



Dashwood Banbury Academy Newsletter

an Aspirations Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you have had a rested break and a lovely Christmas; it is great to see everyone back to school, refreshed and ready for Term 3. This term the whole school will have topics based on science and our condition for learning is CURIOSITY AND CREATIVITY. Over the term we will focus on using our imagination leading to our annual Dashwood's Got Talent.

Congratulations to everyone who earned a 100% attendance prize and certificate for Term 2 and also to Usman in Year 2 who won the **Attendance Prize** for Term 2. A big well done also goes to Redwood Class who won the Class Attendance Award with 97.7% attendance.

Term 3 Wow Events



Each term the classes take part in a WOW activity to excite them about the topic ahead. To introduce their topic Year 5 and 6 created a solar system from fruit to understand the relative sizes of the planets; the children used toilet paper to show the distances between planets and their distance from the sun. Year 4's Chocolate topic was kick started with making fruit kebabs dipped in a chocolate fountain and Year 3 got the chance to plant their own cress seeds for an experiment planned and led by them. The children were trying to find out whether the amount of water or amount of sunlight effects the plants growth.

Year 2 took photos of each other and used a Venn diagram in maths to sort the similarities and differences as part of their 'Are we all the same' topic. Year 1 brought in their favourite toy to look at how it moves in order to support them with their writing later on in the term. And finally the children in Reception entered a space mission where they had to use glow sticks to guide them through the room to a picnic on 'the moon'. They listened to their story for this term - Whatever Next. When all of the new nursery children arrive they will be investigating light and dark; they will be using glow sticks and torches to investigate dark areas of the room. Make sure you ask the children about the fun way they started their new topics.

A huge Welcome to our new Cherry Class pupils

On Tuesday we opened our doors to our brand new Cherry Classroom. Our new two year olds had a wonderful morning playing with all of the new equipment and resources. Some painted pictures while others played in the water and construction area- they even got to go outside and played in the role play area. We can't wait for them to officially start on Monday 16th January.

We would also like to welcome our new starters to Plum Class who have all settled very well.



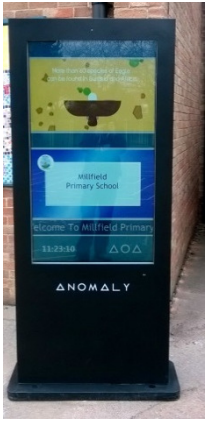
Junior Citizens

Year 6 have ventured to Oxford this week, by train, to take part in our annual Junior Citizens training at the fire station. The children took part in a range of training to help them stay safe in their everyday life. Please ask your child about their experiences

and the skills they have learnt.

'Appaws for Autism'

One of our Year 1 parents, Leah, has set up a group to support parents with children with Autism/ASD. If you know anyone who would benefit from this opportunity and support, the first session starts on Sunday 29th January from 1pm-3pm at Hanwell Fields Community Centre, Banbury. For more information then email Leah on appawsleah100@yahoo.com



Exciting News!

As of next week the installation will begin for our two new communication screens that will be situated in the playground by the large window and the cloakroom in the Reception area. These screens will display current school notices; we can even use them to share achievements within the school. The screens come with a bank of teaching resources to use lessons about healthy living, internet safety and much more. Watch this space!

Ready Steady Read

EYFS: Not now, Bernard by David McKee

KS1: The Cat in the Hat by Dr Seuss

Lower KS2: The Queen's Nose by Dick King-Smith

Upper KS2: Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian



Join us in a Healthier new year ...

If your New Year's resolution is to eat more healthily and take part in more physical activity then look no further. Here are a couple of ideas to get you started!

Look on this website for some fun healthy dinner ideas:

http://www.greatgrubclub.com/teachers-recipes#.WHTAO2DJ_IU



Health Lunch Box Ideas:

- **Chicken roll ups-** 1 tortilla wrap, 1tbs humous, 3 slices of chicken breast, 1/4 avocado, 3 cherry tomatoes and a sprinkle of grated cheese
- **Swap a sandwich for a tasty bowl of pasta**

Active Challenge:

How many **squats** can you do in 20 seconds? What about 1 minute? When you are outside you could challenge yourself to see how many times you can skip/run/jump around the playground. Let your teacher know!

2016-17

Please find below the term dates for this academic year.

Term 3 Tuesday 3 January 2017 – Friday 10 February 2017

Term 4 Tuesday 21 February 2017 – Friday 7 April 2017

INSET DAY: Monday 20 February 2017 – School closed to pupils

Term 5 Monday 24 April 2016 – Friday 26 May 2017

BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 1 May 2017 – School closed to pupils

Term 6 Monday 5 June 2017 – Friday 21 July 2017

INSET DAY: Monday 26 June 2017 – School closed to pupils

Proposed Term Dates for 2017/18

Term 1

* Monday 4 September – **INSET** day (no children in school)

Tuesday 5 September – Friday 20 October

NB Reception and Nursery Pupils will start later in September – Dates will be confirmed directly

Holiday Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October

Term 2

Monday 30 October – Tuesday 19 December

* Friday 17 November – **INSET** day (no students in school)

Holiday Wednesday 20 December – Wednesday 3 January 2018

Term 3

Thursday 4 January – Friday 9 February

NB Nursery children will have a staggered start and be given their dates directly

Holiday Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Term 4

* Monday 19 February – **INSET** day (no students in school)

Tuesday 20 February – Thursday 29 March

Holiday Friday 30 March – Friday 13 April

Term 5

Monday 16 April – Friday 25 May

NB Nursery children will have a staggered start and be given their dates directly

Bank Holiday - Monday 7 May

Holiday Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June

Term 6

* Monday 4 June – **INSET** day (no students in school)

Tuesday 5 June – Wednesday 25 July

* Friday 29 June – **INSET** day (no students in school)

* INSET dates may be subject to change