



# Dashwood Banbury Academy

an Aspirations Academy

Growing together; succeeding together

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## Motivation, Fun and Excitement

### A note from the Principal

We have had an amazing first few weeks in Term 2. The pupils are working extremely hard and really developing the 'Year of Creativity' as all our lessons are focused around the Condition for Learning of Fun and Excitement which ensures we are motivated to succeed.

Community issues: Unfortunately, I have had reports of further issues in the local community involving older children, adults and some pupils in our school. To help combat this, members of the senior leadership team will sometimes patrol the area after school to help support the pupils. I cannot stress enough how important it is that the children are **NOT** allowed out **unsupervised** after school. The children are always representing Dashwood whether they are in uniform or not and we want to support them to show integrity in their actions and the words that they say. I feel sure that you as parents/carers will continue to support us in this and make the local community a safe and happy place to live.

*Mrs Amy Rogers*

### Art project

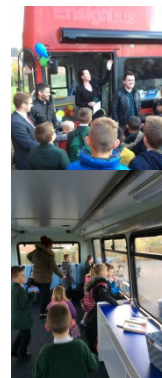
On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October, an artist visited the school and helped every pupil to take part in creating a large mosaic designed by the pupils. It was a great day where the designs were really brought to life. We are looking forward to the grand reveal of this brilliant piece of art work next term (dates to be confirmed).



### Library Bus

It's officially open! Thank you to all those who attended our Library Bus party on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. We had an amazing afternoon buying books and exploring the bus. Our reading ambassador, Lawrence Prestidge, kindly came along to cut the ribbon and officially declare the bus ready to use. Every class will now have a timetabled session on the bus. A massive thank you must go out to Mrs Darke (Operations Manager), Mrs Hope and Mrs Shepherd for their hard work in making this dream

come true. Over the year, the PTFA will be raising money to develop the surrounding area into a reading garden! So, every time you support an event they run, you are helping to improve the school further.



### Trips

Aspen class have had a great time at Horley Woods this week. They combatted the cold weather by climbing and building in the woods.

In week 1, Year 1 visited Salcey Forest in Northampton where they bravely climbed the tree top path and went on the hunt for the Gruffalo! They found clues that led them down a trail and helped them to discover what the Gruffalo looks like in real life!

Year 6 pupils visited the Horton Hospital to take part in a programme focused on developing health and safety. The pupils learnt how to deliver CPR and keep themselves and others safe. We hope they will never have to use their new skills but if they do, they will be prepared.



## Raising money and supporting the local community



In week 1, pupils from Year 2 visited the Ridings care home to support the residents in a fun Halloween event. The residents were so impressed with their behaviour and it really brightened up their day. The daughter of one of the residents actually contacted the school to say: 'You would have had to go a long way to have found better behaved children, who were so nice and confident being with people they didn't know.' Well done Year 2 for being great ambassadors for the school.



Members of our choir confidently sang at St Mary's church on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November to raise money for children in the local area and across the world. Banbury Rotary Club do an amazing job and raising funds and have been instrumental in helping eradicate Polio from over 95% of the world. The choir sang their hearts out and definitely looked the smartest pupils in Banbury!



Today we celebrated Children in Need. The pupils dressed in Spotty clothes, bought cakes and guessed how many sweets were in a jar. With the help of Miss Williams and Miss Whale (who organised the event), the children had lots of fun raising money.



## Remembrance Day

Last week, pupils in the school learnt about Remembrance Day and how they can support those who are affected by war through purchasing poppies. The Head Pupils in Year 6 attended the parade in Banbury and laid a wreath donated by the school. They represented the school perfectly.

## Keeping safe

This term our assemblies are focused around how we show tolerance to others and keep ourselves safe in the community. We are very fortunate to have such a diverse community in which we live and so we should be celebrating this and treating others with respect. On Monday this week, we discussed how pupils should make the right choices and not join in with others when we know it is wrong. The pupils learnt these 5 tips on how to deal with peer pressure. At home, discuss with your child times in which they feel unsafe or worried and how they can deal with this.

## Resisting Unhealthy Choices

1. Know the **facts**
2. **Consider** what might happen if actions were taken
3. Know the difference between what is **right and wrong**
4. **Stand up** to say no
5. Have **friends** who support you



## Important Dates

School Photos – all orders for pupil photos must be handed into school by **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November**.

Donations to the Shoe Box Appeal are due in on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November**. If you are not able to donate a full box, you could send in items and we will create a number of school ones.

Newsletters - whole school newsletters Term 2 will be available online on: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. **Class Newsletters** in KS1 will be available by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November

PTFA events – The **PTFA** are hosting a **Winter Bazar** on **7<sup>th</sup> December** and a film night on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. More information can be found on the Christmas Events letter which was sent out Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Dates for the Year**

### **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 2018

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

### **Term 4**

Tuesday 20 February – Thursday 29 March 2018

**INSET DAY: Monday 19 February – School closed to pupils**

**INSET DAY: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March – School closed to pupils**

### **Term 5**

Monday 16 April – Friday 25 May 2018

Monday 7 May – May Day Bank Holiday – School 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 2018

**INSET DAY: Monday 4 June – School closed to pupils**

**INSET DAY: Friday 29 June – School closed to pupils**

*We will aim to get proposed dates out for 2018/2019 by January. Please refrain from booking holidays until these have been agreed.*