



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our condition for learning this term is Fun and Excitement; where we spend a lot of time in class and assemblies talking about what motivates us to do something. We discuss what motivates us to learn and try new things but also what makes us want to find out the answers to questions we don't know in order to develop our understanding further. This term we have all been having lots of fun in our art lessons, being creative as well as learning about and comparing the work of a variety of artists.



Great fun at Grendon Hall



Year 4 had a fantastic time on their residential. They overcame many fears and challenges and felt a great sense of accomplishment. The children completed many activities including a high rope obstacle course with a zip wire! Kaynaat said "I loved trying to balance between two ropes; the trouble was it was really slippery. Underneath was a cold swamp which I eventually fell in." Lewis stated that he really enjoyed the archery- at first he scored 0 but

then got better and managed to get 14 points making him the winner! Other highlights of the trip were the campfire and trying to make their own beds on arrival! The children were absolutely amazing. They were brave, supportive and full of enthusiasm. Thank you Miss Schult, Miss Rocher and Mrs Taylor for taking them away and making it so much fun.



Year 4 Activity Week

Year 4 children who did not attend Grendon had a very fun and exciting few days at school with Miss Lella and Miss Rees. It all started with a trip to Riverside Activity Hub where they were able to climb a huge tree and play in the soft play facilities. They designed and made costumes out of recycled materials and finished with a trip to New Bottle Woods where they made dens and got completely covered in mud!

Red Nose Day

On Friday 24th March, we had an 'Odd, Sparty and Red' themed fundraising event. This involved the children dressing in either odd red clothing or something sparty in preparation of the day's events. Each class had the opportunity to decorate biscuits which they could buy for 20p and then had the chance to beat their score in a Skip2Bfit 2 minute challenge. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the day and raised an amazing £242! Thank you to all parents and carers for your support with the outfits and contributions.



Church Visits

Children from year 1 and 2 had an interesting time visiting St Leonard's Church this week. They listened carefully to information about the church, stories from the bible and got to ask lots of questions. They then took part in an activity where they got to explore what the church had to offer and fill in a special booklet with the information they found.

Multi Skills Morning

Last Thursday all of year 2 walked up to Banbury Academy to participate in a multi skills morning. There was a range of sporting activities including archery, golf, basketball and the parachute. We also took some of our junior leaders to lead some of the activities along with the sports leaders. They were extremely encouraging to all of the other schools that were participating and they were praised for their organisation and leadership skills.



North Oxfordshire Netball Final

Match report written by Jayden (Year 6)

We got through to the finals of netball after we played five teams at the Banbury Area Level 2 competition and did very well. As a result, we got through to the final in Bicester. It was much harder and the teams were of a really good standard. It was interesting to find out how other schools play netball. The teams were all very polite, shaking hands at the end of matches and being very sociable.

We played well as a team with good communication between our players but unfortunately we did not make it through to the Oxfordshire Level 3 finals. We did however, have a great time competing!

Dione was nominated for the School Games Value of showing 'teamwork' because she was encouraging and supporting others on her team.

Year 5 Greatworth Hall

Year 5 had an exciting afternoon trip to Greatworth Hall, their partner farm, to visit the newly born lambs. It is fair to say that everyone was absolutely taken with the new arrivals! The children asked some fantastic questions about the pregnancy of a ewe and the life of a lamb. This helped them develop their scientific knowledge of animal life cycles. To hold the lambs was a wonderful experience for every child.

There was also an opportunity to hold 8 day old chicks which again, every pupil experienced. There were smiles all round and a lovely afternoon was had by all.



Fire Safety Talk

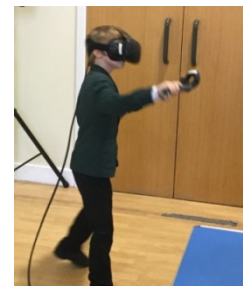
Year 5 and 6 listened carefully the fire safety talk and the messages that were given. They discussed how fires start and what you should do in the state of an emergency. The children asked very mature questions and learnt a lot from the session.

At home: make sure you have a clear fire evacuation plan. Does everyone know it? Do you practise?



Science Roadshow

Year 4 and 5 had a fantastic afternoon last week when the students from Space Studio Banbury visited for a science roadshow. The pupils at Dashwood participated in a range of activities including rocket building, making slime and having a go on their virtual reality equipment. The pupils loved the sensation of swimming with a blue whale and exploring under the sea. A huge thank you to the staff and pupils at Space Studio Banbury!



As our condition for learning next term is motivation we thought we would leave you with this quote:

'All dreams come true if we have the courage to pursue them' Walt Disney

Kind regards

Alex Pearson, Amy Rogers and Sarah Gordon-Weeks

2016-17

Please find below the term dates for this academic year.

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)