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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

Friday 12th July 2024

Message from Mrs Coley

Dear Parents and Carers,
I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff at Harriers for doing such an incredible job during my recent absence. We are very fortunate to have an amazing team here, who work and pull together to ensure the children get the best provision both within and outside of the classroom. I would like to thank you all too,for being so kind and welcoming over the last couple of weeks - it has certainly made by transition back to school, following the death of my husband much easier.
Last week saw our year 6 pupils attend their transition days in their new secondary schools - they returned very excited about their new settings. Year 3 travelled to Bournemouth ,for their day on the beach, and thankfully, the weather held for them and they were able to paddle in the sea and enjoy the sand. Year 4 had an extremely eventful campout on Friday evening, when the thunderstorm came at 3am in the morning - both pupils and staff were very brave and a quick escape into early years saved the night!!
Music now plays a very central role in the life at Harriers and we've been fortunate enough to have enjoyed performances by the children who learn Ukeles and Violins.
Kind regards,
Steph Coley

Attendance Matters!
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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!!

Ducklings	94%
Robins	92%
Wrens	83%

Swifts	90%
Swallows	88%
Woodpeckers	94%
Doves	94%
Toucans	89%
Kingfishers	95.6%

Parrots	94%
Red Kites	97.5%
Pelicans	96.2%
Flamingoes	94.4%
Eagles	94%
Owls	93.5%

Celebration Assembly
9th July 2024

Lower Phase

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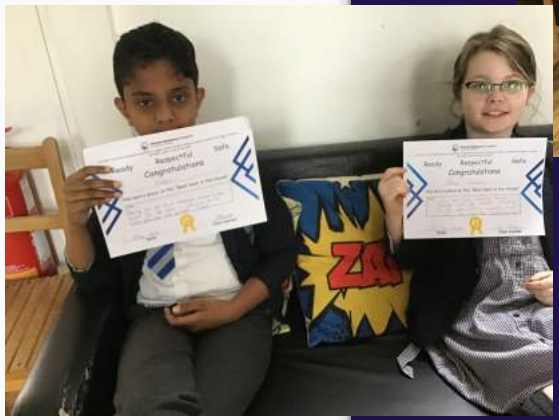
2nd July 2024



Upper Phase

Upcoming Dates Term 6

13.6 Whole School Photos
13.6 Early Years Father's Day BBQ
14.6 Year 5 Book and Brew in hall
20.6 New Early Years parents Meet the Teacher
24.6 - 28.6 Bikeability week
28.6 INSET - School is not open to children

2.7 - Whole school transition day (meet new teacher)
5.7 - Year 4 camp out
11.7 - Sports Day
18.7 (reserve sports day)
17.7/18.7 - Y6 Production (5pm)
18.7 Wellbeing Parent Workshop
19.7 - Early Years Graduation Picnic
23.7 - Y6 leavers assembly
24.7 - part day, non- uniform, END OF TERM, school finishes 1.30pm

Early Years

We have been learning about how to be safe when using ipads and how to be respectful when taking pictures

We have also been building some very hard words in phonics!

Year 1

We have enjoyed tasting lots of different fruits and vegetables, to decide which to use when we make smoothies next week. Our favourites are tropical fruits… we are not so keen on the avocado!

We have also been enjoying our outside space - especially our new painting screen. It can be very messy though!

Year 1

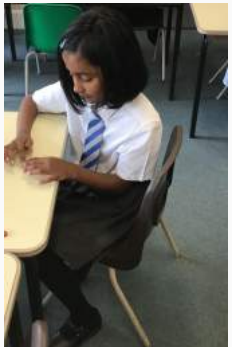
Year 1 also received a letter and a certificate from Dogs for Good this week for raising £159.60 for them.

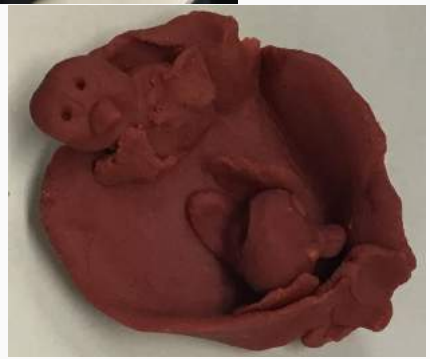
A big well done to them all, and a huge thank you to any families who donated cakes for our cake sale. We really appreciate your support!

Year 2

Year 2 have been doing clay modelling for our art this term. We have practiced using our hands as tools to smooth, flatten and roll clay into a ball.

We then used these skills to make pinch pots. We rolled into balls, pushed a hole in the middle and then pinched our fingers to make the pot shape.





Year 3

Year 3 had the most wonderful day at the beach on Friday. They were so well behaved…despite the lengthy coach journey and dubious weather!

The children built and dug in the sand and searched for shells and rocks. Then we all got extremely wet paddling (and laying!) in the sea..including the adults!!

Huge thank you to all the parent volunteers who supported us on the trip.

Year 4

The Year 4's absolutely loved their Camp Out last week! They were so resilient and did not let the rain and thunder dampen their spirits!

The pupils played hide and seek, toasted marshmallows in forest school and had some delicious pizza for dinner!

Year 5

Year 5s have become chemists in their Science lessons this term, investigating filtering, evaporation and dissolving. This week, the children made 'magic rocks' out of bicarbonate of soda to see what would happen if they added vinegar after it had hardened.

They now have a good understanding of what a fair test is and how to plan and carry out an investigation using collaboration and teamwork.

Year 6

Owls have been fortunate enough to be working with Mrs Moulder on an engineering project with Chiltern Rail.

The children have been using electronics, pulleys and teamwork to create their own working models of trains.

A big thank you to James from Chiltern Railway who came in last week to judge them and a well done to Raihana and Eva who won!

Rounders festival

We took 40 pupils to WPA for a rounders inclusion festival!

It was a brilliant morning and seeing the progress of all of the children was incredible.

There was a big focus on teamwork and the children played so well and represent Harriers so positively. .

Age UK community links

I would just like to say a huge ‘Thank you’ to the children at Harriers Primary Academy for creating such fantastic bunting for our Mini Wellbeing Festival last week. There were some very thoughtful messages of positivity, creatively displayed, which were much appreciated by those who attended. Visitors were able to take part in meditation, Tai Chi, a healthy lunch and a session from the Rusty Musicians. Your colourful bunting and positive messages all added to the occasion.I have attached some photos with your bunting.

Thanks again for your fabulous hard work!

Music Assemblies

We have recently had some fantastic music assemblies to celebrate the pupils' incredible learning!

Those that have been taking part in ukulele and violin lessons shared what they have been learning with their parents and the rest of the school.

We have lots of exciting instrument lessons on offer at Harriers if your child is interested!

Meet Ronnie

Many of you will have noticed we have a new addition to the Harriers' staff. Ronnie, Mrs Coley's French Bulldog, has joined us as our new school dog. He'll be in school 2-3 days a week. He has been away for a two week additional training course and as you would expect, a risk assessment is in place for him to be in school. Much "sniffing" has taken place as he's enjoyed meeting the children, staff and parents this week… sports day was a particular highlight for him - he loves a roll in the grass!!

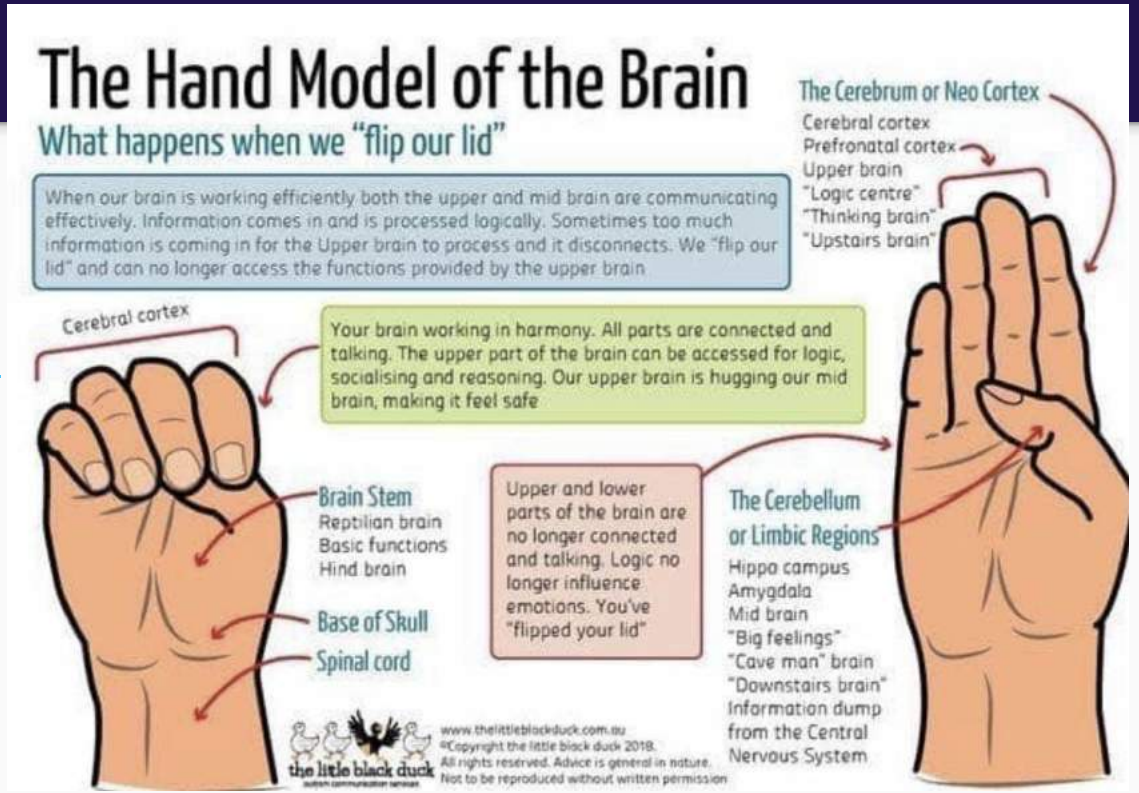
Music Lessons at Harriers

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/musicinterest

SEN and Inclusion

Here's a video that teaches children about the brain and how they can regulate emotions: Upstairs brain, downstairs brain



Keeping our children safe online

Long gone are the days where eBay and Amazon were the only means of buying quality items online. The rise of user-friendly, accessible shopping apps has meant that getting clothes, gadgets and other goodies delivered direct to your door can be accomplished with a few touches of your phone's screen while you're on the go.

These apps aren't without their issues, however, and users still run the risk of scams, data breaches and other online safety concerns. Being aware of these dangers will go a long way to keeping your money and information safe, so you can still enjoy what these shopping apps have to offer. Our guide has some top tips to help protect young people on these purchasing platforms.

Exam stress – sometimes referred to as test anxiety – is of course a long-running issue for children and young people. Many experts have suggested that the enforced break to traditional testing during the pandemic (specifically the relative lack of familiarity with exam situations) has exacerbated this problem for those who are currently in education.

The possible impact of exam stress on children's mental, emotional and physical wellbeing is difficult to overstate – and students' need for support is seldom greater than during these periods of their academic life. Our guide offers you ten practical tips for helping young people to manage exam stress and minimise its potentially detrimental effects.

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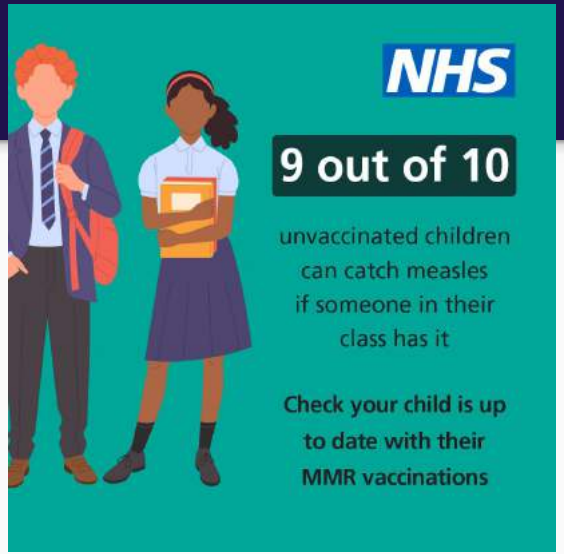

https://familyfirst.co.uk/issue3-24-download

Music Lessons at Harriers

The Pupils loved our iRock Assembly last week! Here is the information if your child would like to sign up to lessons!

WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO JOIN THEIR OWN ROCK BAND?

iROCK

Book now online
Visit www.irockschool.com/enrol

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Bookings are now open for your child to join their own rock and pop band at school! Enrolling is straightforward, and iRock offers a **first lesson money-back guarantee!**

Discover the benefits of band lessons: not only are they fun, but they also play a significant role in enhancing children's life skills. Lessons focus on boosting confidence, supporting well-being, developing social skills, and even improving academic performance.

How it works:

- Children don't need music experience to join, and all of the instruments are provided by iRock.
- Your child can choose from drums, keyboard, electric guitar, or vocals (subject to availability). They'll play the same instrument every week and join their bandmates in 30-minute weekly lessons.
- Lessons are held during the school day and are led by one of our experienced band coaches, who will guide your child through every session. *Some sessions may take place straight after school.*
- Lessons are available from Reception to Year 6, with children grouped by age. Children can choose their band name and learn their favourite songs.
- Band sessions build towards a concert at the end of each term, providing a great way to showcase just how far they have come.
- Children in Years 2, 4, and 6 will be enrolled in a Group Performance qualification by RSL.
- Access the iRock parent portal to view your child's band memories, song choices, manage your subscription and much more!

You can subscribe to iRock through our monthly subscription plan, which spans 11 months with no payment required in August. We offer full flexibility, allowing parents to cancel their subscription at any time. By subscribing, you're guaranteed a minimum of 33 lessons throughout a full academic year.

For availability and cost please visit: **www.irockschool.com/enrol** and search for your school. For any helps please call 0330 174 2655

Kind regards,

Joshua Franklin
Founder
iRock School of Music

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"My daughter is so excited when it's iRock day at school! She loves playing in the band"
Google Review

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You care with our support

Being a foster carer is rewarding but, we'll be honest, it's not easy. Our children and young people have often been through a lot and can need plenty of support. But every day we see the impact that support has. Seeing them grow in confidence – well, nothing beats that.

Fun trips to the shops, cuddles after a bad dream, helping with homework, being there during those tricky teen years – foster caring is about providing stability, positivity and reassurance when a child needs it most.

Want to know more?

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Visit **oxfordshire.gov.uk/fostering**
or give us a call on **0800 783 5724**

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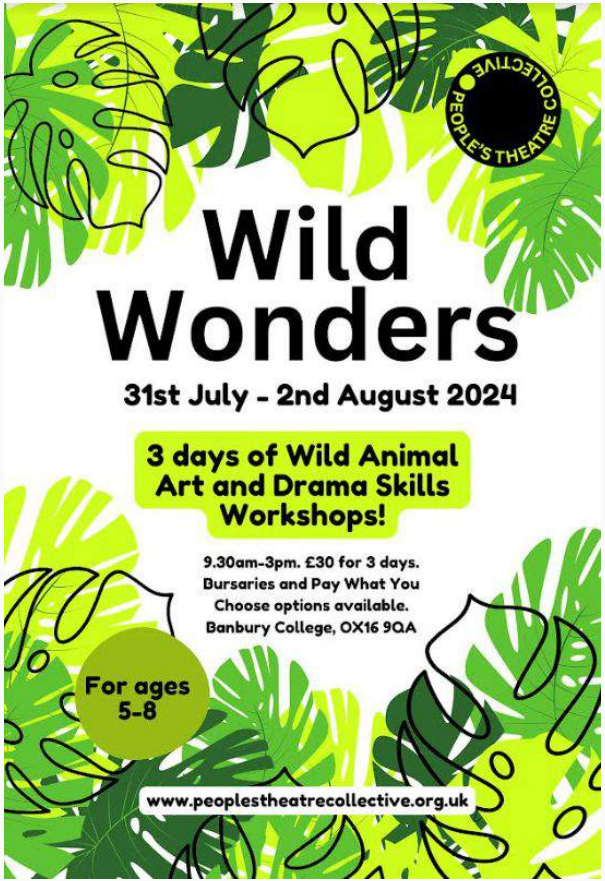

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Cherwell link

Summer fun for Cherwell's young

Parents can now sign their children up for exciting summer activities which will be happening at North Oxfordshire Academy, Bicester leisure centre, and Kidlington and Gosford leisure centre.

Our Activate holiday club will start on Monday, 5 August and features a healthy mix of sports, arts, nature activities and games.

All staff leading the sessions are First Aid trained and Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checked. The sessions cost £22.50 per day, running from 8.45am to 3pm and are offered for children aged 5 to 11.

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