



**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, 3rd March 2023

# Message from Miss Pamplin



At Harriers Banbury Academy, we value the diversity of the backgrounds of all pupils, families and the wider school community and strongly believe in upholding British values through all aspects of our school provision.

*The DofE states that there is a need: “To create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs”.*

Our school reflects British values in all that we do. We aim to nurture our children on their journey through life so they can grow into safe, caring, democratic, responsible and tolerant adults who make a positive difference to British society and to the world and the wider world.

In all our provision, both academic and otherwise, we endeavour for our school community to develop an understanding of British values and a strong desire to uphold them both now and as future British citizens.

Kind regards,

Steph Pamplin

# Aspirations

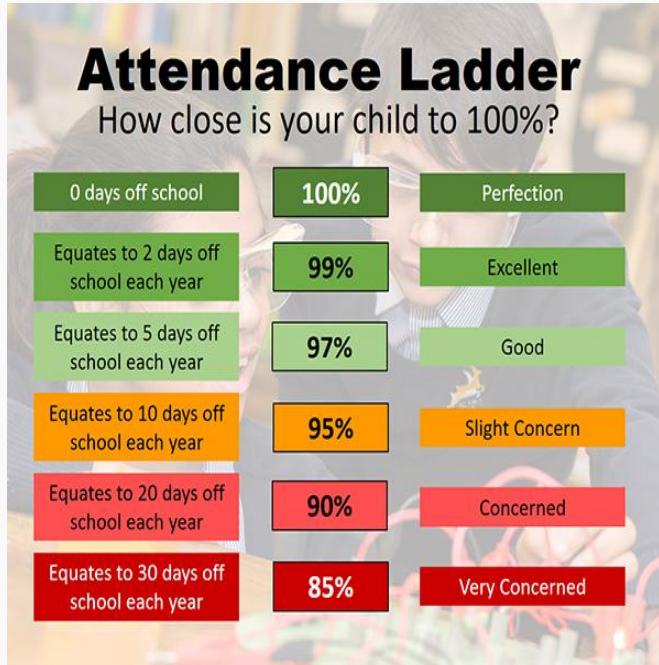
Term 4's Condition is  
"Heroes"

This term's Condition is "Heroes" and nestles under the Guiding Principle of "Self-Worth." This term we're thinking about how we can be Heroes to other people and who are our own "Every-day Heroes."





Congratulations go to  
**Doves Class (96.4% ) &  
Parrots Class (96.5%)**  
classes for winning the attendance bears last  
week.



**Attendance**  
Whole school attendance  
Last week 92%

( -4% on expected level)

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Punctuality  
Bear



Attendance  
Bear



Lunchtime award



# Lower Phase Celebration Assembly 24th February 2023



High Flyers





Attendance  
Bear



Punctuality  
Bear

Celebrating success out of  
school



# Upper Phase Celebration Assembly 24th February 2023

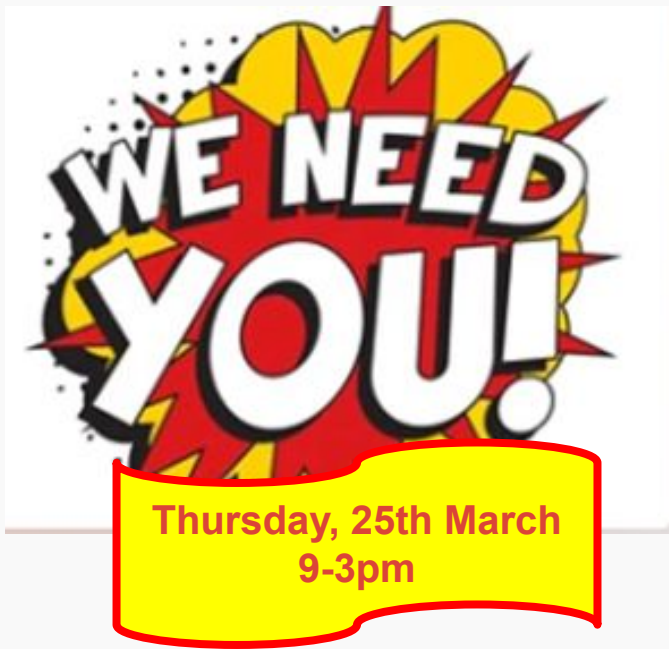


High Flyers



## Upcoming Dates

- Thursday 9th March the Library Bus tidy
- W/B 6th March National Careers week
- 7th March Year 3 trip to Gaydon Motor Museum
- 10th March New to You uniform sale in Old Nursery
- W/B 10th March British Science week
- Thursday 16th March EYU Mother's day assembly (in EYU garden)
- 16th March Swifts class assembly
- Friday 17th March Comic Relief day (more info to follow)
- 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



*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!*

## PTFA EVENTS

- Mothers' day present wrapping, week commencing 13th March in school. Please book via Parent Pay by 10th March.
- Easter Bingo - Thurs 30th March - purchase tickets on the night.

Plea.....please can we ask for any Easter themed donations for the bingo, any Easter eggs or any other Easter themed gift. Please can you drop off at the office. Many thanks.





# Nursery!

This past week, Nursery have been thinking all about what makes you a hero. They have decided so far that you need to be brave, good at sharing and also able to fly! We spent lots of time in our garden enjoying some hero role play.

We also headed over to the library bus. This was the first time lots of us have been so there was plenty of excitement! We all found a book, sat and enjoyed it with each other and then chose one to bring back and have a story time. We will definitely be heading back!



# EYU!

In Early Years this week we have had fun learning some gymnastics in PE.

We also learned all about St David's day which happened earlier this week.





# Year 1

In Year 1, we have enjoyed doing some more cooking. We made pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, and then ate them. We loved putting honey and sugar on them - even if our hands did get a little bit sticky!



# Year 2

This term, year 2 are learning about our bodies and how to keep them healthy.

Year 2 visited Woodgreen gym, to learn about some different ways of exercising our bodies, some healthy and unhealthy foods, and how the gym equipment uses different parts of our bodies.

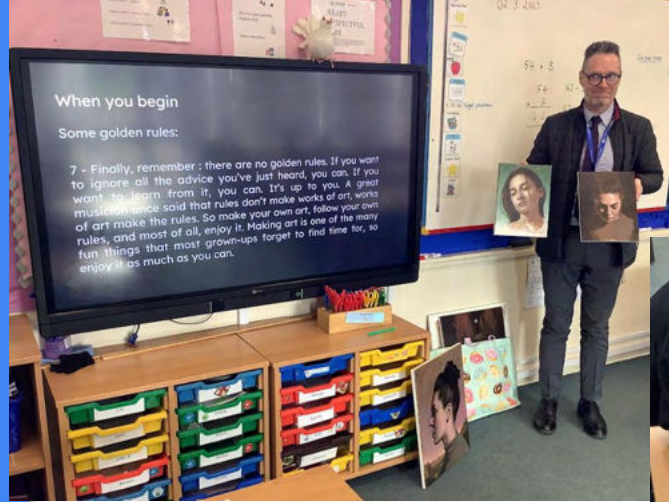




# Year 3

Year 3 have begun working on their portraits for the Sky Arts competition. We had the pleasure of Mr Nagel visiting our class to talk to us about his artwork and gave us some golden rules to follow when working on our own creations.

Last week, Anna Barton's grandfather came in to talk to us about his life working in the motor industry. We saw the workings of a car factory and learnt all about the car market.



# Year 4

Year 4 absolutely loved finishing off their Extreme Survival camouflage outfits!

First, the pupils created and cut up outfits using socks!

The children then used a running stitch to sew coloured felt onto their socks to create a camouflaged effect!





# Year 4

We have also been learning about switch and series circuits and have enjoyed investigating how to create circuits to make our lamps light up or motors turn!

For our first attempt, we didn't even have wires, only tin foil!



# Year 5

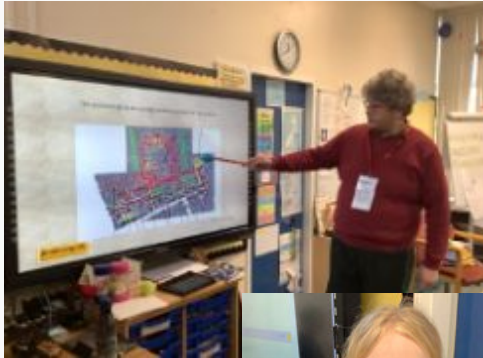


In Year 5, we've learnt about the story of how Rome was founded through the story of Romulus and Remus and painted mosaic pictures.

We've investigated how the Romans were amazing engineers and built aqueducts.

We've also learnt about different types of force and we welcomed Mr Roberts who is an historian. Mr Roberts shared his experience of being on the Time Team dig at Broughton Castle two years ago, as well as talking about how artefacts that are discovered can tell us so much about history.

Georgia brought in a Roman coin that her dad had found while metal detecting.

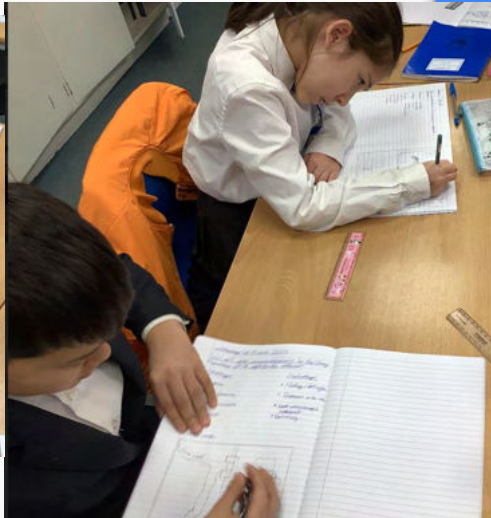




## Year 6

Last week, we had a visit from Mr Vu as part of SCIB (Safeguarding Children In Banbury) scheme to talk about exploitation of children and how we can keep ourselves safe. The children really enjoyed the role play part of the session where they had a chance to use smart responses to keep themselves safe.

This week, we have been learning about the Shang Dynasty and we placed the period on a timeline as well as other key historical periods to consolidate our historical knowledge. We have also designed our very own Shang towns including all of the key aspects of a town that would have existed thousands of years ago.





## **Mrs Reid's competition winners!**

After judging the entries to the book review competition, 19 lucky winners came with me to Waterstones to have an afternoon of books and fun!

We all made origami bookmarks, wrote the silliest stories ever and completed a treasure hunt around the shop. We then all purchased our World Book Day books and headed for home! We all had so much fun, with the children showing Banbury town centre how brilliant Harriers' children truly are!





## World Book Day!!



# Sporting Events!



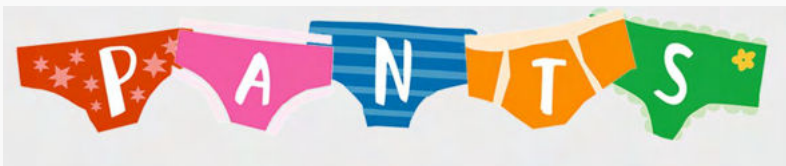
Our first girls' football match of the season, took place against Dashwood, on Tuesday. All the team really demonstrated the skills that have been taught so far in Friday afternoon coaching sessions with Mrs Fisher. The girls showed great teamwork. Well done to all!



# Keeping our children safe

The NSPCC Talk Pants campaign has been designed to both appeal and resonate with the primary age group providing age appropriate materials, to enhance awareness among younger pupils. If you're interested, they have resource packs, guides, and books. Please follow the link below to find out more:

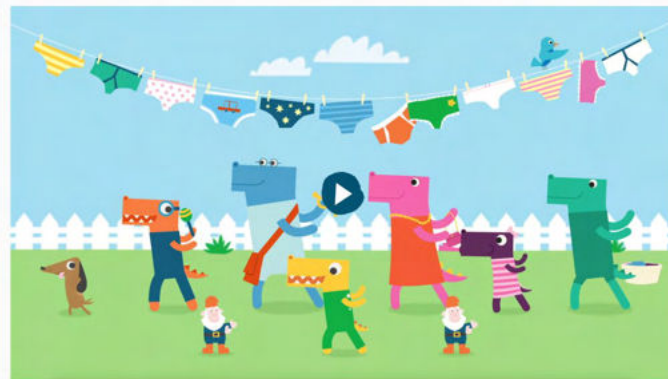
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>



**NSPCC**

**EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR**

**Sing along with Pantosaurus!**





# Keeping our children safe online

**How old is your child online?** Has your child (or you on their behalf) signed up to access social media/or a game online but have said that they are older than they are so they can have an account? For example, did your 8 year old join TikTok and put their age as 13 or did you create their account and put your own age? If TikTok thinks your child is 13 when they join but they are in fact 8, then by the time your child reaches 13, the app will think they are 18. This puts your child at risk of viewing content that is not age appropriate and may mean your child will view adverts and content aimed at adults.

It's a tricky balance keeping children safe and enabling them to explore the online world. If you're keen to keep your child safe online, there are a number of simple tips you can follow:

- Recognise your child has a life online – show you understand that being online is important and opens the world up to them. Agree some basic ground rules that you follow too.
- Keep talking and listening – talk regularly about how they live their lives online and what they enjoy about it. Let them know they can talk to you about anything they see.
- Use parental controls – these tools are available for phones, laptops and tablets – as well as your WiFi and individual apps.
- Check your child's 'online age' – if they use a false age to get onto social media apps, they could end up seeing content that's not suitable for their actual age.
- Be a good digital role model – (for example, take regular screen breaks), have phone free times, talk about what you're doing online and discuss how to report harmful content.

# Drum Lesson Reminder!



Excitingly, drum lessons have now started at Harriers!

Dan is offering one-to-one 20 minute drum sessions which take place during the school day every Thursday.

If your child would like to learn the drums please send an email to [dan@danguest.co.uk](mailto:dan@danguest.co.uk), stating your child's name, year and class.

Lesson spaces are filling up fast so do get in contact with Dan if your child is interested!

# Easter holiday clubs outside Harriers



Just Camps Banbury

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**\*\*Good News\*\***

We have been given funding for the HAF programme again this Easter.

If you receive free school meals you can receive 4 free sessions at our camp at the Wykham Park Academy. This can be 4 x morning or afternoon sessions or 2 x morning and afternoon sessions!

If you qualify for Free School Meals you can register here:

<https://justcampsbanbury.coordinate.cloud/project/40517>





## Easter Football Camp

@ St Johns Catholic School  
Avocet Way, Banbury OX16 9YA

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> to Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> & Tues 11<sup>th</sup> to Fri 14<sup>th</sup> April

**In our 21<sup>st</sup> Year!**  
Our FUN Camp is located within the safe & secure gated environment of St Johns RC School

Our games have been specifically designed for Boys & Girls of all abilities aged 4 – 12

Kick Off: 10.00am  
Final Whistle: 3.00pm  
(Drop off available from 9.30am)

To Book: Call/Txt/WhatsApp/Email Mark on  
**07952 579358**  
[mark@markandrewsfootballcoaching.co.uk](mailto:mark@markandrewsfootballcoaching.co.uk)

Payment Details:  
M Andrews  
Cash/Cheque on the day or alternatively by  
Bank Transfer to 40-09-02 / 21588257



Don't forget YOURS





# Family activities outside Harriers



**Paul Bithell Memorial**

**FAMILY FUN RUN**

**Sunday 19th March**

**10.40am Start**

**Spiceball Park, Banbury**

**1 or 2 mile course**

**ENTRY ON THE DAY (£2 SUGGESTED DONATION TO KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE)**

**Banbury Harriers Athletics Club**  
[www.banburyharriers.org](http://www.banburyharriers.org)



## Lambing Open Afternoons


Come and see the  
**newborn lambs and calves**  
at the

Warriner School Farm, Bloxham OX15 4LJ  
**Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th March 2023**  
**2.00 - 5.00pm**

**This is a fundraising event - your support is vital to enable us to continue our work.**

**Refreshments will be available.**



A wide-angle photograph of a mountain range. The mountains are steep and rocky, with patches of green vegetation on the lower slopes. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, and some light is breaking through, creating a moody atmosphere.

## Spring concert Saturday 25 March

St Peter's and St Paul's Church, Deddington  
7.30pm

Halvorsen: Norwegian Rhapsody No. 1  
Dvorak: A Hero's Song  
Amy Beach: Gaelic Symphony