



**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, 31st March 2023

# Message from Miss Pamplin



The final week of term has come to a close with the school buzzing with the year 3, 4 & 5 production, Doves class assembly, Easter Bingo and the Easter Bonnet parade. The Banbury Bid came and collected our rabbit “Fleur” who will be displayed in a shop window for the Banbury Bid Trail so have a look out (Clue - it is in the High Street)! Today, we said our goodbyes to Mr Acreman, who has been a wonderful caretaker over the last year and goodbye to Mrs East who has been both a fantastic class teacher and then SENDCO at Harriers since 2017. We wish them both all the very best in their future.

I have some exciting news of my own this Easter too - I will be returning to school as Mrs Coley! The staff and children surprised me in assembly with some lovely cards, gifts and singing! Thank you for all your well wishes.

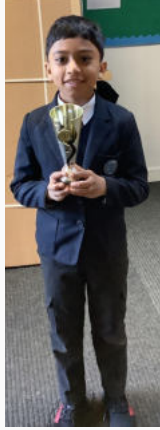
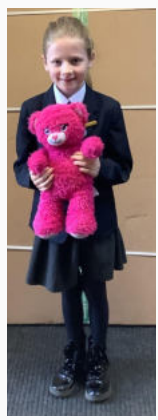
A huge thank you to our PTFA who have held wrapping events, discos and a phenomenal Easter Bingo event this term. We are so grateful for their time and dedication. If you can ever offer to support at an event please let the PTFA know.

Please save the date - Friday May 5th we will be holding a family picnic event for the King’s Coronation weekend. More details to follow soon! Have a very happy, and restful, Easter break.

Kind regards, Steph Pamplin



# Lower Phase Celebration Assembly 24th March 2023



**High Flyers**



uality  
ear



# Upper Phase Celebration Assembly 24th March 2023



"Best Seats in  
the House"

High Flyers



# Aspirations Assembly 30th March 2023

This term's Condition has been  
Heroes.



Celebrating our successes out of school

Our Aspiration Awards Winners



Thanks goes to Mrs Lyons for helping our children decorate our Easter Bunny for the Banbury Bid trail this Easter.

See if you can see which shop she's appearing in!

## Upcoming Dates



- 17th April Term 5 begins
- 19th April Flamingo Class Assembly 2.30pm
- 26th April Year 4 trip to Cadbury World
- 1st May Bank Holiday - school closed
- 5th May Coronation Celebrations ( see details further on)
- 8th May Bank Holiday - school closed
- 9th-12th May Year 6 SATs week
- 13th May Early Years Spring Cleaning
- 17th May Year 6 to London to see Matilda
- 19th May Year 2 sleepover
- 26th May Last day of term 5

# Nursery

During our Phonics learning, we have been using mirrors to watch the shapes our mouths make when we create different sounds. It was exciting to see how our tongues move so much!

We have been finishing off our learning about what makes us a Hero with some wonderful role playing!

"It doesn't matter if you can't fly - smile and that makes you a hero too!"





## EYU Trip to the fire station

This week Robins and Wrens visited Banbury Fire Station. They had a wonderful time touring the station, sitting in the truck and squirting the hoses!





# Year 1!

Last week, Year 1 enjoyed a whole day of Forest School as a special treat. We loved spending some time outside, playing and exploring with our friends.

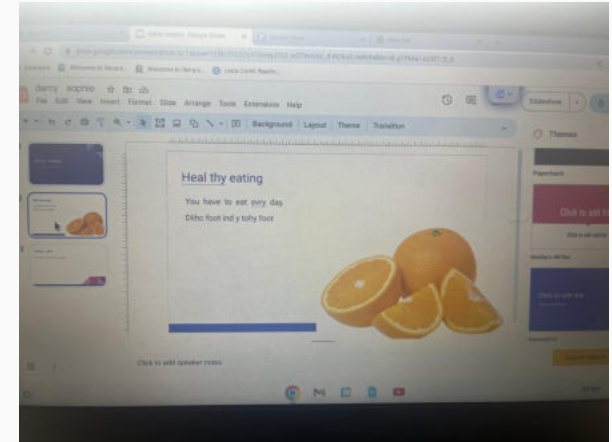
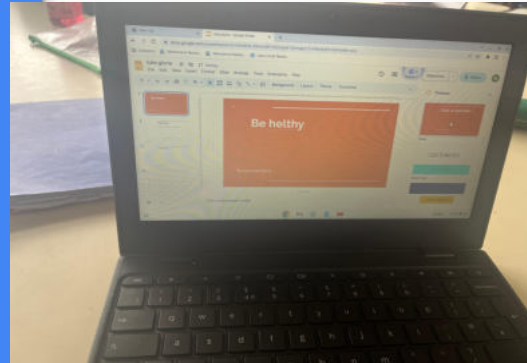
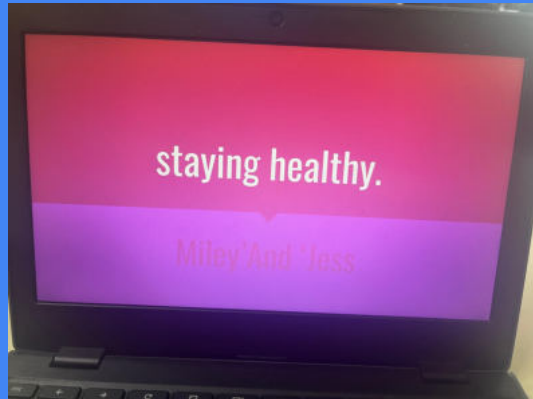
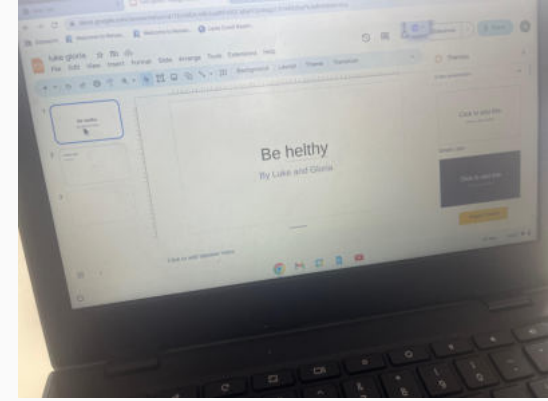
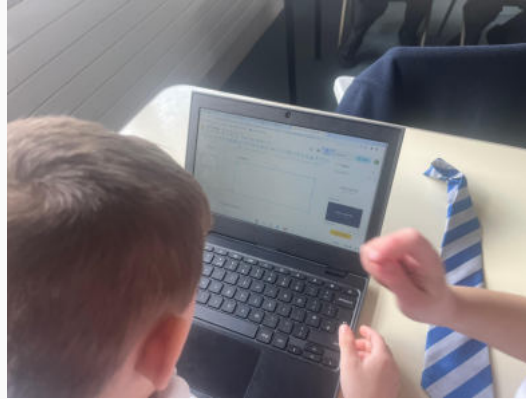
We helped to cook food on the fire, did some weaving and worked together. We got a bit wet and muddy, but we had lots of fun!





## Year 2

Year 2 have been learning how to use the chrome books to make PowerPoint presentations. They have learnt how to add slides, insert images, type and format backgrounds. They showed great resilience!



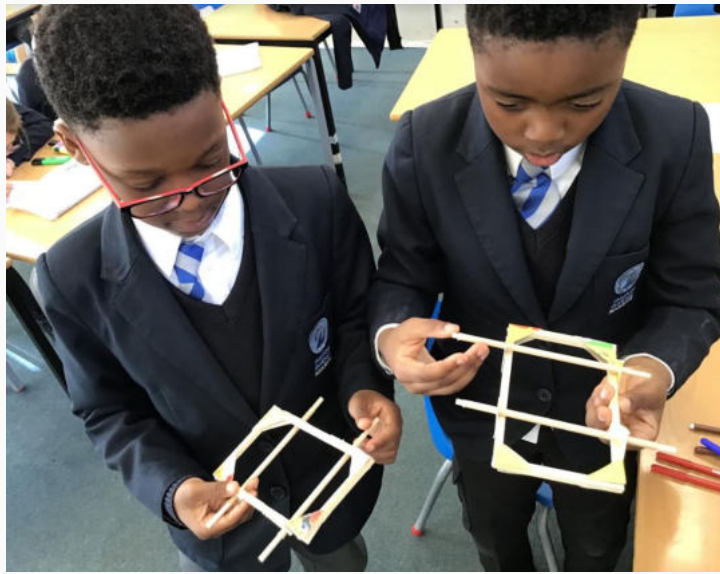
# Year 3

Year 3 have been very busy getting stuck into science this week!

We have created the chassis for our cars (still waiting on a wheel delivery, so may only get to test them properly after Easter), getting stuck into cutting, gluing and constructing.

We have also been looking at magnetism and forces and have enjoyed sticking them to everything magnetic around the room!

On top of being superstar rockers...





# Year 3

We have also been outside planting!

We have been donated some different hedging plants to make an amazing mixed hedge around our playing field.



# Year 4

Year 4 had so much fun creating their musical instruments! The pupils used their designs and a variety of materials to make their instrument. Afterwards, the children also evaluated how functional their instrument was and how they would make it even better next time!





## Year 5



Year 5 pupils have enjoyed designing and testing catapults linked with their Romans topic.



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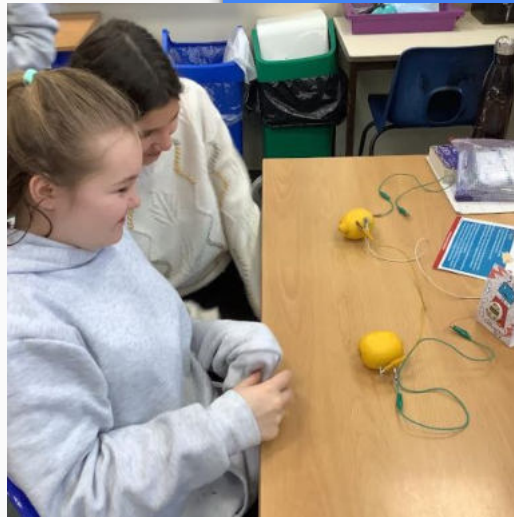
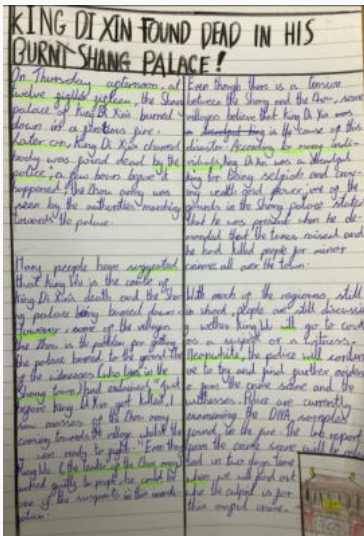
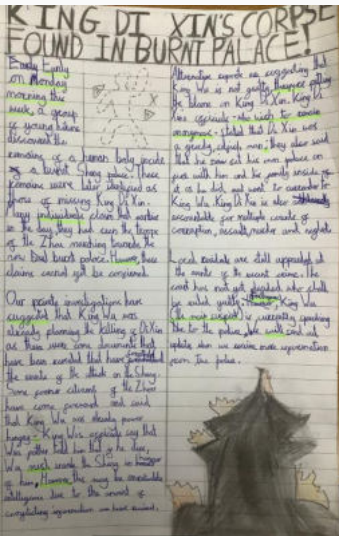
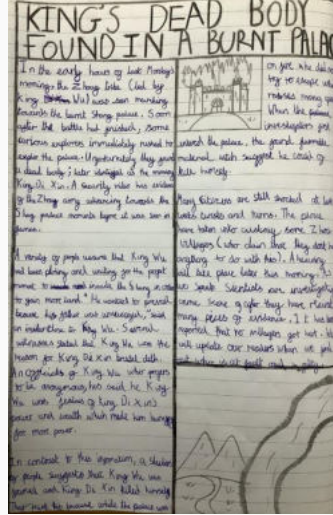
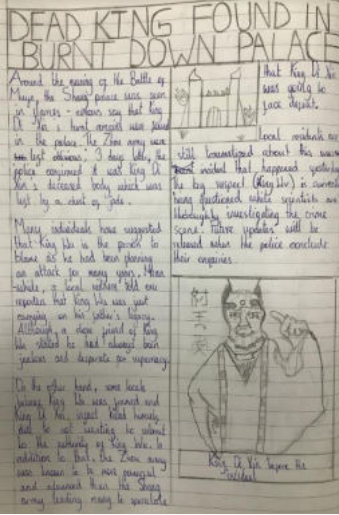


The children have enjoyed marching like the Romans and trying out the 'Turtle' formation. Well done to all on their fantastic Roman shield designs!

## Year 6

In the past couple of weeks, Year 6 have been planning, drafting and writing their own newspaper reports on murder of King Di Xin (the last king of the Shang Dynasty). The final pieces of work produced by the children have been superb.

The children also had great fun at the end of Science week completing some exciting science challenges.



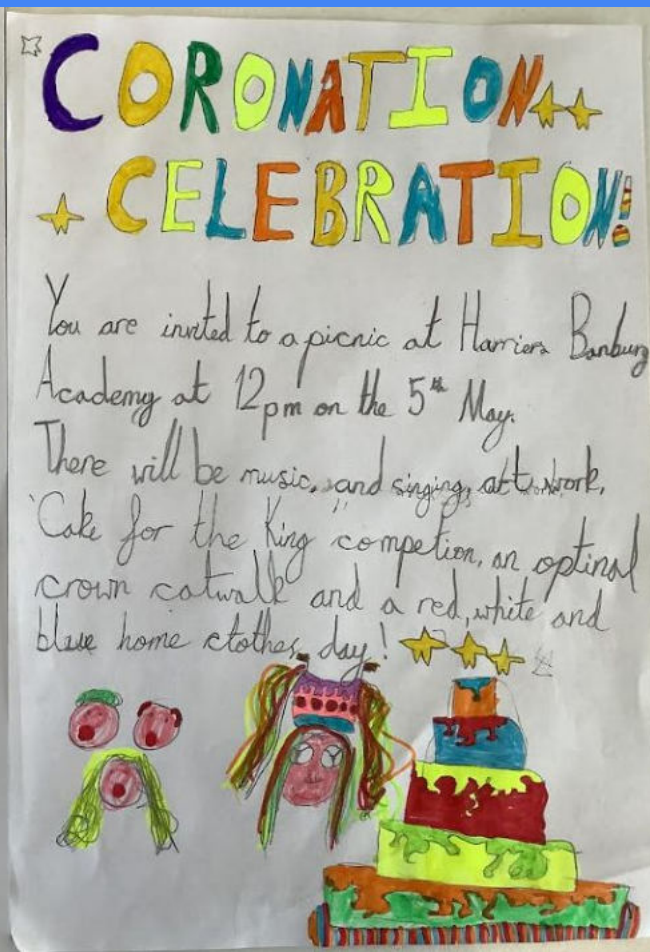
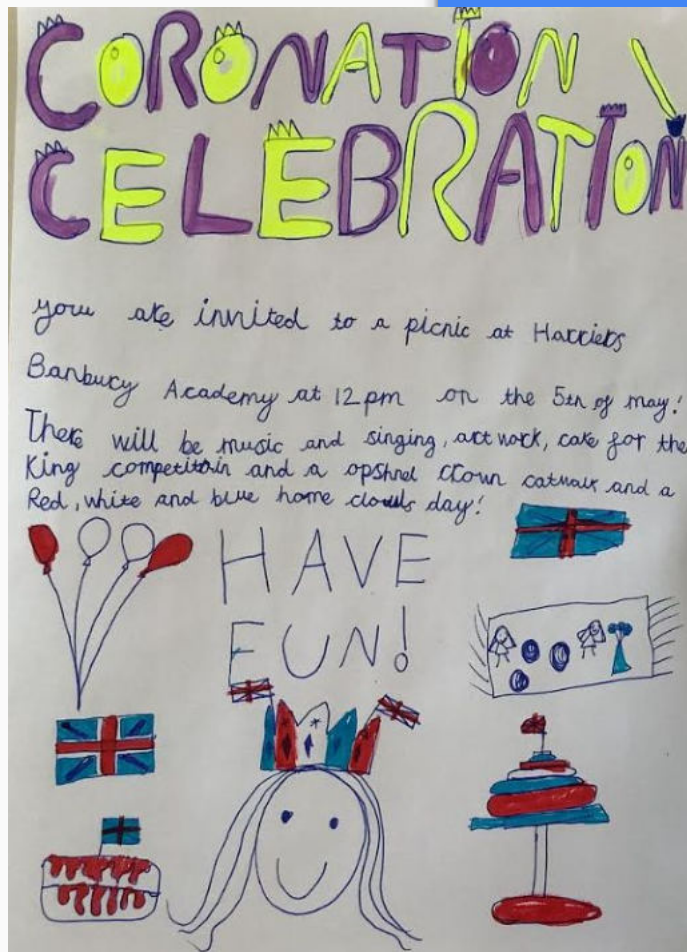
## Rock Star Production!

Years 3, 4 and 5 performed a spectacular Rock Star concert this week! The costumes were fantastic and their singing was awesome! Well done to every pupil for their hard work!





You are  
invited to join  
us for a  
picnic to  
celebrate the  
coronation of  
King Charles  
on the 5th  
May at  
12pm.





## Coronation Celebrations!

On the 5th May, the whole school will be celebrating the King's coronation with a picnic, an art display, songs and performances, as well as a cake and crown competition.

We are planning on holding an optional 'Coronation Crown Catwalk'. Your child can get creative and strut their stuff on the catwalk to a panel of judges. The most creative crown will win a prize. The theme is 'Coronation' but the rest is up to you!



# 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.

**Anna Freud**  
National Centre for  
Children and Families

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Advice and guidance for parents and carers to help them support a child or young person experiencing poor mental health or wellbeing

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# Sports!

## Half Term Children's Cycling Skills

8 - 12 year olds

Build Cycling Confidence ✓

Fun and engaging ✓

Developing off road riding skills ✓

Delivered by British Cycling ✓

Accredited coaches

- Learn to develop your off road riding skills in a safe and traffic free environment.
- £3.00 a session - 12 spaces
- A limited number of bikes will be available on request at registration.

QR code to registration link



Thursday 13th April  
10:00-11:30am



Spiceball Park, Banbury  
Nr the Skateboard ramps



CHERWELL DISTRICT  
COUNCIL PARTNERSHIP

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/half-term-childrens-cycling-skills-tickets-602352922807](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/half-term-childrens-cycling-skills-tickets-602352922807)

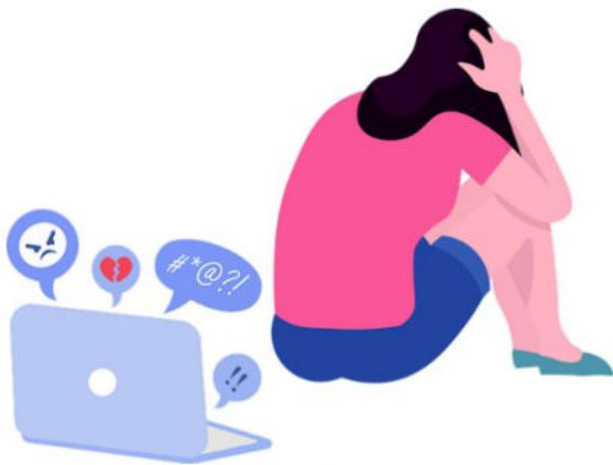


# Keeping our children safe online

## Being unkind online

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they wouldn't if they were face to face with each other.

Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect and kindness, like they would if they were face-to-face. How they act online should be how they behave on the school playground when they are following school rules. Here are some examples of what being unkind looks like online:



- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies

## Social Media

It is clear that numerous children are using social media apps, especially WhatsApp, Discord, SnapChat and Tik Tok. These apps have an age rating of 13. Whilst we understand that parents have the right to make informed decisions about what their children do outside of school, it is important that we inform you of the dangers of these apps and the steps you can take to protect your children whilst using them.

Parental controls can be of great help when managing children's access to content, the NSPCC has a fantastic website that goes through it step by step.

# Activities outside Harriers

See if you can find where Harriers  
Bunny is!







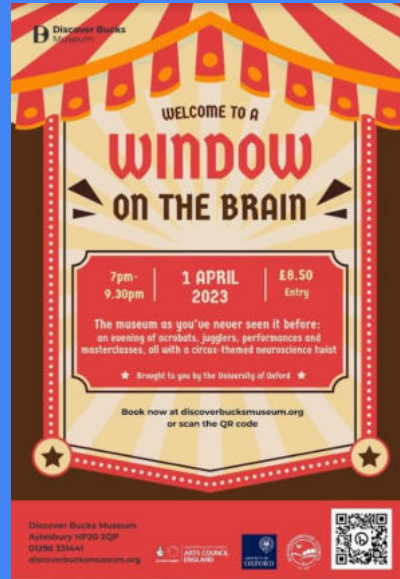
# Activities outside Harriers



**The Hill**  
**SPRING FEST**  
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**Discover Bucks Museum**  
WELCOME TO A  
**WINDOW**  
**ON THE BRAIN**

7pm - 9.30pm | **1 APRIL 2023** | £8.50 Entry

The museum as you've never seen it before: an evening of acrobats, jugglers, performances and masterclasses, all with a circus-themed neuroscience twist

★ Brought to you by the University of Bedford ★

Book now at [discoverbucksmuseum.org](https://discoverbucksmuseum.org) or scan the QR code

**Discover Bucks Museum**  
Aylesbury HP20 2QP  
01296 33644  
[discoverbucksmuseum.org](https://discoverbucksmuseum.org)

ARTS COUNCIL  
ENGLAND

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**Buckury BID**  
Benbury BID in collaboration with Castle Quay

**Easter Craft Workshops**

**Saturday 1st April - Easter Scratch Art**  
**Saturday 8th April - Easter Masks**  
**Saturday 15th April - Easter Wreath Decorating**

Come along and take part in some fun Easter themed arts and crafts that you can take home! All sessions are completely free and open to children of all ages!

**11-3pm**  
Former Harrier Unit, Castle Quay shopping centre  
opposite Banbury Museum  
Subject to availability

QR code | Facebook | Instagram | @BanburyBID

The Easter Bunny trail is on 1st-18th April, hop along for more easter fun!



**B Discover Bucks Museum**  
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Church Street  
Aylesbury HP20 2QP  
[discoverbucksmuseum.org](https://discoverbucksmuseum.org)  
01296 33644

**Easter Holiday Activities**  
**3 - 15 April 2023**

Join us for our Egg-celent Easter Craft Activities in the first week and Your Amazing Brain themed crafts and activities in the second week. Enjoy our Easter egg trail on every day over the holidays. Don't miss our special Family Easter Event on Saturday 8 April!

Discover more at [discoverbucksmuseum.org](https://discoverbucksmuseum.org) or scan the QR code

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Suitable for 3+

After months of preparation Wykham Park Academy and Futures Institute are proud to

present Disney's High School Musical Jr. on Tuesday 25th -27th April 2023 in WykhamTheatre.

Tickets are available to book on the Ticket Source Website. You can scan the QR code or

click on this link

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/banbury/wykham-theatre-at-wykham-park-academy/disney-high-school-musical-jr/e-zagolq>

We would love to see you there, book soon to secure your ticket.

WYKHAM PARK ACADEMY AND FUTURES INSTITUTE  
PRODUCTION OF

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TUESDAY 25TH APRIL, WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL,  
THURSDAY 27TH APRIL

7PM  
AT WYKHAM THEATRE

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BOOK BY  
DAVID SIMPATIO

BASED ON A DISNEY CHANNEL MOVIE WRITTEN BY  
PETER BARGOCCHINI

MUSIC ADAPTED, ARRANGED PRODUCED BY  
BRYAN LOUISELLE

SONGS BY  
MATTHEW GERRARD ROBBIE NEVIL; RAY CHAM, GREG CHAM ANDREW SEELEY; RANDY PETERSEN KEVIN QUINN;  
ANDY DODD ADAM WATTS; BRYAN LOUISELLE; DAVID N. LAWRENCE FAYE GREENBERG; JAMIE HOUSTON

Disney's High School Musical Jr. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY 212-541-4684 | [mtishows.com](http://mtishows.com)

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12 - 14 Mortimer Street, London, W1T 3JJ, United Kingdom  
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## **The Tap Dancing Mermaid**

Sunday 12 March  
11am & 2.30pm

Tessa Bide Productions present stunning puppets, original live music and tap dancing that will make you want to stick 50ps to your shoes and join in!

For ages 3-7

**Tickets:**  
£8 (£6 children, under 2s go free)

## **Puppetry**

11-13 April 9am - 12pm

Discover how to bring objects to life and create characters from household items to bring a story alive.  
£45

## **Illustration**

14 April 9am - 12pm

This workshop is for anyone who loves to sketch! Learn new drawing skills, gain confidence and have fun!  
£15

**For ages  
8-11**



Workshop bursaries available. Email Abie on [waltona@thenorthwall.com](mailto:waltona@thenorthwall.com) to apply

**Book: 01865 319450 / [thenorthwall.com](http://thenorthwall.com)**

## **YouthLab Workshops**

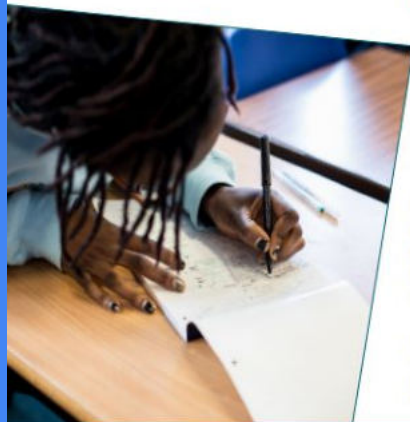
### **YouthLab: Stage Combat**

Tues 11 - Thurs 13 April  
2pm - 5pm

In this workshop, we will work through basic unarmed combat and experiment with different styles of fight choreography.

For ages 12-17  
**Tickets: £45 for 3 days**

Bursary places available - email Abie on  
[waltona@thenorthwall.com](mailto:waltona@thenorthwall.com) to apply



### **YouthLab: Illustration**

Fri 14 April  
2pm - 5pm

Whether you are new to illustration, or have been experimenting with visual language for a while, this workshop will help you explore new drawing skills and find your own artistic style.

For ages 12-17  
**Tickets: £15**

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**Easter Holiday**

**Book online**  
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Places offering  
free food for  
children this  
Easter...

<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/hub/things-to-do/kids-eat-free-easter-holidays>



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# Cost of Living tips from Brighter Futures in Banbury

More information can be found on their website

<https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/118/communities/873/brighter-futures-in-banbury#:~:text=Brighter%20Futures%20is%20a%20long,within%20Banbury's%20most%20disadvantaged%20areas>

## Energy

- Remember to keep all internal doors closed
- Keep your freezer full to make it more efficient, even if it's with a loaf of bread
- Heat the person not the room, think about electric blankets, warm throws, or layers
- Make sure the space around your radiator is clear
- Descale your kettle to make it more efficient (you can use household vinegar)
- Deal with draughts. Rolled up towels make good door draught excluders. Cling film for windows
- Turn off appliances at the mains and always turn off lights in rooms when you're not in them
- Use a tower extension – having TVs / Entertainment systems plugged into a tower allows you to easily switch off all appliances at once. Save energy not leaving them on standby and if you struggle to reach sockets in the walls this makes it easier (cost about £20)
- Use a solar powered 'garden light' as a light in the hallway or other rooms which you can safely see by a lower light – you can charge these on a window sill which gets the sun (from £3)
- Use a battery charge pack – when you are out on the bus, trains, in a car, at cafes, the pub or libraries then charge it up. At home you can use these to power a speaker / radio / mobile phone (cost £10 -£20)
- Use alternatives to a traditional cooker – air fryers are quicker and slow cookers lower energy usage
- Avoid using the microwave to thaw items – plan meals and thaw frozen items on the drainer
- Make a flask of tea or coffee when you make a mug – saves a boil and also getting up for another cuppa! (flask £5)
- Only boil enough water for your hot drink
- Use microwave to cook baked potatoes and vegetables rather than gas hob or oven
- Bleed radiators and repressure boilers

## Cost of Living Tips

- Refilling household essential like herbs, rice and flour at your local zero waste store
- Swapping out certain veggies in a recipe for more seasonal produce will reduce costs
- Batch cooking, make larger portions of a meal and freeze them, making it much cheaper
- Know the difference between use by and best before dates
- Avoid convenience stores. These are much more expensive to shop in
- Shop around, buying in one store often will not save you money
- Stock up where you can and use own labels rather than big brands
- Shop with neighbours or friends to make the most of multi buy options
- Make your own snacks rather than using prepackaged crisps and snack bars
- Cook together once a week to share costs of food and cooking. One rule: simple food it's together that matters
- Prepare your meals into reusable containers. It makes you less likely to buy food on the go saving you money
- Sell unwanted items to help buy things you really need
- Build courage to cancel regular payments you don't need, like streaming apps that will go up
- Make use of known reward cards
- Make regular rain checks of your spending and budget
- Use top cash back accounts when buying online
- Go for longer lasting initially more expensive items
- If on benefits, find out about social tariffs for phone and internet. They are not publicised well!

## Food & Cost Savings

### Recognising a Scam

- it seems too good to be true – for example, a holiday that's much cheaper than you'd expect
- someone you don't know contacts you unexpectedly
- you suspect you're not dealing with a real company – for example, if there's no postal address
- 'Hi mum' text or What's App message – scammers impersonating family members saying they have lost their phone, it's damaged or they can't access it and therefore messaging from a friends' phone. If engaged, will go on to ask for money to be transferred to a bank account

### Useful websites

- [www.helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk](http://www.helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk)
- [www.which.co.uk/topic/cost-of-living](http://www.which.co.uk/topic/cost-of-living)
- [www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/118/communities/977/help-with-the-cost-of-living](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/118/communities/977/help-with-the-cost-of-living)
- [www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/cost-of-living-survival-kit/](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/cost-of-living-survival-kit/)
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