Broughton Grounds Farm to feed calves, pigs and chickens, collect eggs, dig potatoes, picked apples and made them in to apple juice and learnt about where our food comes from. The children loved every minute of their visits and got fully involved in the life of a farmer.



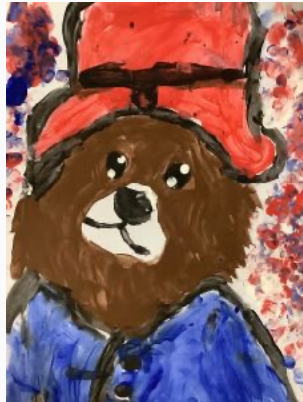
# Year 1 went on a walk around Banbury!

This week, Year 1 went on a walk around Banbury. We saw Banbury Cross, the Fine Lady on a Horse and St Mary's Church. We even managed to fit in a quick play at People's Park! The children were really sensible when walking along the roads and had a lovely time.





## Tributes to Queen Elizabeth II



This week each class has created a piece of work to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II's reign. These will be collected and then sent to Buckingham Palace in a commemorative book from the school.

Take a look at some of the wonderful work!





Harriers' advisory committee meets three times a year. It's a parent/school forum that discusses proposals, ideas and feedback from the Harriers' community. This year, the dates for our meetings are:

Thursday, 10th November at 10am  
Thursday, 23rd February at 10am  
Thursday, 8th June at 10am

If you would like to become involved, please contact the school office.

# Harriers' Advisory Committee (H.A.C.)





**Our wraparound care at Harriers is very popular!**

**We would love donations of any of the following items for our children to enjoy:**

- **Action figures/Barbies**
- **Puzzles for children aged 5-11**
- **Lego**
- **Games**
- **Colouring books**



**Please speak to the Office if you do have any donations.**



# Breakfast Club and After School Club



## Rise and Dine! The Importance of breakfast for Children

Children who eat breakfast tend to eat healthier overall, are more likely to participate in physical activities, and maintain a healthy body weight. Eating breakfast helps a child's attention span, concentration and memory.....all important for learning in School!

We have noticed an increase in children arriving to school without having breakfast. Please can all children make sure they are having breakfast every morning before they arrive at school.





Early Years have  
been working  
hard and doing  
activities around  
our book, “Lost  
and Found.”





Duckling nursery class had their 'Book and a brew' this week. We had a lovely time with our families sharing stories!



Thank you for  
supporting our coffee  
morning - we've raised  
just over £150.



## Running

Some of our children took part in a cross country festival this week and 3 of our children made it into the finals!

Well done Aaliyah, Kaydon and Solomon.

If your child enjoys running, please see the link below for regular free running events in Banbury.

<https://www.marathonkids.co.uk/parks/banbury-spiceball-park/#1534169256481-d8f29652-b4b3>

