



Dashwood Banbury Academy Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Attendance for Term 3

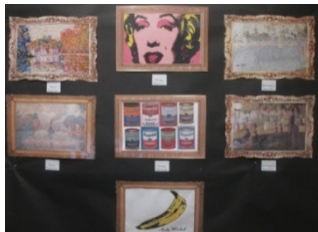
Well done to all of those children who received their 100% attendance awards for term 3. A special congratulations goes to Harriet Year 6 who won the overall prize for attendance this term.

Dashwoods Got Talent

What a fantastic afternoon we all had on the last day of term 4. It was our annual Dashwood's Got Talent Show where 23 pupils bravely and confidently took to the stage to perform a variety of acts. Acts included: a magic show, singing, beat boxing and dancing. It was lovely to see a range of dancing from a variety of cultures including the Highland Fling and Indian dancing. What a lot of talented pupils we saw! It was a really hard decision for our judges but the overall winner was Faith in Year 6 who sang a moving solo and runner up for Emily and Louissa in Year 4 for their Highland Fling dance. A huge well done to all of those who entered!



Fun and Excitement at Dashwood



This term's condition for learning is Fun and Excitement; all of the children are busy studying different artists and techniques in order to produce their own piece of art. Already the children have taken part in a WOW event or activity to start their topics.



In the Nursery they have been swimming; the children were extremely confident and had a very exciting time. The Reception children have been to explore the plants and wildlife in the Forest School area as part of their new growing topic. Year 1 have been on a Gruffalo hunt, searching for Gruffalo characters. They also made Gruffalo crumble. Year 2 have painted pictures of their favourite animals, just like Chang in their class story 'The Magic Brush'.



As an opening to Year 3s topic on *Pop art, Pointillism and Printing*, they visited a mock art gallery containing some famous pieces of art by Andy Warhol, Georges Seurat and Paul Signac. The children were given reflection time in the gallery - time to think about which pieces of art they liked the most and how they thought the varying styles of art were created as well as what the key features of each art style were. This term, they are really looking forward to making their own printing blocks with reliefs and imprints as well as making portraits of themselves with the use of dots. In Year 4 they have been exploring different forms of art including sculpture and abstract art; they have looked at what kind of art they like and have started to explain why.



In Year 5s 'Sewn Together' topic, they are looking at stitching, weaving and dyeing. They started off the topic creating their own tie dye squares and are moving on to using patterns to cut out and create 3D 'masterpieces', these will then be sewn together to make a large class display. Year 6 had a fantastic afternoon exploring mixed media. They listened to music to inspire their ideas and then used different materials, including feathers, pencil, tissue paper and card, to make their sketches come to life.



Hockey Festival

Last Thursday two teams of 14 year 6 children competed in the North Oxfordshire School Sport hockey festival at Blessed George Napier School. Mujtaba wrote this match report:

On an incredibly blustery day, you could feel the tense atmosphere going through every pitch as 9 local schools (16 teams) competed in the Hockey Tournament. There was a lot of adrenaline going through all players. Dashwood had two teams; both teams played their

socks off (the wind also blowing their socks off!) as they successfully made it into the top three and the winners pool. Dashwood A drew with Harriers in joint first place overall with 11 points, whilst Dashwood B came third with 8 points.

This means that they will join Harriers Banbury Academy, who are the Year 5/6 Hockey Champions, in qualifying for the North Oxfordshire School Sports Partnership final in March. Good Luck to both teams.

Year 5 Greatworth Hall Visit

Year 5 pupils had a fantastic day experiencing the farm of Greatworth Hall. After collecting eggs from the hen house, they used the produce to make pancakes and a Spanish omelette discussing how the ingredients fit in to the Wheel of Well-being and how balanced the dishes were for their health. The pupils also visited the sheep that were due to lamb this week and learned how the farmer protects the crops. They made scarecrows as a teamwork challenge.



Lawrence Prestidge Author Visit



Year 1-6 pupils had a fantastic day on Tuesday when author, Lawrence Prestidge, visited us at school. We were introduced to Lawrence's two books: 'Rolo' and 'Terror at the Sweet Shop'. We all enjoyed hearing him read aloud. Every class then had a workshop where they were able to ask questions and find out about Lawrence's journey as a writer. He gave us lots of ideas on how to build character, and we created some really funny ones ourselves!

World Book Day

What a fun and exciting day we had on our Alice in Wonderland themed World Book Day. The children took part in some fun reading activities and entered competitions if they chose to. All of the children made such an effort with their costumes. We are delighted to announce that the winners of the cake competition were Dione and Anastazja in Year 6. Well done to everyone you entered!



Parents Evenings

Thank you to all Parents and Carers who attended Parents Evening. It is essential to report the progress of all of the children so if you did not make an appointment your child's teacher will catch up with you to make one. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey about how we can help you to support your children at home. It is important that we gather your views to ensure we offer useful support.

Vision Letter

Please return your vision ideas back to the office before Wednesday 8 March. Your view, ideas and opinions are really important to us so don't miss out on having your say.

Safeguarding

It is essential that we know who the children are going home with at the end of the day. You must let the office know if someone else is picking up your child from school, who is not on the contact list. If someone different is collecting your child that IS NOT on the contact list then a password is required.

Ready Steady Read

EYFS: The Day the Crayons Quit by Oliver Jeffers

KS1: Paddington by Michael Bond

Lower KS2: I was a rat! By Philip Pullman

Upper KS2: The boy who swam with piranhas by David Almond

Health Lunch Box Ideas:

- A soft cheese and salad sandwich or wrap.
- Fruity Sundae- dollop the natural yogurt into an airtight container. Blend or mash strawberries to a purée and swirl through the yogurt. Top with mixed berries.

Active Challenge:

Try these 10 minute shake ups!

<https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/shake-ups#ZPIvYGbXrJL6pX22.97>

2016-17 - Please find below the term dates for this academic year.

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

2017-18 - Proposed dates

Term 1

Tuesday 5 September - Friday 20 October 2017

NB: Reception and Nursery will be given start dates separately.

INSET DAY: Monday 4th September 2017 – School closed to pupils

Term 2

Monday 30 October – Tuesday 19 December 2017

INSET DAY: Friday 17 November 2017 – School closed to pupils

Term 3

Thursday 4 January – Friday 9 February

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

Term 4

Tuesday 20 February – Thursday 29 March

Monday 19 February INSET Day - (Closed to pupils)

Term 5

Monday 16 April – Friday 25 May

Monday 7 May – May Day Bank Holiday (Closed to pupils)

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

Term 6

Tuesday 5 June – Wednesday 25 July

Monday 4 June INSET Day – (Closed to pupils)

Friday 29 June INSET Day – (Closed to pupils)