



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 April 2024

Message from Mrs Coley



Dear Parents and Carers,
We have had a great start to term 5 with lots of classes going on school trips!

The next 2 terms are always very busy, so we will keep you up to date with any events that are happening that you may wish to attend with your child and their class.

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and you are back and ready to learn!

As there was no newsletter in the last week of term 4 - you may also see lots of pictures from the Easter activities that the children took part in, as well as the new things from term 5.

Kind regards, Steph Coley



Attendance Matters! w/c 16th April

Whole school attendance this week: 93%
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.

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| Ducklings | 91.9% |
| Robins | 95.5% |
| Wrens | 97.5% |

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| Swifts | 90.7% |
| Swallows | 91.8% |
| Woodpeckers | 87..8% |
| Doves | 91.3% |
| Toucans | 92.3% |
| Kingfishers | 92.7% |

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| Parrots | 91.2% |
| Red Kites | 97% |
| Pelicans | 96.6% |
| Flamingoes | 95.9% |
| Eagles | 90.5% |
| Owls | 92.3% |

Celebration Assembly 22nd & 23rd April 2024



Lower Phase



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Upper Phase

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



- 30.4 Year 5 Banbury Museum Civil War Workshop
- 1.5. Whole school allotment day (see separate PING)
- 2.5 year 2 multi skills festival at Wykham park
- 2.5 Year 5 Banbury Museum Civil War Workshop
- 3.5 - year 4 book and brew
- 6.5 Bank Holiday Monday - School CLOSED
- 8.5 Year 1 artist visit
- 9.5 Parent workshop - wellbeing
- 10.5 EYU stay and read
- 13th-17th May - KS2 SATS week
- 17.5 EYU trip to Crouch Hill
- 17.5 Year 2 sleep over in hall
- 20th May to 24th May - KS1 SATS (non statutory)
- 22.5 Year 4 artist visit
- 22.5 Year 6 Lion King visit
- 23.5 Year 6 library visit
- 24.5 END OF TERM

Nursery

We are learning about minibeasts this term and have been busy finding lots of different insects in the garden.

We have also been watching our caterpillars grow. They started off very small. We can't wait to see them turn into butterflies.



Early Years

We have had a very exciting end to term! We worked extremely hard this week with our phonics and maths so we had a great time having a balloon party and doing Easter crafts to celebrate!



Year 1

This week, we have enjoyed watching our Year 1 outside area being transformed by JJ's dad. We donned our hi-vis jackets and hard hats, and looked very official with clipboards as we watched him build our raised beds. We then got to fill them up with the soil ready to plant some flowers and vegetables next term!



Year 1

We have been busy exploring new places over the past two weeks. We visited The Herb Centre to get some inspiration for planting up our new raised beds. Swifts class have also been to Broughton Farm, where they fed lots of different animals and learnt about the work of a farmer. Swallows will be visiting on Monday 29th April.



Year 2

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Year 2 did some baking on the last day of term as our whole class treat for all of our hard work this term.

Well done year 2!



Year 3

Year 3 have really enjoyed getting creative this term and have loved having the opportunities to try lots of different art techniques, under our 'one picture' topic all about Claude Monet's 'Thames below Westminster'.



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Year 4

The Year 4 pupils have really enjoyed their Creator Space lessons this term!

During these lessons, the pupils have been working in teams and developing their problem-solving skills.

Also, the Year 4s absolutely loved their trip to Cadbury World! They learned lots about the states of matter and how chocolate is made!



Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed learning the ukulele this term. The children have learnt several new tunes including 'Shotgun' by George Ezra.

In Science, we have been investigating the properties of materials, including which nappy brand is the best.





Year 6

At the end of last term in Year 6 Design and Technology, we embarked on an exciting project focused on practical skills and budgeting. The children delved into the world of culinary arts by researching and creating vegetable soup from scratch. Throughout the project, they honed their cutting, peeling, and cooking techniques which not only enriched their understanding of food preparation but also instilled important life skills.

We were proud of the final product!

Science Week

We all had a brilliant time throughout Science Week investigating, collaborating, making conclusions, conducting fair tests and learning new skills.

The Science Fair was a great success with a team from Red Kites and a team from Eagles classes going through to the next round of Science Oxford's Big Science Event competition.

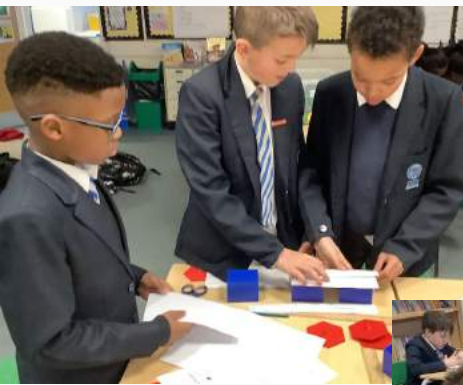
Well done to everyone who took part!



Science Club

In Science Club this term, we have been using some of the Crest Award STEM investigations.

We have made and tested rockets; we have made and tested rafts; we have been testing the best way to check our fingerprints; and we have made and tested the strength of bridges.





Keeping our children safe

Online and phone safety


A statistic from the NSPCC;

“Over the past five years, online grooming crimes reported against children living in the UK have risen by 82%. And though research shows that the victims are mostly girls, we know that all children are at risk.”

Do you know who your children are talking to online?

Do you monitor and check their phones and devices?

Please teach your children to talk to you about anything online that worries or concerns them.



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

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=email>



ChatHealth **NHS Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust**

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

Text School Health Nurses for advice on issues such as:

- diet & healthy lifestyles
- toileting
- bullying
- sleep
- support with behaviours
- general and emotional health

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 read of your text. Texts will only be sent between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays). If you need help before we have had time to contact you, CPD hours will be 9am to 5pm. Our chat service does not monitor any other NHS or NHS Digital messages. Your messages are stored and can be used by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We respect messages from staff in the workplace only and do not monitor messages sent from to this, or our email or mobile services and we will never make a mobile app. We keep your data secure and will not share it with anyone outside of your school, but we would occasionally speak to you first. To protect our health professionals sending messages to you, text 07312 263227 not your number. Messages are charged against your phone.

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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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

Activities outside Harriers



LKI MAY DAY CAMPS
@ BROUGHTON FIELDS PRIMARY THIS MAY HALF TERM
<https://eequ.org/lkidaycamps>

KICKS
EST. 2016

THIS MAY HALF TERM!
DISCOUNT CODE EARLYBIRDMAY

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

Scan the below QR Code or Contact

Mark Thomas for more details

✉ plkicks@oufc.co.uk



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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,
OX16 0JJ



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BANBURY
PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

TUESDAY
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE ACADEMY

1ST SESSION - 7TH MAY
5-6PM (YR/1/2)
6-7PM (Y3-6)

HALF-TERMLY BOOKINGS
(£8 PER SESSION!)



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OX25 4SF

The day will be an enjoyable journey looking at storytelling and stagecraft, as well as learning some of the music from the show.

Suitable for children aged 8-12. Cost £39 for the day.

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www.oxfordopera.uk or
contact Catie education@oxfordopera.uk



SAVE THE DATES!

JULY 29 — AUGUST 2

MUSICAL MASH UP SHOW WEEK

10am - 3.30pm
Ages 4+
Magdalen College School,
Brackley



 iSDATheatreSchool@hotmail.com

Book now and save 10%