



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, 29th January 2024

Message from Mrs Coley



Dear Parents and Carers, I hope you all had a lovely festive break, although it seems like a while ago now. We are firmly into the new year and Harriers and as busy as ever (as you will see in the coming pages).

We have welcomed Cucina catering as the new provider of our school dinners; with the children and staff enjoying the new selection of menus and the quality of the meals.

This term's Conditions are Sense of Accomplishment and Spirit of Adventure. Please ask your children what they feel proud of achieving during this week and how they can help challenge themselves moving from their comfort zone to their challenge zone.

I have noticed that nearly all of our Harriers' pupils are wearing our full school uniform. When walking around the school, it is lovely to see them looking smart. It really does help with their attitude to learning and supports their sense of belonging. Just a reminder though that trainers should only be worn in PE lessons. Thank you for your support with this. This also applies to their PE uniforms. PE is an integral part of their development and again, looking smart helps with their attitude and how they feel about themselves. This coming Thursday is our Harriers Advisory Committee (H.A.C.), which is our parent forum to discuss ideas. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. It is at 10am, please just come to reception.

Kind regards, Steph Coley



Attendance Matters! w/c 15th January

Whole school attendance this week: 91.4%

Whole school attendance for year to date:
93.5%

National Average year to date: 94.%

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

It is parents responsibility to call the office each day if your child is absent and reason given.

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 Doves

who had an astounding 97.1% A class piece goes to your whole class reward.

Ducklings	%
Robins	86.5%
Wrens	85..6%

Swifts	89.3%
Swallows	90.7%
Woodpeckers	95%
Doves	97.1%
Toucans	92.3%
Kingfishers	92.7%

Parrots	85%
Red Kites	94%
Pelicans	96.6%
Flamingoes	95.9%
Eagles	87.5%
Owls	91.3%

Celebration Assembly 15th & 16th January 2024



High Flyers

The Big Ambition

Children and parents or carers can complete the survey here:

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

It is so important that every child in England has an opportunity to tell policy makers what they want and need ahead of the General Election
Dame Rachel De Souza

Children's Commissioner for England

Upcoming Dates



- 29th January, Early Years visit to Morrisons
- 31st January 9.30-11am coffee morning
- 1st February H.A.C. (parent forum) meeting at 10am
- 2nd February Early Years visit to Morrisons
- Week commencing 5th February Children's Mental Health Week
- 6th February Early Years & Year 6 height and weight measuring programme
- 8th February 9-9.30am Parent Behaviour workshop
- 8th February Valentine Disco
Disco 1 4-5.15pm (recommended for Nursery & EYU children)
Disco 2 5.30-6.45pm (recommended for older children)
- 9th February End of term 3

Nursery

Nursery had some new equipment delivered for our outdoor area. We have enjoyed climbing the new hill and playing hide and seek in the tunnel. Our new blocks are great for building houses and rockets. We have even used the skip to make some dens too!



Early Years

We have started our space topic!

Beegu has visited us and we have spent time trying to find her!

We made playdough models and have been writing letters back and forth to her.



Year 1

We have started our topic all about Banbury.

So far, we have thought about what Banbury was like in the past and what Banbury is famous for.

We have also learnt how to follow a recipe to make some very tasty Banbury cakes!



Year 2

Year 2 had some fun in forest school to start our learning about animal habitats. We worked in pairs to find any animals living in forest school, and to spot anything that might help them to survive. We thought about food, water, shelter, and bedding.



Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about the Egyptians. They have been reading books and studying the art work. Lots of them have also produced some fantastic homework.

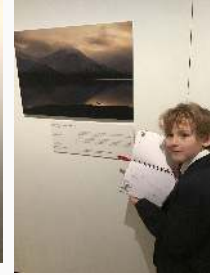


Year 4

Year 4 had a brilliant time on our trip to the Banbury Museum at the start of term!

Linking with our Environment topic, the pupils looked at the amazing photographs of the British Wildlife Photography Awards of 2023!

The pupils also sketched some of their favourite photographs at the gallery.



Year 5

Year 5 got to go on two exciting trips this week. One to watch Matilda at WPA and the second to Science Oxford. The children had a fantastic time and loved the changing states workshop, planetarium and exploration zone.





Year 6

Upper phase welcomed John from the charity 'Migrant Help' for an assembly this week. He spoke to us about the difference between the terms; migrant, refugee and asylum seeker.

Year 6 then had the pleasure of a workshop to further explore this. We spent time trying to explain feelings to one another without the use of talk - quickly realising how hard this is!

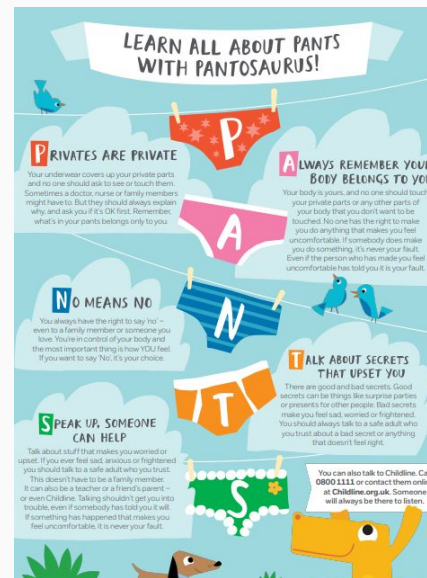
We are now equipped with strategies to support each other in the future. Thank you John!



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Keeping our children safe

Reminder of the support available on the NSPCC site related to keeping privates private.



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

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Activities outside Harriers



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Premier League Kicks sessions in Banbury Every Friday during term time

Restarting September 15th

👉 Year 5 - Year 8

🕒 4.30-5.30pm

📍 The Hill Community Centre, Dover Avenue, Banbury,
OX16 0JJ

👉 Year 9 - Year 13

🕒 7-8pm

📍 North Oxfordshire Academy, Drayton Road, Banbury
OX16 0UD

Fun & social football - Free to attend

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Mark Thomas for more details

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Girls Only Premier League Kicks sessions in Banbury Every Friday during term time

Restarting September 15th

👉 Year 6 - Year 11

🕒 5:45-6:45pm

📍 The Hill Community Centre, Dover Avenue, Banbury,
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Activities outside Harriers

Wed 7 Feb Doors Open 6:40pm!
Thur 8 Feb
Fri 9 Feb Showtime 7pm!

North Oxfordshire Academy
Production of

Disney
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR.

Book by David Simpatco
Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie Written by Peter Barsecchini
Song by Matthew Gerard & Robbie Nevil
Ray Chan, Greg Chan & Andrew Sealey
Randy Peterson & Kevin Quinn
Andy Dodd & Adam Watts
Bryan Louisaile
David N. Lawrence & Faye Greenberg
Jodie Housden
Music Adapted, Arranged and Produced by Bryan Louisaile

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
www.mtishows.co.uk

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