



Dashwood Banbury Academy Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to warmly welcome you back to Term Two. Our new condition for learning this term is - **Heroes**- which focuses on how to behave **respectfully** towards each other within school, within our families and the community. We will also discuss what it means to be a hero and how we can be a hero to someone. Our whole school subject this term is **History** so the children will be travelling through different time periods, learning about the heroes of its time and their contributions to the world we live in today. Please see your child's individual newsletter for more information about what they will be learning about this term.

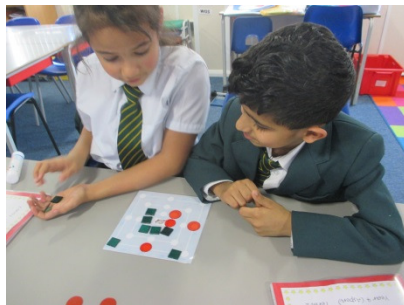
WOW!



The children have all been engrossed in our WOW starts to their new topic. The Nursery received a letter from some animals to say that they were lost in Forest School and needed rescuing. Next week Reception are going to use clues to find their way to the sweetie house like in the story of Hansel and Gretel. Year 1



and 2 have made some wonderful superhero masks and have been talking about who their heroes are. Year 3 have had the opportunity to wander deep into a cave with their torches where they discovered some amazing cave drawings from the Stone Age. Year 4 have played 9 Men's Morris, a Roman board game and finally Year 5 and 6 have had a Forest School afternoon of 'whittling' - a method of carving wood used in the Anglo-Saxon times and also by Vikings for long-ship making. What fun had by all!



Rock UK – Year 6

Year 6 had a fun and adventurous week at Rock UK in October. They challenged themselves to take part in some new and nerve-wracking experiences, including: abseiling, kayaking, the king swing, high ropes and many more! All of the children definitely showed their spirit of adventure, resilience and their ability to be



heroes to one another. An unforgettable week! Ashley said "It was really exciting and it was good getting to know people that I hadn't spent a lot of time with! I liked the King Swing the best!" Tyrese said, "It was a really good week because most of the things that we did I had never done before."

Watch out Year 5- It is your turn next!

Inter Family Sports Week



We had a fantastic week of a variety of sports from tag rugby to bench ball. All children participated and worked really hard to win points for showing excellent game play, respect and making sure everyone felt included. We are pleased to announce that the winning team for our first sporting event was **BLUE FAMILY**. Our next event is our Inter Family Christmas Tree decorating competition where each family is given a Christmas tree to decorate with hand- made decorations. Watch this space for the winning tree!

Safety Notices



Parking

For health and safety reasons, please can you refrain from parking in the cul de sac on Alma Road and ensure you are not parking on the double yellow lines on Edward Street as stated by the law.

Police Appeal

Police are appealing for witnesses regarding an incident that took place near the school gate that leads onto Merton Street on Friday 14th October between 3 and 3.15pm. If you do have any information then please come to school to speak to us or alternately dial 101.

It is that colourful and exciting time of year where we celebrate both Diwali and Bonfire Night with fireworks and sparklers. We hope you enjoy your celebrations but please ensure you are all safe and remember the safety rules you have been talking about this week in our classes and assemblies.



Healthy Lunchbox idea!

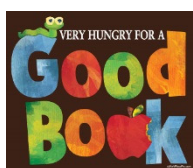
- **A tasty Chicken wrap** http://www.nhs.uk/Change4Life/supporter-resources/downloads/G4L_summer_recipe_leaflet.pdf
- **A small pot of rice pudding** as calcium is important to keep your teeth healthy and your bones strong.
- **Chopped raw vegetables** including –carrot sticks, celery, cucumber and cherry tomatoes. This will add to your 5 portions of fruit and vegetables a day.



Active Challenge: How many **star jumps** can you do in 1 minute? Add your total to the Healthy Lifestyle Board outside the Year 2 classroom.

Ready Steady READ!

Children in years 1-6 will be visiting Banbury library to explore the vast amount of books they have on offer! They will also be completing reading surveys for us to gain information about how we can inspire them to read for pleasure more.



Why not try...

EYFS - Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell

KS1 - The BFG by Roald Dahl

Lower KS2 - The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy

Upper KS2 – The Demon Headmaster by Gillian Cross

Please let you know what you thought about the books!

Reminders and Festive Dates:

- There is an **Inset Day on Friday 18th November** therefore the school will be closed to all pupils.
- Please can you make sure that all money goes through the office- there is a post box opposite the office window with envelopes.

Here are some key dates to may wish to know about. More information will follow about all of these events.

Thursday 1 st December	PTFA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch (For all pupils having a school dinner)
Wednesday 14 th December 11.30am	Years 4-6 Carol Service at St Leonards Church
Thursday 15 th December	Carol Service in school
Thursday 15 th December	PTFA Films Night -films to be confirmed.
Thursday 15 th December	Inter-Family Lunch
Friday 16 th December	End of Term