



**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, 10th February 2023

# Message from Miss Pamplin



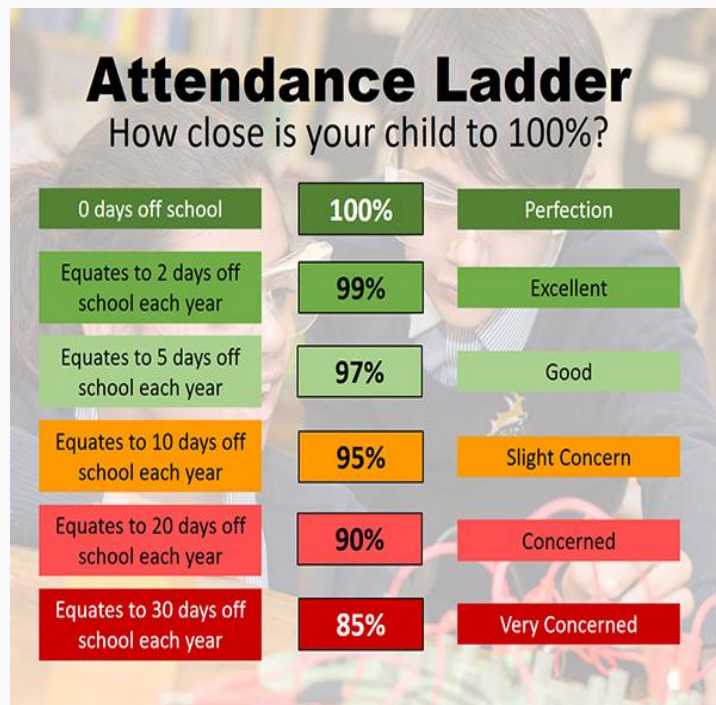
So we come to the end of another busy term here at Harriers and what a great term we have had with Science as our focus. It has been lovely this week seeing so many of you at events in school over the last two weeks. Parents and children in Nursery and Early Years were able to enjoy storytelling with Mrs Ross and after a long period where we have been unable to hold them, class assemblies are now scheduled in. Eagles class were the first ones to share all the learning and experiences they have had this year at school and many more will follow next term.

As a school, we are currently reviewing all our books in both classrooms and libraries and are looking to have a working party to help come and go through all the books on our Library Bus. If you are able to spare a few hours of your time on Thursday, 9th March, can you please contact the school office and let them know. Many hands will make light work of the process.

Kind regards,

Steph Pamplin

Congratulations go to  
Swallows Class( 93.8% ) & Owls Class (97.3)  
for winning the attendance bears this week.



# Attendance

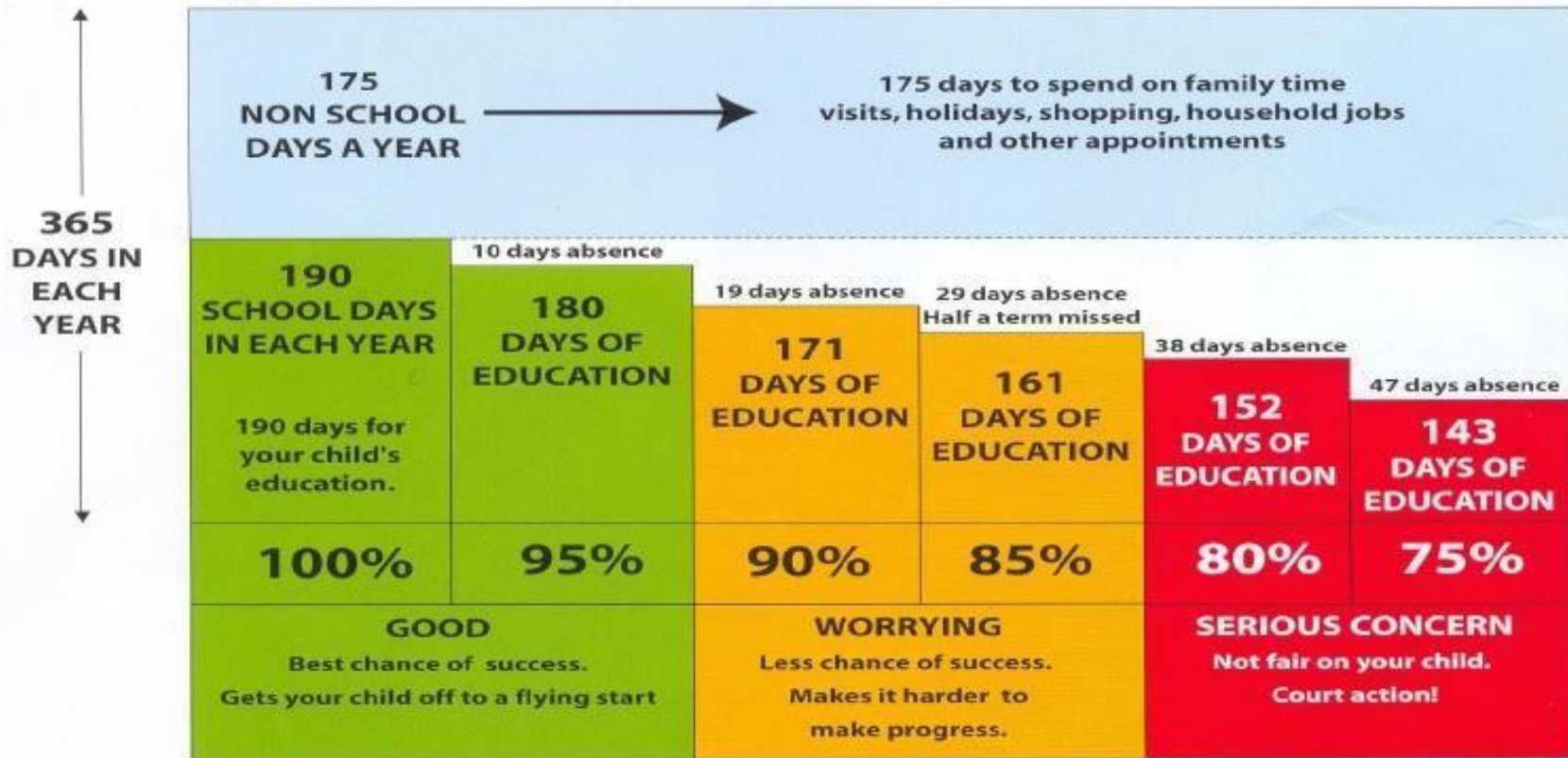
Whole school attendance  
Last week 89.5%

( - 6.5% on expected level)

Whole school attendance  
This week 91.6%

(- 4.4% on expected level)

## Days off school add up to lost learning



- Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve.
- Every school day counts.





# Lower Phase Celebration Assembly 3rd February 2023



Punctuality  
Bear



Attendance  
Bear



Celebrating  
success out  
of school



"Best Seats in  
the House"



High Flyers



Attendance  
Bear



Punctuality  
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# Upper Phase Celebration Assembly 3rd February 2023



High Flyers



# Aspirations Assembly 10th February 2023



This term's Condition has been  
Curiosity and Creativity.



Our Aspiration Awards Winners



Celebrating our successes out of school



## Upcoming Dates

- Monday 20th February  
Start of term 4
- Thursday 2nd March  
The Library Bus Tidy
- Friday 3rd March
- World Book Day (more info to follow)
- W/B 6th March  
National Careers week
- W/B 10th March  
British Science week
- Thursday 16th March  
EYU Mother's day assembly (in EYU garden)



*The Great Library Bus Tidy.*

*Are you able to come and help sort out our book stock on the library bus? Any time you can spare would be appreciated. If so, please contact the school office and leave your details and we'll be in touch. Thank you!*



# Nursery

Nursery have been invited to our local library each month to take part in various activities!

This month we headed there for a storytelling session where Naomi read us two stories and then we had a go at writing our own.

The children walked brilliantly to the library and we had lots of talk about staying safe near roads.



# EYU!

Creating space crafts has been our theme this week! We have enjoyed a lot of junk modelling and designing different space gadgets such as telescopes, rockets, launch pads and control buttons.

We also tried to paint the planets in the same colour that they are in real life. This was hard as we had to mix the colours in order to get them to match the right colour!

For our termly reward for completing Mr Potato head, we also made Pizza!



# EYU and Nursery Star gazing!

Harriers' youngest children enjoyed a very exciting evening this week out in forest school!

Children and their families came back to school as the sun was setting to look for stars. We were a little worried when we only spotted one - but then plenty more appeared! We even saw Venus, Jupiter and Mars!

Lots of marshmallows and hot chocolates were enjoyed around the fire. Thank you for joining us!





# Year 1!

Year 1 enjoyed making pizzas for our end of term reward on Thursday. It also happened to be National Pizza Day!

We also made vanilla tray bakes and chocolate crispie cakes for the cake sale.





## Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed learning about habitats this term and spent this week learning about offspring, lifecycles and food chains.



## Year 2

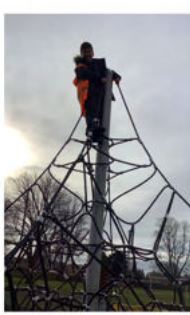
Year 2 had a lovely time enjoying the outdoors as part of children's mental health week. We built minibeast houses linking to our learning about habitats.





# Year 3

Year 3 have had a brilliant time today at the park. The children chose a visit to the park as their end of term treat, and worked hard to earn their reward.



# Year 4

Year 4 had an amazing Forest School session for their 'Extreme Survival' topic!

Mr Sherington taught the children all about the essential elements needed to make a fire; fuel, heat and oxygen!

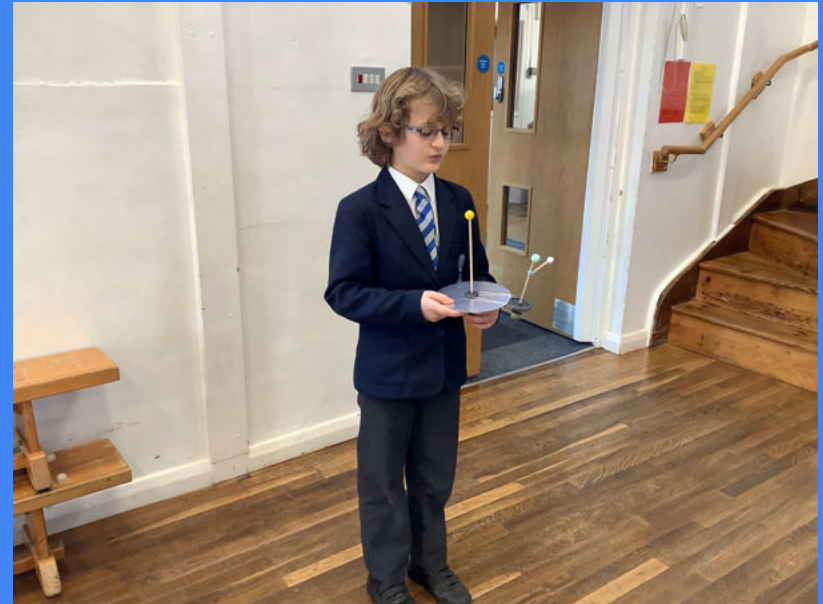




# Year 5



The children in Pelicans class enjoyed presenting their learning about the Earth in Space this term to their parents and Upper Phase on Thursday morning.



## Year 6

This week, Year 6 had the opportunity to think about what inheritance really looks like. They were given Mr Men and Little Miss characters and were asked to create and draw offspring based on the parents' physical characteristics. It was great opportunity for them to demonstrate their scientific knowledge.





# Science Club

In Science Club we have been researching what engineers do. We are starting to develop our own ideas to create inventions that can help us in the future.

Thank you to our brilliant 6th form volunteers for their support!



IF YOU WERE an  
**ENGINEER**  
What would you do?"

# Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

## Primary school place – you must apply now

If your child was born on or between **1 September 2018** and **31 August 2019**, you need to apply for a primary school place now.

You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school.

Deadline for applications is **15 January 2023**.

## Apply online at

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

– it's quick, easy and secure.

You can get free access to the internet at many of our libraries and children's centres – ask for details at your local facility.

### For help and information:

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

Email: [admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

Tel: **0345 241 2487**



## Reminder

Primary School Places for September 2023

Deadline for applications 15th January 2023





# Keeping our children safe

## Dealing with Body-Confidence for Young People - ChildLine

The world is now more superficial than ever before – tiktok, Instagram, snapchat and others have standardized what the world expects people to look like. What the world expects when someone is termed 'beautiful'. For young people, the standard idea of beauty has always been an immense pressure for those transitioning between being a child and being a young person. To help young people with this, ChildLine has created a page over on their site with advice on these issues.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/you-your-body/my-body/how-you-look/>

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### HOW YOU LOOK

Feeling happy about how you look can help you to feel confident. It's normal to worry about the way you look sometimes. Especially as you grow and go through puberty.

**On this Page**  
Bullying about how you look  
Your identity  
Things to remember

**FEELING GOOD ABOUT HOW YOU** | 5 things to help you feel better

# Sporting events!



Some of year 4 were trained to become playground leaders. Next term they will support younger children at break times.





# Keeping our children safe online



This year's Safer Internet day was all about having conversations about life online. At school we ran a poll to find out what the children do and do not like about their lives online.



Please try and make time to talk to your children about what they do online as this can be really beneficial in regards to their safety.






## February Indoor Football Holiday Camp

Jointly run by  
Oxford United in the Community &  
Easington Sports FC  
in Banbury








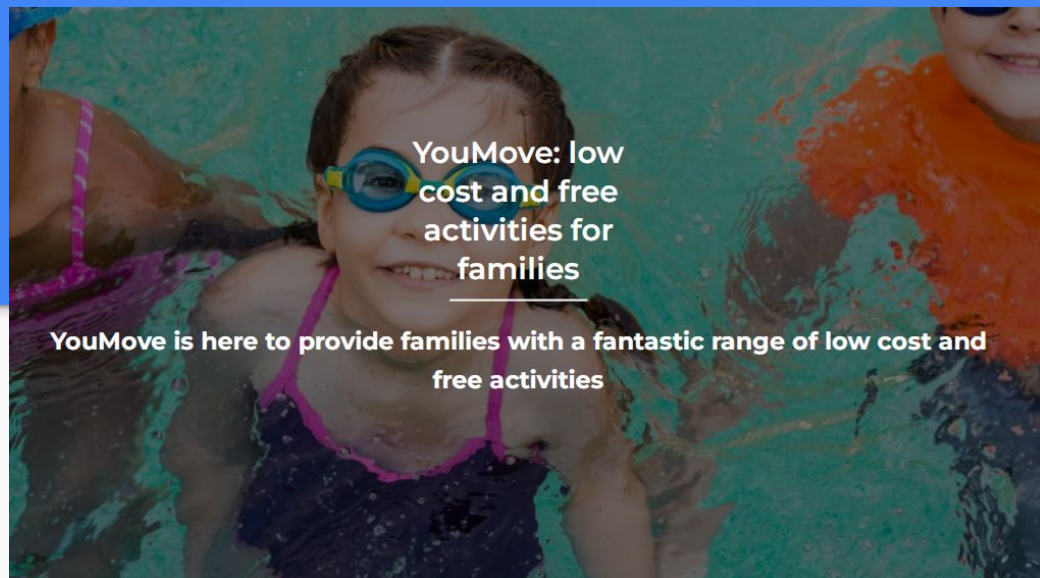
**ALL CHILDREN 4-13 YEARS OLD**  
**£55 FOR 3 DAYS**  
**£25 PER DAY**  
**9AM - 3PM**

**Tuesday 14th February**  
**Wednesday 15th February**  
**Thursday 16th February**

**Venue:**  
 Easington Sports FC  
 Addison Road  
 Banbury, OX16 9DH

**Book Now:** [ouitc.org/our-courses/](http://ouitc.org/our-courses/)



Use link below to access more information

<https://www.getoxfordshireactive.org/>







## Struggling to find a dental practice?

Community  
Dental  
Services

**Find a local dental practice by calling 111 or visiting  
[www.NHS.uk](http://www.NHS.uk)**

If after contacting several dental surgeries you still cannot find a dentist accepting NHS patients, call NHS England's Customer Contact Centre on 0300 311 2233.

NHS England commissions dental services in England and is required to meet the needs of their local population for both urgent and routine dental care.

Your local Healthwatch may be able to give you information about services in your area or raise a concern if you have one.

*How to find an NHS dentist - NHS ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk))*



**NHS**  
Oxford Health  
NHS Foundation Trust

## Welcome to Marvellous Me!

The Oxfordshire Health Visiting Service  
invites families to join our new, virtual  
health promotion groups

Facilitated by our Community Nursery Nurses, sessions run once a week over three weeks and provide information & advice covering a wide-range of age-appropriate topics such as:

- sleep
- speech & language
- diet & eating
- toilet training,
- child development
- school readiness



**Marvellous Me! Now I'm 6 months**

**Marvellous Me! Now I'm 18 months**

**Marvellous Me! Now I'm 3-4 years  
and ready for school**

For more information please email:  
[CNNGroups@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:CNNGroups@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk)



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**Bodicote Church Youth Drama Group present**



**16th – 18th  
February  
2023 7.30pm  
18th Matinee  
2.30pm**

**Tickets £8.00 (concessions £5.00)  
available from:**

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bodicotechurchyouthdramagroup>

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