



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, 16th October 2023

Message from Mrs Coley



I cannot believe we have just started the last week of our first term. We have achieved so much already, with this week being no exception: today, our Year 2 children are off on a geography field trip to King Sutton, by train; our Year 6 children are having first aid training by IMPS today and tomorrow; on Tuesday morning we have a parents' workshop in Year 1, for phonics and on Thursday, we have our Harvest celebrations across the school. Fun & Excitement has been one of our Conditions this term and thanks to the careful planning of our curriculum, our teachers have ensured our children have had plenty of opportunities to experience this in their learning. It was lovely to see so many of you last week at Parents' evening appointments, where many of you completed our survey for parents'. A separate link to the survey will be sent this week, to those of you who attended virtually or I missed!! We really value your feedback and the survey gives you the opportunity to communicate your opinions about the school and your child's education.

I wish you all an enjoyable and safe half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday, 30th October.

Kind regards, Stephanie Coley

Attendance Matters!

w/c 9th October



Ducklings	89.4%
Robins	94.8%
Wrens	94%

Whole school attendance for year to date: 94.9%

National Average year to date: 95.2%

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 Toucans who had an astounding 98.9% and Swifts, Woodpeckers and Flamingoes all with over 97%. A class piece goes to your whole class rewards.

Swifts	97.5%
Swallows	96.7%
Woodpeckers	97.4%
Doves	93.6%
Toucans	98.9%
Kingfishers	92.7%

Parrots	95.7%
Red Kites	91.7%
Pelicans	96.9%
Flamingoes	97%
Eagles	92.1%
Owls	94.8%

Celebration Assembly 2nd October 2023



High Flyers



Celebration Assembly 9th October 2023



High Flyers



PTFA Firework Event



Thursday 2nd November 2023.

Family ticket is £12 (2 adults, 2 children)
Adult ticket £4, child £3 (over 3) under 3's free.

Tickets are available to purchase through your Parent Pay account or via the school office (cash only).

Doors open for the Firework event at 4.30pm and the display will be around 6-6.30pm. There will be food and drink available to purchase, stalls, tea cups ride and a fancy dress outside disco.

Tickets will be available to purchase on the night at the gate however they will be charged at £13
Family ticket, £5 Adult & £4 child

Upcoming Dates



- 16th October Year 2 trip to Kings Sutton
- 16th & 17th October Year 6 IMPS
- 17th October Phonics Workshop Year 1
- 19th October Harvest Festival Celebrations (see details from classes)
- 20th October End of Term 1
- 30th October Term 2 starts
- 30th October Year 1 Fire Brigade visiting
- 1st November Flu vaccinations
- 2nd November PTFA Fireworks Event
- 7th November Year 1 library trip
- 9th November Years 5&6 Hockey tournament at WPA
- 13th November Anti- Bullying Week
- 20th November Road Safety Week
- 24th November INSET Day - no pupils in school

MacMillan Coffee Morning



Thank you to everyone that helped, donated cakes and attended our Coffee Morning. Along with a cake sale at the end of the day, we raised an amazing £149 for this great charity.



Nursery

We had a great time at the park this week. We made leaf crowns and had lots of fun on the park equipment.

We have also enjoyed doing some baking and eating our delicious cake! We shared our cakes with Mrs Coley too.



Early Years

We have started our phonics lessons! We had fun building our first words!

We have learned these sounds so far...

m, a, t, s, i, p, n, o



Year 1

In Year 1, we have finished reading our story 'The Adventures of Egg Box Dragon'.

We have some budding artists - look at our brilliant drawings of the dragon!

Next week, we will be describing the dragon using adjectives.



Year 2

We have been building a suitable structure for our class toy to sit on for DT, thinking about how stable it needs to be and using only paper, sellotape and scissors! We did need to modify a few of our chairs to make them work.



Year 3

Year 3 have really enjoyed making their own sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rocks this month! We have also been learning how to prepare and cook with seasonal fruit, and learning why using seasonal food is so important!



DT - making crumble
from seasonal fruit.
10th October



Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic time at Farmer James' farm.

We collected eggs, made apple juice, fed pigs and calves and dug up potatoes.

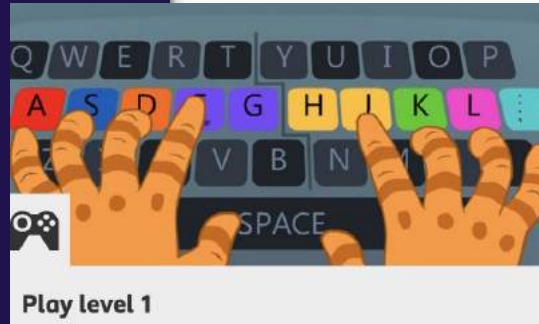


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Year 4

Year 4 have loved learning how to touch type during their Computing lessons this term!

The pupils used the BBC 'Dance Mat Typing' program to improve their typing efficiency!



Year 5

In Year 5, we have really enjoyed our book 'There's A Boy In The Girls' Bathroom' and we particularly enjoyed acting out some of the scenes. We really developed our confidence and acting skills.

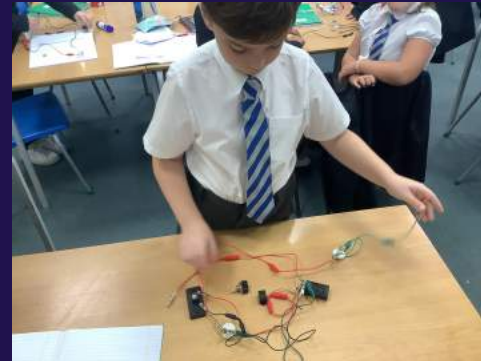
In DT, we have practised how to use a knife correctly for chopping vegetables and have learnt how to make a Bolognese sauce.





Year 6

Owls class enjoyed a visit to the Library Bus.



Eagles class have created their own circuits in relation to the warning system project.

Sports at Harriers

Some of our children attended the cross-country event at Wykham Park academy. They all showed brilliant resilience and we even got 2 children through to the finals.

Well done Simon and Archie L!





NHS

9 out of 10

unvaccinated children
can catch measles
if someone in their
class has it

Check your child is up
to date with their
MMR vaccinations



NHS

102,000 children
starting school in
England are at risk
of catching measles

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Keeping our children safe

Children's mental health is as important as their physical health. The NSPCC has some useful pages to support parents when supporting their children;

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/>

The NSPCC logo is displayed in a bold, green, sans-serif font. The letters are closely spaced, and the 'P' has a small red dot above it.



Keeping our children safe online

This term in our online safety lessons, the focus has been on making **healthy media choices** and having a **healthy balance** between time spent on screen and off screen.

Some questions we have thought about include:

Why should we pause our technology for people?

Why is it important that we have device-free moments in our lives?

How do digital citizens take responsibility for themselves, their communities and their world?

What makes a healthy media choice?

These are important things to think about with half term coming up and the weather still being so fine! It's a chance to put away technology and go outside!

EYU and Year 1 song about a healthy balance



Year 2 song about healthy balance





Storytelling Garden!

By half term, all of the year groups will have had a turn helping to set up the garden. Our wildlife pond is slowly getting deeper. (It's hard work as the soil is quite rocky and there are lots of distracting earthworms!)

We have planted quite a few flowers, shrubs, climbers and bulbs.

Tim Austin
(<https://www.notonlysheds.com/>) has built a fantastic fairytale hut with attached pergola for puppet shows surrounded (in future) by honeysuckle.



Music Lessons at Harriers

LEARN AN INSTRUMENT

with Oxfordshire County Music Service

From
£6.40
per lesson
(dependent on
group size)

Families on certain benefits can apply for free music lessons by completing the 'help with payment' section of the sign-up form.

Currently available at Harriers

FLUTE
STRINGS
violin / viola / cello
GUITAR

Or choose another instrument and join our waiting list

Sign up or find more information at
www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest



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We offer a variety of
music lessons at Harriers!

Some children can have
music lessons **free of
charge** with the
Oxfordshire Music
Service! If your child is
interested in learning a
musical instrument, please
go to the following website
and complete the form!

[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/m
usicinterest](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest)



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Singing lessons in your school

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Thursdays
during term time
4 - 5 pm
St Mary's Primary
School, Banbury
Entrance and car park
on Bluecoats Close

**Banbury Young Singers
FREE**

For ALL children in years 3-6
who love singing!

Come along for a taster session

Email the Banbury Young Singers leaders for more information:
katie.harris@oxfordshire.gov.uk
christopher.murphy@oxfordshire.gov.uk



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Activities outside Harriers

OCTOBER HALF-TERM

DRAMA WORKSHOP

'TRICK OR TREAT' THEMED

AGES
8-10

FRIDAY 27TH
OCTOBER

10AM-3PM

BANBURY COLLEGE
OX16 9QA



£10

(Bursary places
available)



ACTIVATE
LEARNING



VISIT CHERWELLTHEATRECOMPANY.CO.UK TO SIGN UP!

The Cherwell Theatre Company are offering some exciting drama workshops during the October half term for children aged 5-10 years!

October Half-Term

DRAMA WORKSHOP DAY

Based on Allan Ahlberg's 'Funny Bones'

AGES
5-7

THURSDAY 26TH
OCTOBER

10AM-3PM

BANBURY COLLEGE
OX16 9QA



£10

(BURSARY
PLACES
AVAILABLE)



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The 2024 Banbury Young Musician of the Year Competition is now open for entries! More details are available on the attached flyer and on the Banbury Rotary Club website!

The preliminary rounds will take place on the 19th and 20th of January at Warriner School!

A vibrant poster for the Banbury Young Musician Competition 2024. The background is a gradient of red and orange with yellow musical notes and instrument silhouettes. The title 'BANBURY YOUNG MUSICIAN COMPETITION' is in large, white, stylized letters at the top, with '2024' in the center. Below the instruments, the text 'PRELIMINARY ROUNDS AT WARRINER SCHOOL' and 'FRIDAY & SATURDAY 19TH & 20TH JANUARY 2024' is displayed in white. At the bottom, there is a QR code, the website 'FULL DETAILS AT WWW.BANBURYROTARYCLUB.ORG.UK', and the Rotary Club of Banbury Trust Fund logo and registration number.

BANBURY YOUNG MUSICIAN COMPETITION

2024

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY 19TH & 20TH JANUARY 2024

QR CODE

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The Rotary
Club of Banbury Trust Fund
Registered Charity No. 274108

Activities outside Harriers



INFLATABLE FOOTBALL FUN

OCTOBER & CHRISTMAS
HALF TERMS! AGES 4-12

Ducklington Sports Club, Aston Road,
Ducklington, OX29 7US

Dates: Tues 24th - Thurs 28th October 2023
Weds 20th - Fri 22nd December 2023

Bodicote Village Hall & Fields, White Post Rd,
Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4BN

Dates: Weds 25th - Fri 27th October 2023
Weds 20th - Fri 22nd December 2023

Time: 9.30am to 2.50pm
(drop off as early as 9am, pick up to 3pm)

**Cost: £20/day or
book all 3 days for £45!**

To register your child, please go to
www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids

All of our programmes are based around having lots of fun. No lines, drills or running around cones, instead games where all kids have a ball and are learning basic skills of football whilst having big smiles on their faces.
Mini tournaments everyday. Coaches are qualified and DBS checked and are big kids at heart!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US AT

 www.footykids.org  tomspeers@footykids.org  Footykids
 or call and speak to Tom on 07940 070 082



HALLOWEEN PARTY



The Just Party Company!

2 hours of Childrens entertainment
with two hosts.
Childrens 'tuck shop'
Best Dressed award!

Bar open throughout and after!

**OCTOBER 28TH, 4-6PM,
BANBURY CRICKET CLUB**

Contact Hannah to secure your tickets - 07515158148

1 Adult, 1 Child £5

White Post Road, Bodicote, OX15 4BN







Banbury Lions Club &
Bumble B Roadshow presents...

Our 13th Annual PUDSEY MEGAPARTY

IN AID OF BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

Starring:



and
The Sharon Green Dancers
Plus... fancy dress competition!

**Saturday
18th Nov. 2023
2pm-5pm**
(doors open at 1:45pm)



at BANBURY COLLEGE, Main Hall,
Broughton Road, Banbury OX16 9QA



Tickets £5 - available now!
Children aged eight and under must be accompanied by a paying adult

Online: WeGotTickets.com/banburylions
or: from pudsey@banburylions.co.uk





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



Term 1: Primary School Health Nurse Newsletter

<https://sway.office.com/m5mnQfF9soyh9RbE?ref=email&loc=play>



Activities outside Harriers

WEMBLEY STADIUM TOUR - TUESDAY 24TH OCTOBER

Take your picture in Europe's largest press conference room, find the shirt of your favourite England player in the dressing rooms, and line up in the players tunnel before following in the footsteps of legends and walking out pitch-side.

There's something for the whole family to enjoy so don't miss out, book your tickets now!!!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

BOOK ONLINE AT WWW.ZENOSPORTSWEAR.CO.UK

£39.50 ADULT TICKET **PRICE INCLUDES TRANSPORT AND TOUR OF WEMBLEY STADIUM**

£37.50 CHILD TICKET

COACH PICK UP/DROP OFF @ BODDINGTON/MIDDLETON CHENEY/BANBURY

ZENO Sports, School and Work Wear

PL FOOTBALL COACHING

The North Wall Arts Centre

October Half Term

NW Inventors 8 - 11 yrs Whodunnit Workshop

Join us this October half term to discover characters, solve mysteries and crack the case! We will spend three days learning how to build tension in a story, create mysterious characters and surprise the audience!

£50 for 3 half days
Full bursary places available

YouthLab 12 - 17 yrs Ceramics Masterclass

Join us in October half term to learn how to use clay to make a component Vase! This project will explore various forms of making including, potter's wheel, extruding clay and different types of hand building. What will you make?

£75 for 3 days
Full bursary places available

Book Now **www.thenorthwall.com**

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