



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, 17th March 2023

Message from Miss Pamplin



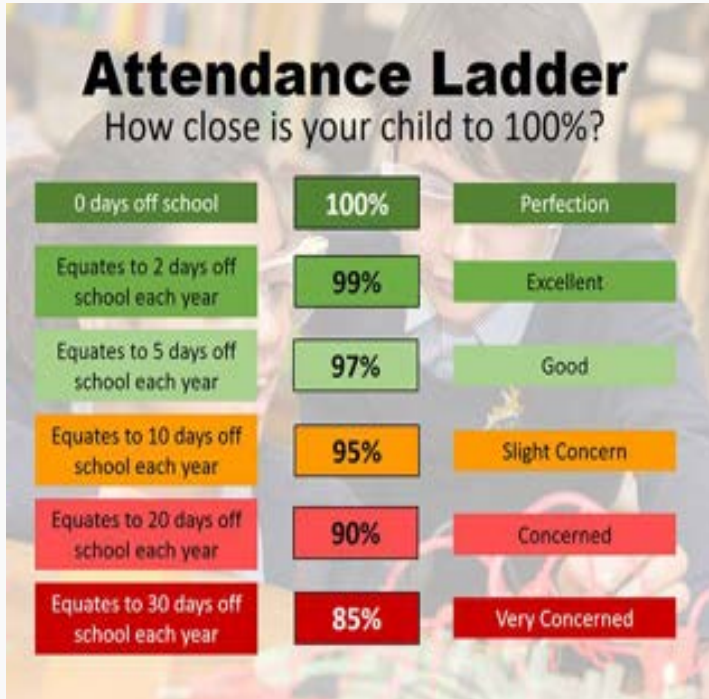
This week, the whole school has been buzzing as we celebrate “National Science” week. This year, the theme was “Connections” and classes were set a challenge in Celebration Assembly last week to move a glass marble between classes. Eagles class took up the challenge and over the week the marble was rolled, hurled (in a managed manner) and encouraged to move down the corridor between classes. Our children spent the week investigating questions they had posed and our corridors were lined with questions and hands on displays for them to consider and participate in. We had invited guests on Wednesday afternoon to come in and judge our key stage 2 Science Fair. They were most impressed with one judge saying “It was a pleasure to be there and have a chat with the brilliant researchers of the future!” Key stage one opened their classrooms up to parents and carers to discuss what they had done and discovered. We thank Mrs Maxine Roberts for all her hard work and time spent organising another successful science week in Harriers.

Kind regards,

Steph Pamplin



Congratulations go to
Swifts(93.6%) & Owls (95.9%) classes
for winning the attendance bears this week.



Attendance
Whole school attendance
Last week 91.5 %

(- 3.5 % on expected level)

Whole school attendance
This week 91.4 %

(- 3.6 % on expected level)



Attendance
Bear



Celebrating
success out
of school



Lunchtime award

Lower Phase Celebration Assembly 10th March 2023



High Flyers



Upper Phase Celebration Assembly 10th March 2023



Attendance
Bear



Punctuality
Bear



Success
outside
school



Swimming success



High Flyers



Lower Phase Celebration Assembly 17th March 2023



Attendance Bear



Attendance Bear



Lunchtime awardr



Punctuality



Celebrating success outside of school



Upper Phase Celebration Assembly 17th March 2023



Tidiest classroom



Attendance Bear



Punctuality Bear



House Points Cup - Mars



Lunchtime Award



Best Seats in the House



Upcoming Dates

- w/c 20th March Parent Consultations
- 23rd March The Big Library Bus Tidy
- 28th March Years 3-5 concert 9.30am & 2pm performances
- 29th March Years 3-5 concert 2pm
- 30th March Aspirations Assembly
- 30th March PTFA Easter Bingo
- 31st March Easter Bonnet Parade

Keep the date free... Friday, 5th May
Coronation Family Picnic including
"Bake a Cake for The King"
competition. Further information
coming soon.



Nursery

It has been a very busy beginning of the week in nursery in preparation for our Mother's day afternoon tea!

The children love to bake and this week we made cakes and biscuits for our mummies. Lots of weighing, mixing and decorating - some brilliant concentration faces were seen!

We had learnt a song all about our mums and the children performed it so well!



EYU!

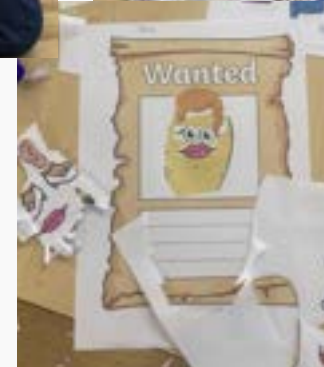


We have been doing lots of fun things! In PE we have learned how to control our bodies and have even done some fantastic gymnastics!



Our Hero topic lead us to making

“Wanted posters” for supertato, we had to write an adjective to describe him.



Year 1

Year 1 had fun investigating floating and sinking for Science Week.

We tested different materials, and then built boats to hold lego people using what we had learnt.

Apples and corks were very good at floating!



Item	Science Prediction	✓/✗ Float or Sink
Cork	✓	✓
Cardboard	✓	✓
apple	✓	✓
Synage	✓	✓
Elastic band	✗	✗
shell	✗	✗
Plastic	✓	✓
rock	✗	✗



Year 2

We have been very busy this week for science week. An evil villain froze some animals in ice! We worked out the quickest way to melt the ice so they could go back to their natural habitats. We thought about our other learning in science, to understand what were the right habitats for these animals and how they might be adapted to them.



Year 2

This term, year 2 have been learning about keeping our bodies healthy. As part of our design and technology project we made fruit salads. We planned, prepared, ate and evaluated our fruit salads.

Most of us agreed they were delicious!



Year 3



Year 3 had a fantastic trip to the British Motor Museum in Gaydon. We learnt all about the evolution of cars over the last 100 years and got to see James Bond's car, Mr Bean's car and got to sit on a 100 year old bus!



We have also been busy creating portraits of members of staff to be entered in to the Sky Arts competition!



Year 4

Year 4 have absolutely loved Science week!

On Monday, the Year 4s learned all about batteries, learning about the anode, cathode and the electrolytes!

We investigated if different foods could be used as a cell or a battery in a circuit!



Year 5

Science week has been keeping us busy in Year 5!

We have been investigating buoyancy (water resistance). The children have discovered that shape matters if you want an object to take longer to sink in water.

They worked hard in teams to put together their projects outlining their learning, including how their investigation was a fair test.



Year 5

Thank you to The Curiosity Box for sending us some fantastic activities to do! Year 5 children had the opportunity to build elastic band operated cars!

We also took part in the NFU Science Farm Live during which we learnt lots of really interesting facts about farming and how sheep are connected to seaweed!

Year 5 have also taken part in planting hedging trees in the grounds.



Year 6

Year 6 had such a packed week, full of science, speech writing and even doing their part for the planet and community.

Throughout science week year 6 have had the chance to explore many different areas from buoyancy to forces, even considering how sheep can be linked to space and seaweed!

Year 6 also took part in planting hedging trees along the school gate to make it a greener place for all!



SCIENCE WEEK

We have all had the best time this week; predicting, investigating, questioning, reasoning and thinking in and out of our classrooms!

The Science Fair and Open Afternoon were very successful and we are very grateful to the judges for sharing their time with us.

Well done to everyone who took part in the Science Fair in the hall. The judges were incredibly impressed with your knowledge and ability to answer so many tricky questions about the projects on show.





Years 3, 4 and 5 Production!

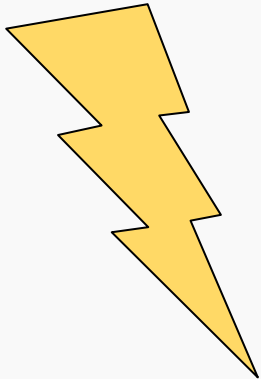
Just a reminder that the dates and timings of the shows are:

Tuesday 28th March - 9:30am and 2pm

Wednesday 29th March - 2pm

You will need to collect a free ticket for the performance of your choice from the office. These will be available from the 15th of March 2023.

If possible, we would love for the children to wear 'rock star' clothing for the show! This could be their favourite outfit, some sunglasses, or anything 'rock star' style that they already have in their wardrobe!





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 to your child's teacher or contact Mrs East.



Are you learning a woodwind,
brass or string instrument?

Would you like to meet other
young musicians and have fun
making music together?

Come along for a **FREE** trial session with

Bicester Music Centre

It doesn't matter if you haven't taken any
exams - as long as you are confident playing
the first few notes, there will be a part
that suits you. Open to ages 6-18.

Parents/carers - either bring your child along to
sign up on the day, or email the address below
to register and get the music in advance.

Saturday 25th March

9 - 10:30 am

Glory Farm Primary School, Bicester

Email jonathon.wakefield@oxfordshire.gov.uk for more information



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Bicester Music Centre

The Bicester Music Centre is open
for children aged 6-18! It is available
for beginners up until Grade 5
instrument level!

Please see the attached flyer for
more information!

Can you help?

After school club arts opportunities



At Harriers, we want to offer the children a broader range of after school clubs (or in school workshops), giving the children the opportunity to develop and experience a wider range of 'arts'.

We are looking for potters, bakers, dancers, magicians or a circus performers (or any other performance or creative skill), to run an after school club for a term.

If you know of anyone or you are someone who may be interested, please get in touch with either Mrs Coghlan or Mrs Jenkins and we can give you more information.

Sporting events!

A fantastic win against

St Leonard's 4-0!



An excellent match against Dashwood. We were 4-1 up until the last 5 minutes where they scored some great goals taking it to a 4-4 draw. A great team effort by all!



Keeping our children safe online



Want to talk about it?

Making space for
conversations
about life online

It is really important to understand why platforms have certain age restrictions.

Often it is because of the content children could be exposed to on the platform not necessarily what they access themselves.

A good example of this is that we had an incident of a student talking about an adult streaming site this week. They had no idea what the site contained, however they were referencing it because they had heard a streamer talking about it. It is really important that parents are aware of the content their children are exposed to.

Whilst many of these streamers may seem innocuous. They can often discuss adult themes which are a wholly inappropriate for a younger audience

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

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is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps.



Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

16

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18

is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps.





SEN Support Group Banbury

About us

A support group that is run every other Monday to help support parents/carers of children with SEN, diagnosed or undiagnosed. Tea/coffee and refreshments will be provided. £1 donation per person.

Find us on Facebook: SEN Support Group Banbury or
message us 07432003645
**Cromwell Lodge Hotel, OX16 0TB. Every other
Monday 09.30am-11.00am.**

SEN SUPPORT GROUP

The group is run every other Monday with the next group being held on Monday 20th March at 9.30am at the Cromwell Lodge hotel. We will then be closed for Easter and will resume on Monday 17th April.





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**DROP IN TO OUR INFORMATION SESSION
TO FIND OUT MORE! Thursday 16th**

March

3.30pm – 5.30pm

at Futures School,

Banbury, OX16 9HY



FOUNDATION AND TOP-UP DEGREES

New to Banbury – apply now for September 2023!

- ✿ Early Years Professional FdA
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Public Service Protection Order Consultation if you are able to complete please.

<https://letstalk.cherwell.gov.uk/proposed-pspo-for-banbury>

**Football Camp
Easter Holidays**
Jointly run by
Oxford United in the Community &
Easington Sports FC
in Banbury



ALL CHILDREN 4-15 YEARS OLD Monday 3rd - Wednesday 5th April 2023
£15 PER 3 DAYS
£25 PER DAY 9AM - 3PM

Venue: Easington Sports FC, Addison Road, Banbury, OX16 4BN

Book Now: oxfordunited.co.uk/events/




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PRODUCTION OF

Disney

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

JR

TUESDAY 25TH APRIL, WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL,
THURSDAY 27TH APRIL
7PM
AT WYKHAM THEATRE



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BOOK BY
DAVID BOMPATO

BASED ON A DISNEY CHANNEL MOVIE WRITTEN BY
PETER BARBOCCHINI

MUSIC ADAPTED, ARRANGED, PRODUCED BY
BRYAN LOUSHELLE

SUNG BY
MATTHEW BERRARD, RICHIE NEVIL, RAY CHAM, DREW CHAM, ANDREW BILLEY, RANDY PETERSEN, KEVIN DUNN,
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