



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, 13th November 2023

Message from Mrs Coley



This term our Condition is *Heroes*. Last week the pupils learnt about the importance of Remembrance. They have talked about real life heroes including members of the NHS and the RAF. This weekend, was a time for reflection for us all to remember the sacrifice both men and women have made, and continue to make, to ensure that we can live a peaceful and safe life in our country. Our Junior Principals, Keila and Myles represented Harriers, alongside Dashwood on Sunday at the Banbury Remembrance Parade and wreath laying ceremony in People's Park. Our Aspirations Council will be asking their own classes for nominations for Heroes within our school community.

We have the Trusts' lead on Aspirations and student leadership coming to work with our pupils on the 23rd, to support our various councils, centred around the 3 components of student voice:

- **Sharing thoughts and ideas in an environment underpinned by Trust and Respect**
- **Offering realistic suggestions for the good of the whole**
- **Accepting responsibility for not only what is said but also what needs to be done**

We are all looking forward to the ideas and plans the children are inspired to undertake.

Kind regards, Stephanie Coley

Term 2's Condition: Heroes



Someone who you trust
and respect and trusts
and respects you.

Every day people -
someone who you can
reach out and touch.

Someone who is always
there for you in good
times and bad times

Someone who takes
time to listen to you.



Trusting

Respectful

Caring

Listens



Attendance Matters! w/c 6th November

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.

Ducklings	89.4%
Robins	94.8%
Wrens	94%

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%



Aspirations' Assembly 20th October 2023

Term 1's Conditions were Belonging
and Fun & Excitement



Celebration Assembly 6th November 2023



High Flyers

Celebrating successes
outside school

Our winner and runner
up for our firework
poster competition,



Remembrance Day



On Sunday, 12th November, our Junior Principals, Keila and Myles, represented Harriers in the Banbury Remembrance parade and wreath laying ceremony in People's Park.



PTFA Christmas Event



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

Tickets will be available to purchase on the night at the gate however they will be charged at £14 Family ticket, £5 Adult & £4 child



Upcoming Dates

- 13th November Anti- Bullying Week
- Friday 17th November Children in Need - more information to follow
- 20th November Road Safety Week
- 24th November INSET Day - no pupils in school
- Friday 8th December PTFA Winter Event and Fireworks (more info to follow)
- Tuesday 12th December Nursery Nativity at 2pm
- Wednesday 13th December Christmas Lunches and Christmas Jumper Day
- KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Nativity at 9am and 2pm
- Thursday 14th December KS1 Nativity at 9am
- Carol Service for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 at St. Mary's Church, Banbury
- Friday 15th December Free - Aaron Williams entertainer shows throughout the school day for all children.
- Monday 18th December EYU Nativity at 2pm
- Tuesday 19th December EYU Nativity at 9am
- Wednesday 20th December Party Day and non-uniform END OF TERM - 1.30PM !!

Nursery

Nursery have been enjoying the start of our topic about Fairy Tales. We made stick men in forest school using wool and googly eyes.

We have also made gingerbread men. We made sure that we measured all the ingredients accurately. Then we decorated them with lots of different sprinkles!



Early Years

We have started thinking about what the greatest dinosaur might be by going dinosaur spotting, finding out about sharp toothed, sharp clawed carnivores, plant eating herbivores and omnivores. We have looked at floating and sinking and made stegosaurus sandwiches!

We have also created collaborative firework art.

In Maths, we have compared more than, fewer than and equal amounts.



Year 1

Year 1 started off Term 2 with a visit from the Fire Service.

They brought their fire engine for us to look inside, told us about how to keep safe if there is a fire and even let us spray the water from the hose!



Year 2

Year 2 have been experimenting with mark making techniques using charcoal.

We have tried using 'rough, soft, light, hard, tiny and enormous'.

We can't wait to make some pictures with these techniques!

We have also created posters of animals in their habitats which we have been learning about in our science lessons.



Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about forces and magnets, they have made predictions about whether things are magnetic or not and then tested to find out the results!

Year 3 have really enjoyed improving their skills in balancing and yoga this term!

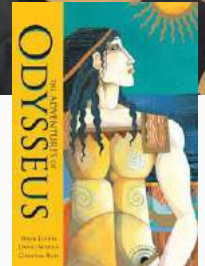
In Kingfishers, the children enjoyed a conker tournament! There were some tough battles fought. We are also enjoying experimenting with charcoal and pencil in Art.



Year 4

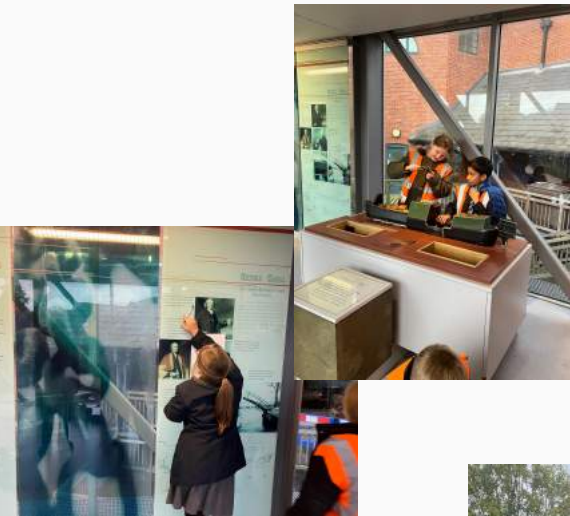
The Year 4 pupils have been really enjoying our class text this term!

This week, we read another chapter of 'The Adventures of Odysseus' and the pupils drew some brilliant pictures! They included the characters and the setting of the chapter!



Year 5

Year 5 have spent some time learning about the water cycle. We then created a representation of the water cycle which you may have seen attached to our windows!



Pelicans Class enjoyed a visit to Banbury Canal to look at the features and uses today. The children also enjoyed learning about the history of canals at Banbury Museum.



Year 6

We have been learning about how light travels. We spoke about how, on submarines, they use a periscope. They are able to this by using the law of reflection. This means that when light hits a surface it will reflect off at the same angle.

In dance this week we collaborated in groups to create a piece using claps and stamps.



Sports at Harriers

Some of our children have really attended a dodgeball and hockey festival at Wykham Park Academy. Mr Gledhill has been so impressed with the resilience, teamwork, behaviour and attitudes of all our children and we are very proud of them.



Keeping our children safe

Vaping is not safe for children. Please talk to your children about the risks involved and urge family/friends not to smoke or vape around children.



Vaping and associated harms on children and young people

- E-cig /Vape use is NOT harmless
- The long-term risks of vaping for CYP are still largely unknown
- E-cigarette use and nicotine dependency in adolescents, has been linked to number of physical, oral and mental health problems but more research is needed
- For every admission linked to vaping among those under 20, there are 125 admissions for children caused by tobacco smoke exposure.



(Royal College of Physicians. Hiding in plain sight: treating tobacco dependency in the NHS. London: RCP, June 2018)



Keeping our children safe online

These are some of the questions that we have considered this term in our online safety lessons:

Why is it important to listen to your feelings when using technology?

What kinds of information should I keep to myself when I use the internet?

How can a strong password help protect your privacy?

The What information about you is it ok to share online?

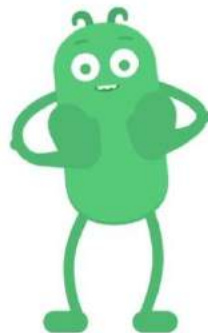
One key question is:

How do you say goodbye to technology when you don't want to?

The [Pause, Breathe, Finish up!](#) routine might help us all!



CHANT



Pause!

Breathe!



Finish up!



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Storytelling Garden!

Year 5 did some great gardening before half term. This term, we have been getting lots of bulbs planted. Year 6 and Year 1 worked really well together to do this, and Year 2 are planting more today!



Support for families this Christmas

Did you know?.... We have our own food, uniform, gift and hygiene banks in school. If you are in need this festive period please speak to a member of staff who will be able to help you (confidentially) with resources in school.

If you have any surplus gifts, hygiene products or non-perishable food that you can donate then these would be gratefully received by the office or a member of staff.



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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MMR vaccinations

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)



with Oxfordshire
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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

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' below it. The instruments include a violin, guitar, trumpet, and microphone. The text 'PRELIMINARY ROUNDS AT WARRINER SCHOOL' and 'FRIDAY & SATURDAY 19TH & 20TH JANUARY 2024' is prominently displayed in white. A QR code is in the bottom left, and the Banbury Rotary Club logo and details are in the bottom right.

BANBURY YOUNG MUSICIAN COMPETITION

2024

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS AT WARRINER SCHOOL
FRIDAY & SATURDAY 19TH & 20TH JANUARY 2024

QR CODE

FULL DETAILS AT WWW.BANBURYROTARYCLUB.ORG.UK

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

Activities outside Harriers

LIGHT-UP BANBURY

BANBURY BID'S LANTERN PARADE
SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER | 5:00PM



Join us with your lanterns from 5pm by the information point in Castle Quay and take part in our 'Light-up Banbury' Lantern Parade. Drummers will lead the parade through Castle Quay and around the town, finishing in the Market Place. Christmas carols, Hot chocolate, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and more will all be available to enjoy on the evening!

BANBURY BID
BANBURY BID'S LANTERN PARADE

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 Banbury Lions Club & Bumble B Roadshow presents...

Our 13th Annual PUDSEY MEGAPARTY

IN AID OF BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

Starring:

 **BUMBLE B ROADSHOW**

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



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Children aged eight and under must be accompanied by a paying adult

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or: from pudsey@banburylions.co.uk



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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.**

Term 1: Primary School Health Nurse Newsletter

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

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

