



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, 4th November 2022

Message from Miss Pamplin

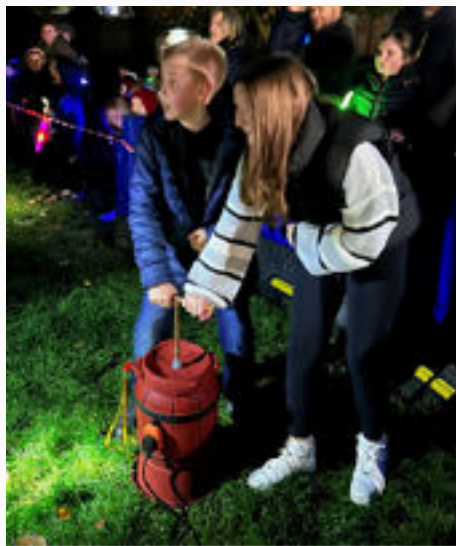


A huge heartfelt thank you to our amazing P.T.F.A. for organising such a fantastic firework event last night. It was an incredible evening of fun, excitement and happiness, in a safe environment. It was so lovely to see so many of you there and to see our Harriers' community enjoying the event once more, after a break of 3 years. Events like this take such an extraordinary amount of organising and without the P.T.F.A. would not be possible... so thank you from us all.

This week, we also held open mornings for prospective parents of new pupils in Early Years for next September. The sessions were extremely well attended and the feedback from individuals was very positive; many of whom commented on how friendly and polite our pupils are and what a welcoming feeling the school has along with what a wide range of opportunities our pupils have. As you will see in the following pages, these last two weeks have been no exception, with teachers planning engaging and exciting learning for their classes.

Our Condition this term is "Leadership & Responsibility." In our assembly on Monday, we looked at how everyone can take responsibility for their own attitudes towards learning and taking ownership and leading their journey through school.

Kind regards, Steph Pamplin



Harriers PTFA
Firework Display
3rd November

Our Junior Principals
set off the display





H.A.C.

10th November @10am

Harriers Advisory Committee meets three times a year. It is open to all parents of the school to attend. Parent forums are **a way for schools to encourage more parents to get involved in school life.**

They are informal groups where parents can raise issues, be consulted on school policy and give their views.

Upcoming Dates

- 10th November H.A.C (Harriers Advisory Committee) 10am
- w/c 14th November Anti-bullying week and Road Safety week
- 18th November Children in Need
- 18th November uniform sale (in old nursery) 3pm
- 25th November INSET day (no children in school)



Principal's Awards 21st October 2022

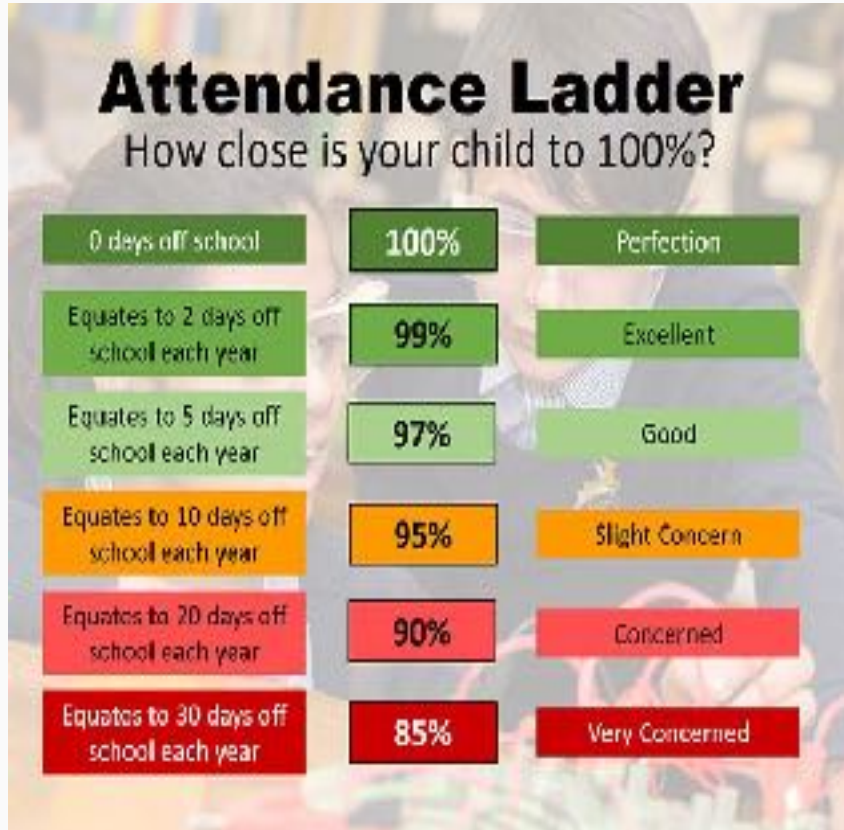


Our Conditions in Term 1 were
“Belonging” and “Confidence to Take
Action”





Congratulations go to
Kingfishers (96.3%) & Flamingoes (94.8%) classes
for winning the attendance bears this week.



Attendance

Whole school attendance
Last week 92.0%

(-4% on expected level)

Whole school attendance
This week 91.3%

(-4.7% on expected level)



Smartest
Uniform:
Kingfishers

Tidiest
classroom:
Woodpeckers



Lower Phase Celebration Assembly 4th November 2022



Mrs Sammons, with Monty, came to assembly today and told us all about her sponsored crochet for "Dogs for Good." She had managed to crochet 10,000m of crochet, to raise funds to train dogs like Monty that support individuals in the community to live a fulfilling life.

Tidiest classroom: Eagles



Upper Phase Celebration Assembly 4th November 2022



Molly
shared her
celebration
book



Smartest
Uniform:
Owls



Tidiest
classroom:
Eagles



Attendance:
Flamingoes



Punctuality:
Red Kites





Early Years have started our Dinosaurs topic.

On Monday, we discovered some dinosaur eggs in the garden!

Across the week, we have been doing lots of dinosaur based activities and have been learning to remember facts about our favourite dinosaurs.

We have been learning how to do coding; making dinosaurs move across the screen!



We have made dinosaur eggs!

Year 1 make a model of Banbury!

To finish off our topic 'Brilliant Banbury', Year 1 made a model of the town. They worked really hard to make the buildings, including Banbury Cross and the Lady on the Horse.



Year 1

This week, Year 1 have made some wonderful fireworks pictures! We used paint which we flicked with brushes, and also used forks to make star shapes. The children then wrote descriptive list poems about fireworks.



Year 2 visit Kings Sutton!

For many of our year 2 children, this was their first ever trip on a train! The children loved the journey and had fun comparing a town with a village. They also loved the park!



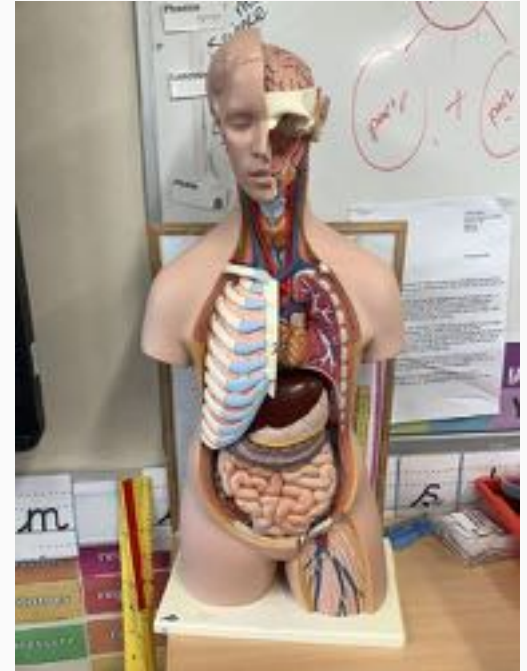
Year 3

This week we started our Stone Age to Iron Age topic by creating some cave paintings! We used tea to create the backgrounds and then when they had dried added charcoal and pastel pictures for an authentic look.



Year 4 science week!

Year 4's science topic this week has been 'Teeth and the Digestive System'. Children have really enjoyed learning about what happens to food in our bodies when it's eaten and setting up experiments investigating which drinks cause the most damage to teeth!



Year 5 really enjoyed the workshop and visit to the Heroes of the Viking World exhibition at Banbury Museum this week.



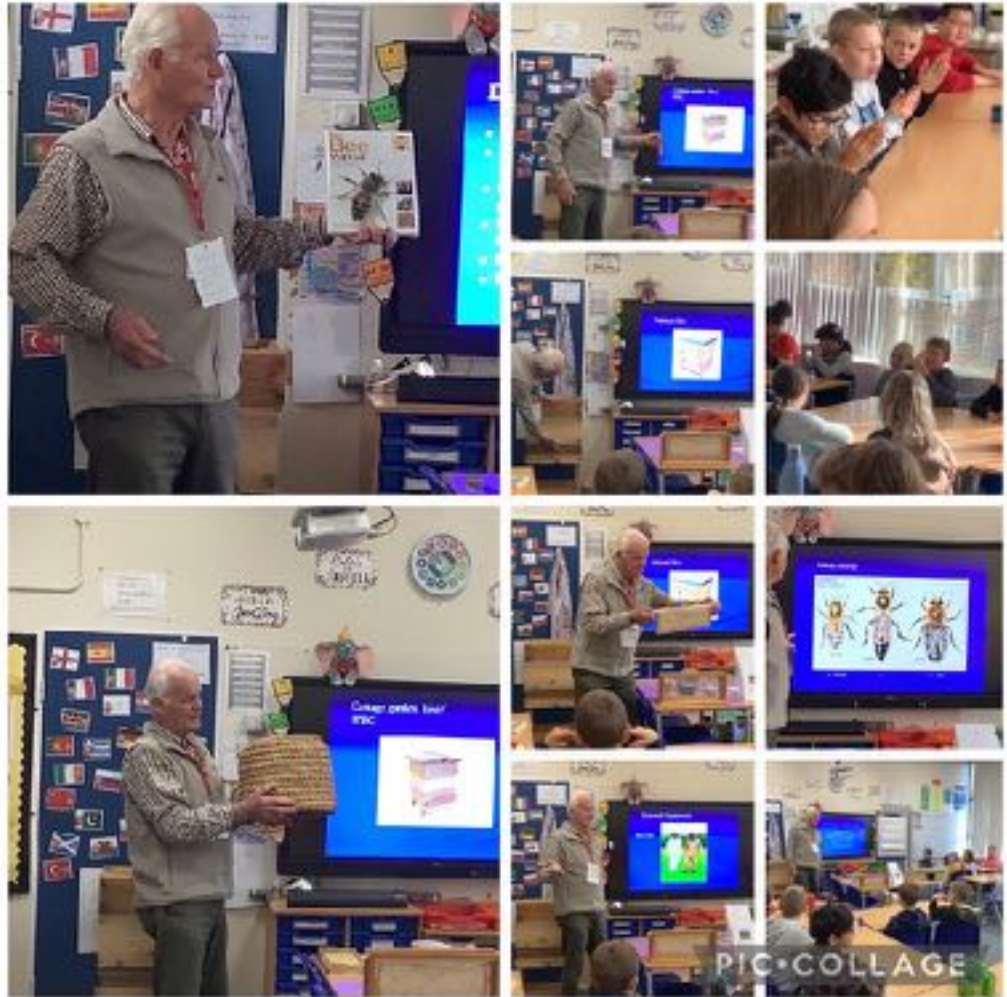
Butterflies

As part of their learning on life cycles, Pelicans Class have really enjoyed watching the caterpillars grow, turn into pupae and hatch as butterflies. It was sad and exciting to say goodbye to them as they were released into the school garden before half term.



Beekeeper visit

Year 5 were very lucky to have a visit from a local beekeeper. He gave a fascinating talk about how to keep bees, how to look after your bee hive and how to collect the honey from the hive. Also, he told us some really interesting facts about the history of beekeeping.



Year 6 enjoyed using the glockenspiels this week. Within 15 minutes of using them, the children had improved hugely.



Science Club

In Science Club this week, to link with the idea of fireworks, we created our own 'fireworks' in a jar using oil, water and drops of food colouring.

Then, we used Skittles sweets to create a rainbow!



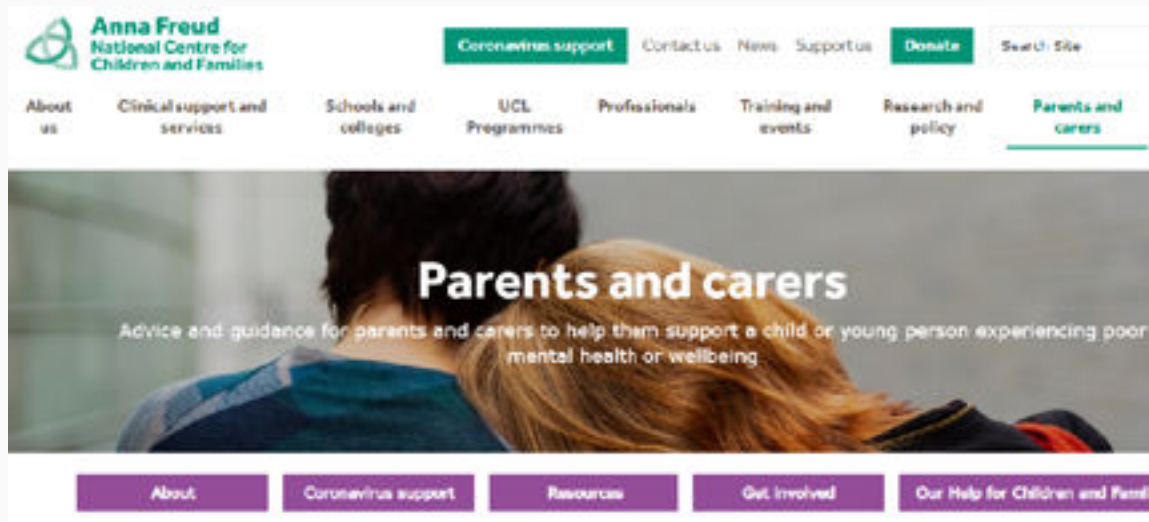


Keeping our children safe

We are always looking for ways to support our children and families both in and out of school. The Anna Freud Centre website offers lots of advice, resources and support that might be useful.

<https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/>

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to speak your child's teacher or contact East.



Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 14th December.

Please book this on Parent Pay, if your child pays for dinners the cost is £2.40. The deadline for booking will be 1st December 2022.

Please book these options on Parent Pay for the Christmas Dinner

- Roast Chicken > Roast Turkey
- Veggie Sausages > Quorn Fillet



The background of the poster features a close-up of a violin and a flute.

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[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/
musicinterest](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest)





The 2023 Banbury Young Musician of the Year Competition is now open for entries! More details are available on the attached flyer and on the Banbury Rotary Club website!

The preliminary rounds will take place on the 20th and 21st of January at Tudor Hall School.

BANBURY YOUNG MUSICIAN COMPETITION

2023

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS AT TUDOR HALL SCHOOL
FRIDAY & SATURDAY 20TH & 21ST JANUARY 2023

FULL DETAILS AT WWW.BANBURYROTARYCLUB.ORG.UK

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