



Dashwood Banbury Academy Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Breaking news...WINNER!



We are delighted to announce that the winner of the Tesco voucher was Stanley Watson in Year 1. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey: **100% of parents said they were overall happy with the school**- Wow!

What a fantastic few weeks we have had back at school! The children have completed some amazing learning in their **Belonging** topics and a few classes have already been on some exciting trips. We have all been working really hard to ensure we are listening carefully in class and ensuring we are thinking about positive learning behaviours.

A round up of Term 1 from our head pupils

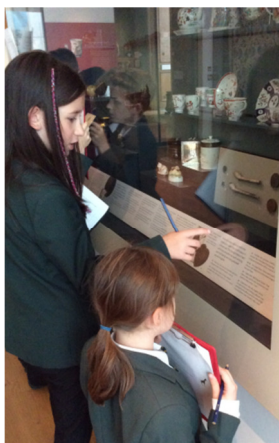
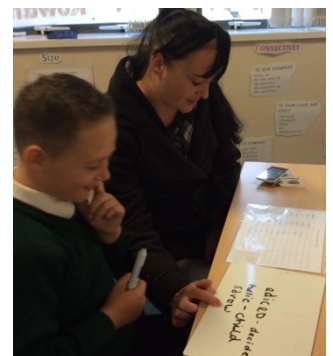
Our head pupils have been canvassing opinion from the children about the things they have enjoyed the most in term 1:

Nursery have loved learning the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and even tasted some porridge. Reception tasted bread, explored with flour and learnt the story of the Little Red Hen. Year 1 have wandered around the local area and have loved writing their poems. Year 2 have taken part in a school swap with Harriers Banbury Academy and have enjoyed the inter-family competition. Year 3 have visited Horley, enjoyed reading maps in Geography and started to learn French. Year 4 have debated whether boys should learn cooking and investigated electricity and made circuits. Year 5 have had a fantastic opportunity to visit the signal box on Banbury Station and have loved reading the Jungle book. Year 6 have enjoyed their hockey, rugby, swimming sessions and their trip to the Story Museum.

Parent Workshop



It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers in school on Wednesday for our first open morning of the year. The children love showing you their learning and it's a great opportunity for you to see the curriculum in action. We hope the workshop was useful and you have taken away some idea on how to support your child's spelling/phonics.

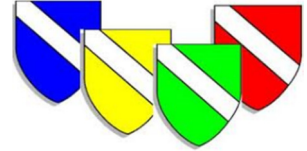


Year 6 Trip to the Museum

Our year 6 pupils have a fantastic opportunity to go to the Story Museum in Oxford this year to work towards achieving the first part of their Discovery Arts Award. Along with pupils from Harriers and Banbury Academy, our year 6 pupils have already ventured to, and explored, both the Pitt Rivers and Ashmolean Museums. After taking part in a range of activities including: collage, sculpture, news reporting and mime they headed back to school to start putting their individual portfolios together.



P.E update Inter Family Sports



As part of our first condition for learning- **Belonging**- all of the children, from nursery to year 6, have taken part in our first Level 1 Inter Family sporting competition of the year. The Physical Education learning of each class this term has culminated in a competition across year groups where individuals and teams have earned points for their Aspiration Families. Points were awarded for game-play but also where pupils showed our key values such as respect, team work and fostering a sense of belonging. A range of sports have been played including bench ball, dodgeball, tag rugby and football. The winning family will be announced in Monday's assembly.

We have developed two new leadership roles for our year 6 pupils this year: sports prefect and Family prefects. The two new **sports prefects** are Mia and Jayden; they will work closely with the junior leaders and help to organise all of our inter-family sporting events as well as sports day in the summer term. The Family prefects will liaise closely with the teachers in the four families to organise activities and events including the Christmas tree decorating competition in December. Elected for these roles were: **Red Family**-Tyrese and Ellie, **Blue Family**- Haroon and Anisha, **Yellow Family**- Milan and Harriet and **Green Family**- Nathan and Lindsey-May.

Sports Leadership Conference

Along with children from 4 schools across North Oxfordshire, pupils from Year 5 and 6 attended the Leadership Conference at Cooper School, Bicester. It was the second conference of its kind and a hugely successful day. The 12 attendees from Dashwood Banbury Academy, all newly recruited Junior Leaders, thoroughly enjoyed the workshops – learning new



leadership skills to add to their repertoire. They were led by three Year 6 children, former Junior Leaders – Mia, Jayden and Callum. The focus groups were School Sports Organising Crew, Playground Leaders and Change 4 Life Champions. Mia, Konrad, Munib, Shinade and Jayme attended the Playground Leaders workshop session. They all took the opportunity to lead sessions showing fantastic confidence delivering activities for younger pupils. Callum, Yagmur, Max, Caitlin and Igor headed-up School Sports Organising Crew and attended workshops to learn about being successful in this role. They learned about maintaining a quality School Sports board to communicate PE and School Sports to pupil and parents. An amazing day was had by all, learning new skills for leadership and sharing experiences with children from across the partnership.

Looking forward to a musical Term 2



The choir are busy preparing for Children Singing for Children on the 9th November in St Mary's Church. Our Young Voices Choir have started rehearsals of 30 songs in readiness for January 2017 when they go to Birmingham to sing along with 5,000 other children! Nursery and Reception will start practising for their Christmas Nativity productions during term 2. The children will be practising their traditional carols during the next term in preparation for our Key Stage 2 service at St Leonards Church and our Key stage 1 celebration at school.

New Reception Opening Mornings

If you are currently in our nursery or have a child who turns 4 this year, you will need to apply for a Reception place for September 2017 (as you know, unfortunately, if you are already in our nursery it **does not** guarantee you a place in our Reception class). If you are interested in applying for a place in Reception we have an opening morning available for you to come and visit us on **Thursday 24th November at 9am.**



Healthy
Living

As you know we are committed to ensure that the children are equipped with the necessary skills in order for them to make their own decisions; we talk regularly about health and how we can keep ourselves healthy by the food we eat and the amount of physical activity we do. We care deeply about both the children's physical and mental health and our curriculum reflects this. In each newsletter we will add a 'Healthy Living' section to give you some ideas and 'food for thought!'

Why not try:

- making a blueberry and banana smoothie for breakfast
- adding cucumber and carrot sticks to your child's packed lunch or for their snack at break time
- wholemeal pitta pockets filled with ham, cheese or tuna

Our NEW breakfast club menu!

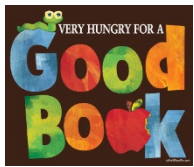
The children in breakfast club have been making some fantastic healthy food choices. They have tried some melon, pineapple, satsumas, milk and yogurts. Faith said 'I think it gives you more choice and a lot more healthy.' Ellie commented that 'there is a lot more variety.'



Harvest Festival

A huge thank you to everyone who donated food for our harvest assembly. It was gratefully received by the foodbank to support families who are in need of it.

Ready Steady READ!



We are working really hard in school to broaden the literature the children are exposed to. We really want children to read because they love it! In each newsletter we will give you some suggestions you may want to share at home. If you have read something at home that you think other children would enjoy reading then please let us know so we can add it to the next newsletter. Happy reading!

Why not try...

EYFS - That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown by Lauren Childs

KS1 - Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown

Lower KS2 - The House That Sailed Away by Pat Hutchins

Upper KS2 - Clockwork by Philip Pullman

Lastly, we would all like to wish year 6 the very best for next week when they go to Rock UK to take on challenges like they have never seen before. Keep an eye on the website, we will update you with a sneak preview before they return. Have a great time and don't forget 'Muddy days are happy days!'

Reminders and Dates

- There is an **Inset Day on Friday 18th November** therefore the school will be closed to all pupils.

PTFA

Halloween Disco on Thursday 3 November (parents to drop off and pick up)

EYFS and Key Stage 1 – 4.30 – 5.30

Key Stage 2 5.45 – 7.00

Disco tickets £2.00 please sign up at the office.

