



Harriers Banbury Academy
an Aspirations Academy

Our Vision: to cultivate high quality education in a supportive environment, enabling our pupils to become kind, happy, confident individuals, ready to take on the world

Harriers Newsletter

Monday, 18th September 2023

Message from Mrs Coley



Welcome back to a new year at Harriers and a very warm welcome to all of our new pupils, their families and members of staff in particular. The term has started well with our youngest children enjoying their transition into school and now being fully fledged members of the Harriers' community.. Our Conditions this term are "Belonging" and "Fun & Excitement" and our whole school focus across this year is "Being Kind." Ask your children about "Filling their bucket" or "Filling the bucket of Others."

At the end of last term, Mrs Ross was successful in her bid for Harriers to win a "Bold Ideas" grant from our Trust, to build a "Storytelling" Garden. Our Storytelling Council and Eco Council members played a crucial part in supporting the bid with a video explaining why it would be such an amazing place. More details about this project will follow shortly.

We have started back with a real focus on attendance. Last year, The attendance at Harriers was below the National Average of 92.5% and our "Persistent Absence" (defined by the Department for Education as missing 10% or more of possible school sessions or around 19 days per academic year) level was above the National Average of 22.3%. It is absolutely vital that if your child/children are well enough to attend school, they **MUST** do so. The impact of not attending is far reaching, including their progress in school, their wellbeing and their self-esteem. Mrs Stephens, our Home-School Link Worker (HSLW), will contact you if we start to see patterns in absence from school for your children. Please make sure they attend every day unless they are truly unwell.

Here is the link to guidance from the Department of Education called "Is my Child too ill for school?"

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Kind regards, Stephanie Coley

Attendance Matters!

Whole school attendance for year to date: 95.5%

National Average year to date: 95.6%

It's all of our responsibilities to ensure your children are in school when they are well.

Well done to all those classes that achieved more than 96% attendance over the last week. If pupils are in school, then they are able to learn!! A special well done to Swifts who had an astounding 98.5% and Robins with 99.2% attendance. A class piece goes to your whole class rewards.

Ducklings	94.1%
Robins	99.2%
Wrens	96%



Swifts	98.5%
Swallows	95.8%
Woodpeckers	98.1%
Doves	93.7%
Toucans	97.3%
Kingfishers	97.2%

Parrots	94.6%
Red Kites	92.7%
Pelicans	96.2%
Flamingoes	96.5%
Eagles	91.4%
Owls	96.6%



Celebration Assembly 11th September 2023



High Flyers

Upcoming Dates

- 18th-22nd September year 6 residential to Everdon
- 26th September European Day of Languages
- 29th September MacMillan Coffee Morning
- 5th October EY local walk
- 5th October @2.30pm Year 1 phonics workshop for parents
- 10th October Parents' evening 3.30-7pm in person
- 12th October Parents' evening 3.30-5.30pm virtual
- 12th October whole school photographs

Early Years open morning 9.15-10am 9th, 10th & 11th October; Please ring office to book.

COME FOR
COFFEE
AND
CAKE

WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT



When: Friday, 29th September 2023

Time: 9-10.30am

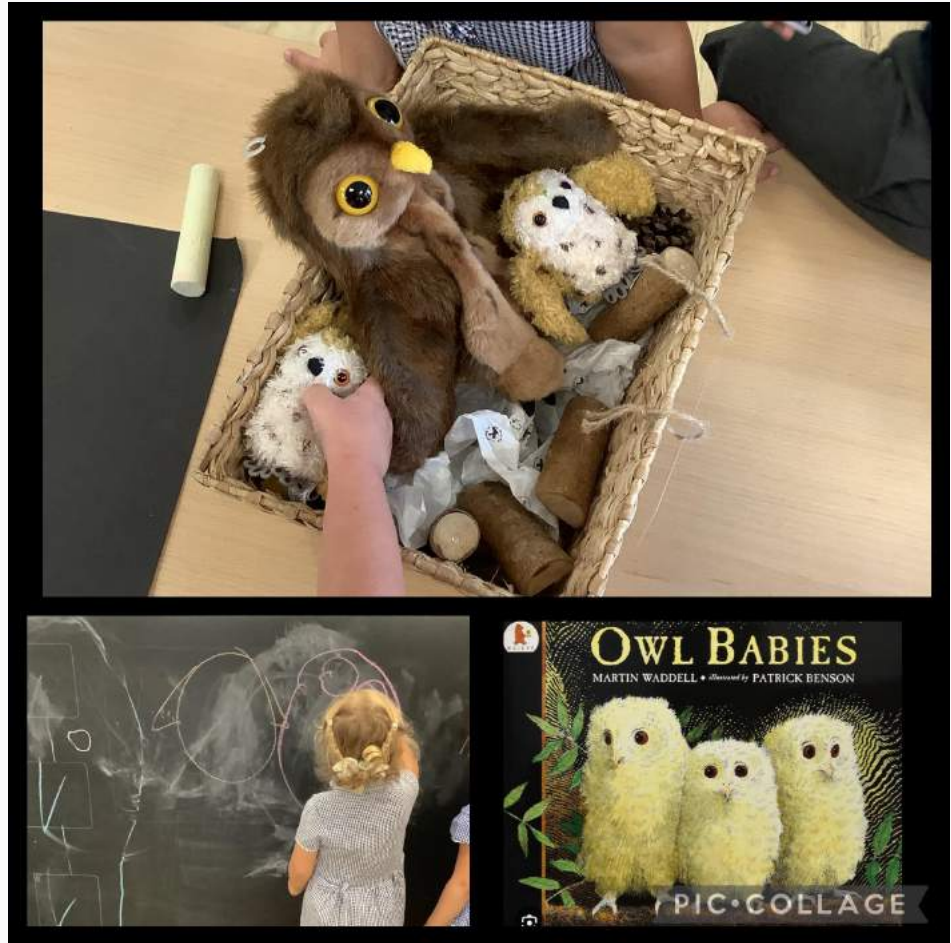
Where: School Hall

Please give donations of cakes, biscuits and sweet treats to the school office, by the 28th September.

Nursery

Nursery have made a great start to the term and are settling into their new routines.

We have been reading 'Owl Babies' this week. We had lots of fun making a nest for our puppets and drawing owls on our chalkboard!



Early Years

What a fantastic start the children have made to their time at Harriers!

We have enjoyed getting to know our daily routines and we are fantastic at our CALM corridors! If you don't know what a CALM corridors means, then ask your child to explain it to you!

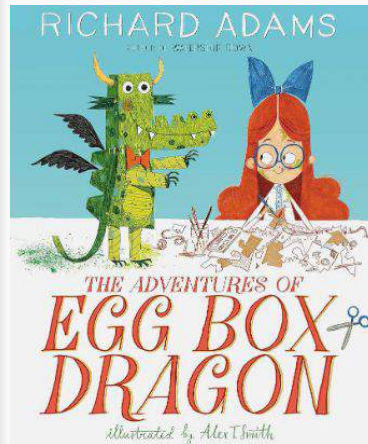
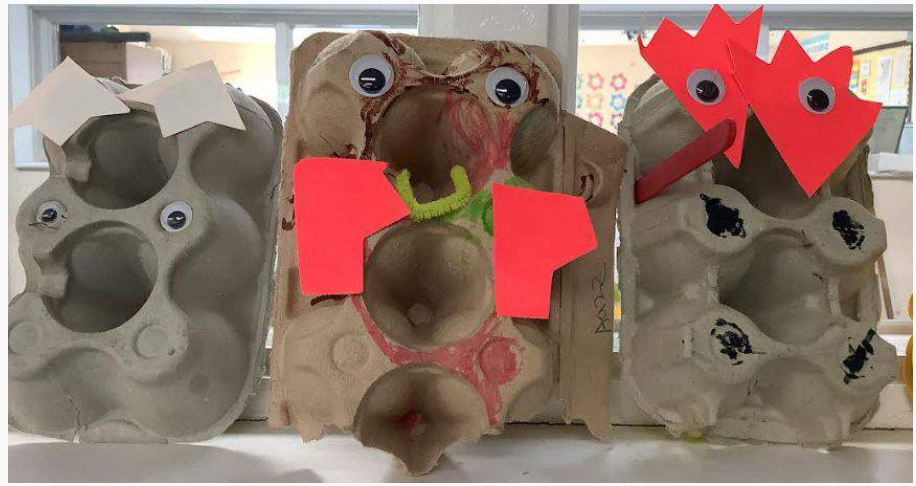


Year 1

In Year 1, we have started our English text for this term. It is called 'The Adventures of Egg Box Dragon'.

We enjoyed making our own egg box dragons using our junk modelling skills.

We have also learnt about adjectives which we then used to describe our dragons.



Year 2

Year 2 had lots of fun visiting forest school in our first week back.

We searched for bugs, built houses and swung on the tyre swings. Most importantly, we reminded ourselves of the forest school rules, ready for when we go back!



Year 3

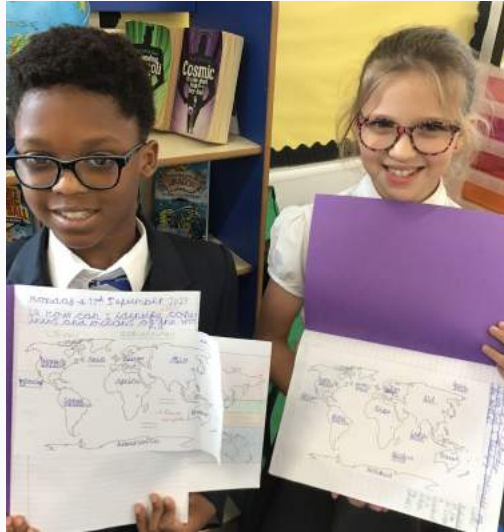
Year 3 have really enjoyed learning about rocks this week. We have been testing their hardness, looking at their properties, learning about where they come from and checking their water absorbency.

We have loved examining the rocks and are now keen rock spotters around school!



Year 4

Year 4 have really enjoyed learning all about the seven continents, the equator and oceans around the world this week! Ask your children to tell you about them.



Tell Your Story Festival

We received some fantastic photographs over the summer from the 'Tell Your Story Festival'! Well done again to all of the pupils who put on an incredible performance during our dress rehearsal and for the final show at The Mill!



Year 5

In year 5, we have been learning about forces. This week, we were looking at air resistance. We really enjoyed making paper airplanes to test how air resistance is impacted by different factors.



Year 6

Year 6 are back with a bang! We went straight on a local walk to Crouch Hill after exploring our route on maps beforehand. We spent time rolling down the hill and sketching the view or small parts of the surrounding nature.

We then spent time looking at six-figure grid references on the world map.



Sports at Harriers

We had our football team trials this week. All our footballers were brilliant and we can't wait to announce our teams. A big well done for everyone who put themselves forward!





Keeping our children safe

Many older children have been exposed to vaping. It is a growing trend amongst children and is important both parents and children are aware of the health implications.

Please see the link below for any support

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/behaviour/challenging-behaviour/im-worried-about-my-child-vaping/>



Keeping our children safe online

Pupils in KS1 and KS2 have been discussing and signing our **Computing Acceptable Use Policy/Agreement**, which covers their use of technology within school.

EYU and Nursery will look at this over the course of the term.

We think this line is really important, because it also leads into consent in other areas of life as children get older, including in relationships.

You may want to talk about how these guidelines could be useful to you as a family too.

I will:

- 😊 Always **follow** the **instructions** of the **adult** in class
- 😊 Only do activities and use apps that an adult says are ok
- 😊 Keep my **personal information private**
- 😊 **Ask** before taking or sharing photos or videos
- 😊 Always **tell** an adult if I see something that upsets me
- 😊 **Take care** of the ICT equipment I use
- 😊 **Be polite and respectful** online, but also remember that it is **ok to say No!**
 - * For example: I can say "No" if I don't want to have my photo taken, to be friends online with someone, or to share something online

I know that if I break these rules I might not be allowed to use the computer or other equipment

I understand these computer rules and will do my best to follow them

Activities outside Harriers

Secondary school open evenings

For Year 7 September 2024 entry
including Wykham Park Year 7 pathway to
Futures Institute Banbury

OPEN EVENING
Wed 4th October 5.30 - 7.30 pm



FUTURES INSTITUTE BANBURY
Wykham Park Academy Banbury
Banbury Aspirations Campus Sixth Form



please register your interest via email
transition@wykhampark-aspirations.org
futuresbanbury.org wykhampark-aspirations.org
01295 257942 / Ruskin Road, Banbury, OX16 9HY

Secondary school open evenings for primary pupils

School	Date	Time	Who
BGN	Wednesday 27th September, 2023	6.30pm	Year 6
NOA	Thursday 28th September, 2023	5.00pm – 7.00pm	Years 5 & 6
Wykham Park	Wednesday 4th October, 2023	5.30pm – 7.30pm	Year 6
Warriner	27 th / 28 th / 29 th September 2023	9-10am OR 10-11am	Year 6
Chenderit	Thursday 28 th September 2023	6pm -8pm	Year 6



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.**

Support Groups



ParentLine 5-11 years

New School Health Nursing messaging service for parents and carers of children 5-11 years attending a state school in Oxfordshire

Text 07312 263227
to message a school health nurse



Activities outside Harriers

CHERWELL THEATRE COMPANY

NEW

DRAMA WORKSHOPS

Weekly drama workshops for children to explore their creativity

£60
PER TERM
BURSARIES AVAILABLE

SATURDAYS
5-8YRS: 9-9.45AM 8-10YRS: 10-11AM
Banbury and Bicester College, OX16 9QA

ACTIVATE LEARNING

Contact workshops@cherwelltheatrecompany.co.uk to sign up!

If you have a Y6 transitioning to secondary school here are some free webinars for parents;

<https://mailchi.mp/annafreud/march23-451540?e=ee48450d08>