



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, 4th March 2024

Message from Mrs Coley



Dear Parents and Carers,

As many of you will be aware, online safety has become even more of a hot topic in recent years. Many children are very lucky to have technology at their fingertips at home. It is clear that at our academy many children love being online. Many of them are very passionate about using different apps and websites to communicate with family and friends and to play games. There are a huge amount of benefits to allowing children access to these sites. However, there are some negative impacts. When many of us were younger, if someone was being unkind during school hours, it stopped when we went home as we could not contact each other outside of school hours easily. Now, children can go home and communicate with each other easily, which can lead to cyberbullying.

As parents & carers, what can you do to support?

1. Check your child's devices as they are able to communicate with each other and strangers via many commonly used games and apps e.g. Roblox.
2. Coach your child on what to do if someone is unkind.
3. Teach your child about having a positive online presence by considering their words and actions when interacting with others. For further advice on what to do if your child is being bullied online, follow the link below:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/online-bullying/>

Kind regards Steph Coley

Attendance Matters! w/c 26th February



Ducklings	%
Robins	86.5%
Wrens	85.6%

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.

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 26th & 27th February 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



- 4.3.24 Year 5 Viking workshops
- 5.3.24 Girls' football match at St Mary's school
- 7.3.24 World Book day
- 8.3.24 Early Years Mothers' day assembly at 9am
- 8.3.24 Nursery Mothers' Day afternoon at 2.30pm
- 8.3.24 PTFA Mothers' day wrapping
- W.c 11.3.24 British Science week
- 11.3.24 Boys' football match at Dashwood
- 12.3.24 In person parents' evening (3.40-7pm)
- 13.3.24 - 18.3.24 Book Fair
- 14.2.24 Virtual parents' evening 3.40-5.30pm
- 15.3.24 Comic Relief
- 21.3.24 Parent behaviour meeting with Miss Thewlis
- 21.3.24 Years 3-5 concert (9.15am & 2pm)
- 21.3.24 PTFA meeting at 3.30pm
- 22.3.24 Non-uniform day - please bring chocolate treats for Easter Bingo prizes
- 22.3.24 Years 3-5 concert (9.15am)
- 26.3.24 Girls' football at Dashwood
- 27.3.24 PTFA Easter Bingo 6.30pm
- 28.3.24 Easter Bonnet Parade (times tbc)
- 28.3.24 End of term 4

Nursery

Nursery have enjoyed being out in our garden and in forest school.

We have loved digging in the mud and looking for worms.

We also made some faces out of the things we could find in forest school.



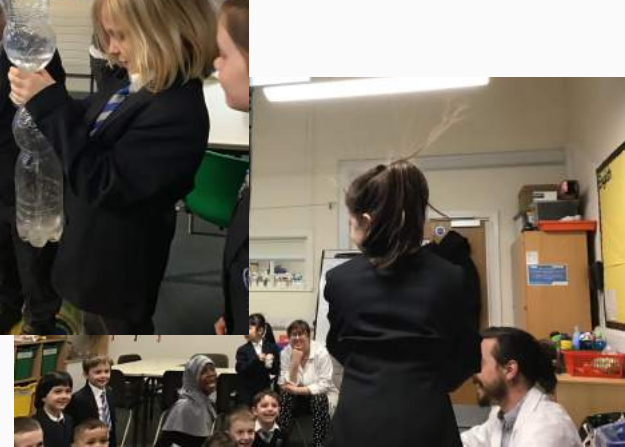
Early Years

At the start of term 4 we have been working on our independence. We have spent time in our activities solving problems on our own. We have also learned the importance of brushing our teeth and have been practising in class.



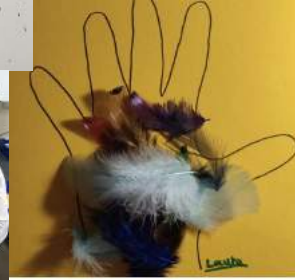
Year 1

Year 1 had a visit from Atomic Tom and Nuclear Natalie to start the terms topic of weather. We learnt cool things about the water cycle, how a rainbow is made and used a Van de Graaf generator to make our hair stand up!



Year 2

Year 2 have been investigating colour mixing and texture in our art lessons. This week, we brought objects we had found with unusual textures and attempted to recreate those textures with paint. We considered how we could mix colour and use brush strokes.

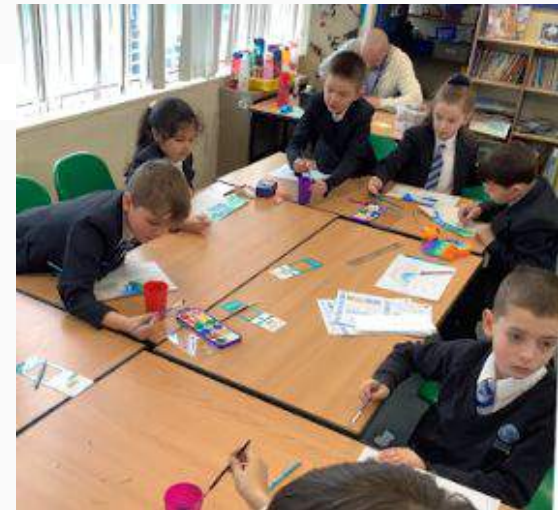


Year 3

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We have begun to create our own Monet inspired art scrapbooks!

We have also been playing the recorder!

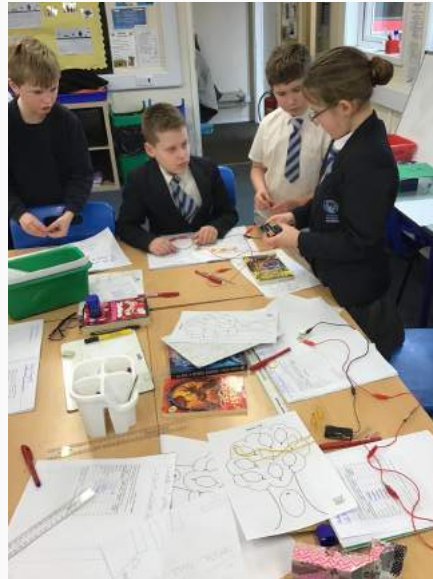


Year 4

Conductors and Insulators

This term, the pupils have been learning all about electricity!

During their Science lesson, the pupils tested rulers, rubbers, coins and paper clips to test which materials were conductors of electricity!





Year 5

Year 5 have started their topic on the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. Their first task was to sequence British History. It was quite tough!





Year 6
We headed to
forest school with
Mrs Bell this week -
and we think
the
photographs
speak for
themselves!



We played a few team games
before just enjoying the
space and weather.

Reading at Harriers!

The Book Nook

We are currently working with Oxford University Press and the National Literacy Trust on the project 'Raise a Reader'.

This is a project about fostering a love of reading from an early age. Last week, Mrs Reid and Mrs G Cheeseman (Librarian) transformed a tired space into 'The Book Nook'. A space where groups of children can spend time reading and discussing books. Alongside this new space, we have had fantastic donation through the project of £500 worth of newly published books for the children to enjoy!



Some children in Owl class wrote reviews of their favourite books before Christmas. We submitted these to a competition that Blue Peter were running and we have just received Blue Peter badges! Some very happy readers!

Thank you to all the applicants (Y5/6) for the new school librarian positions. Mrs Reid now has team of 11 librarians to support children throughout the school in choosing books to read and keeping our spaces ready to use.

SEN and Inclusion



Oxfordshire SEND Local Offer:

Support and services for children and young people with additional needs from 0-25. Here is a link to their website where you can access lots of information:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/children-education-and-families/oxfordshire-send-local-offer>

Coffee and Chat

Support group for parents and carers of children with SEN at Harriers School

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Join Mrs Jones, Mrs Chester and other families for a tea or coffee and an informal chat in a safe space, where we can share ideas and strategies.

March 13th 2024, 9—10am
Harriers Banbury Academy

We cannot discuss individual or specific children. This group is about connecting with other families, in similar situations, and sharing experiences, ideas and strategies.

Apologies, we have had to change the date for our support group to the 13th of March.

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Keeping our children safe

Beware - Snus is a **smokeless nicotine product placed between the upper lip and gumline**, (used by lots of professional footballers) is reported to be on the rise throughout the English game. This could be why it is becoming popular with children and young people. Or could it be the marketing of it? It comes in attractive tins, different flavours and strengths and is fairly cheap to purchase on Amazon and in local shops at around £4-£5 a tin. Please be mindful.





Mental Health Support Team

PARENT SURVEY



It is important to us to hear your views; please take 5 minutes to complete this survey on how we can best support you and your family with your child's mental health.



<https://forms.office.com/e/xmj8F06cM5>

Please be assured that all data collected will remain anonymous.

Please complete by: 29th March
For Parents and Carers to complete
Takes 5 minutes to complete

MHST Mental Health Support Team

As a school, we receive support from MHST. Please see the below survey from them to find out what else they can do to support local schools.

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




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

Check your child is up
to date with their
MMR vaccinations

Please see here for the latest Primary School Health Newsletter
<https://sway.office.com/dGH85FJFkQhEeCTV?ref=em>
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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




Or scan QR code here
to start a chat



We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate response back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be sent between 9am and 5pm, Monday-Friday excluding Bank Holidays. If you need help before we have back then us contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive any other NHS patient messages. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We accept messages from all mobile numbers only and do not receive any text messages sent from landlines. If you have a mobile number and want to use the messaging service, we might want to receive your personal data if we were concerned about your safety, but we would always speak to you first. To protect your health, protection from sending messages to you, text 07312 263227. Messages are charged against your text rate.

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

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
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Singing lessons in your school

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**Banbury Young Singers
FREE**

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

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

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

Cherwell Theatre Company Workshop Days

FOR AGES
5-10

CHERWELL
THEATRE
COMPANY

SPRING INTO SPRING

MONDAY 8TH APRIL - DRAMA WORKSHOP
TUESDAY 9TH APRIL - ART & CRAFT

EXPLORE ART AND DRAMA WITH CTC
THIS EASTER

10-3PM

MAIN HALL, BANBURY COLLEGE, OX16 9QA
FOR MORE INFO AND TO SIGN UP,
VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.cherwelltheatrecompany.co.uk

Activities outside Harriers



ROSIE CLARK
TENNIS COACHING : **PLAY YOUR GAME**

SCHOOL LINK DISCOUNT



For pupils & parents of
Harriers Primary Academy

Venues: Bloxham School &
Banbury Tennis Club

Children & parents are offered a 20%
discount on our Term-Time Coaching
Programme

Terms

The player must be new to our programme and have not attended our sessions previously.
Discounts only available in courses with spaces.
Non-member and facility fees at Banbury Tennis Club still apply at the full rate.
Discount applies to one course per player.

www.rosieclarktenniscoaching.co.uk | 07774 624780 | info@rosieclarktenniscoaching.co.uk



All Coaches have:
DBS Check
First Aid
LTA Accreditation
Safeguarding

Girls Only Premier League Kicks sessions in Banbury

Every Friday during term time

👉 Year 6 - Year 11

🕒 5:45-6:45pm

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



Fun & social football - Free to attend

Scan the below QR Code or Contact

Mark Thomas for more details

✉️ plkicks@oufc.co.uk



OXFORD UNITED
IN THE COMMUNITY



Premier League Kicks sessions in Banbury

Every Friday during term time

👉 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

Scan the below QR Code or Contact

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Activities outside Harriers



NEXT COURSE
STARTING IN
APRIL



Reasons to volunteer for Home-Start



- Families need support more than ever
- Make a difference in your own community
- Gain valuable new skills and experience
- Ongoing support from our friendly staff team
- Full training provided
- Expenses paid

Interested? If you have parenting experience and 2-3 hours a week to spare, please get in touch to find out more!

info@home-startbanbury.org.uk
01295 266358

Applicants will be subject to a DBS check

**HOME
START**

**Banbury, Bicester &
Chipping Norton**

Events 2024



A Taste of Spring

When: Sunday 14th April, 10:30 - 16:30
Where: Banbury Market Place, OX16 5LJ

Kick-starting our calendar of events, our mini food festival will bring a variety of food and drink.

Banbury Show

When: Saturday 15th June, 10:00 - 17:00
Where: Spicelab Park, Banbury, OX16 2RY

Join us for a day of entertainment, live music, and food & drink in Spicelab Park, with fairground and children's activities throughout the day.

Armed Forces Day

When: Saturday 28th June, 10:00 - 15:00
Where: Banbury Market Place, OX16 5LJ

Military Parade & stands, Pig-past by the R&F and Mini Emergency Services Exhibits. Join military organisations, veterans and serving personnel in the town centre. 11 day to Show Your Support.

Town Mayor's Funday

When: Sunday 14th July, 11:30 - 16:30
Where: People's Park, Banbury, OX16 6RD

It's day to get out and enjoy the day in the park, situated on the edge of Banbury Town Centre. Arena entertainment, activities, fun & games, food & drink.

Banbury Music Mix

When: Friday 26th July, 17:30 - 22:30
Where: Banbury Market Place, OX16 5LJ

Banbury Market Place is the place to be to celebrate music at its very best with live performances from local bands. Food and drink available throughout.

Banbury Food & Drink Festival

When: Sunday 18th August, 10:30 - 16:30
Where: Banbury Market Place, OX16 5LJ

Join us for our annual food festival, celebrating all that's good about food & drink. Browse, sample & purchase your way around Banbury.

Emergency Services Day

When: Saturday 7th September, 09:30 - 15:30
Where: Spicelab Park, Banbury, OX16 2RY

Promoting the work of the emergency services, advising on how to use the services responsibly, educating about basic life-saving skills, and promoting the many career and volunteering opportunities available within these vital organisations. Delivered by Banbury Town Council in partnership with Thames Valley Police.

Battle of Britain

When: Sunday 15th September, 11:00 - 14:00
Where: Banbury Market Place / St. Mary's Church

A parade in High Street and Pig-past by the R&F followed by a service in St. Mary's Church.

Banbury Canal Festival

When: Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th October, 11:00 - 17:00
Where: Canal Side, Town Centre

Offering lots of activities to see and do both on and off the water. There will be stalls, floating trader boats, historic boats, trip boats, food & drink, live entertainment and children's activities.

Michaelmas Fair

When: From Wednesday 16th October
Where: Banbury Town Centre

Bob Wilson's funfair returns to Banbury with a wide variety of fairground rides and attractions. The Michaelmas Fair originates from an historic charter dating back to the 17th Century. Delivered through Cherwell District Council.

Remembrance Sunday

When: Sunday 10th November, 10:00 - 14:00
Where: Banbury Town Centre / St. Mary's Church / People's Park

A parade in High Street followed by a service in St. Mary's Church at 11:00am and a wreath laying ceremony at the war memorial in People's Park.

Victorian Christmas Market

When: Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th November
Where: Banbury Market Place, OX16 5LJ

Banbury Victorian Christmas Market returns again with over 100 stalls in the Market Place. Delivered through Cherwell District Council. Banbury BID & LSD Promotions.

Christmas Lights Switch On

When: Sunday 24th November, 11:00 - 18:00
Where: Banbury Market Place, OX16 5LJ

Launching Banbury into the festive season, there will be music, food, entertainment, and of course Father Christmas. All wrapped up with a blast of fireworks as we bring to a close a year of town events and light up Banbury for the festive season.

For the latest information please view our website at www.banbury.gov.uk, visit our Facebook page or scan here.



The North Wall
Arts Centre

Xenia Aidonopoulou presents

Skydiver

Saturday 9 March 11am & 2pm

Take your little ones on a magical journey with **Skydiver** and experience how movement, sound and stunning visuals bring whimsical characters to life in an enchanting encounter in the skies.

This multi-sensory dance experience for families invites audiences to soar through the fluffy clouds where flocks of birds and butterflies flutter.

Includes free drop-in stay & play and family dance workshops

For ages 3-6

Tickets £10 (28 children)
Under 8s go free

Book tickets: 01865 818450 | thenorthwall.com

