



# Dashwood Banbury Academy

an Aspirations Academy

**Growing together; succeeding together**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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**Condition of learning for the term: Heroes**

**Value for the term: Respect**

**Subject focus for the term: History**

## **A note from the Principal**

The term is well under way now and the pupils are working extremely hard to improve their writing. I have been so impressed to see how they are developing their skills through writing about sources describing historical events. This term I have seen a remarkable improvement in pupils engagement in lessons and the respect they are showing each other. In a recent pupil voice survey, 99.3% of the pupils agreed that pupils show respect towards each other and the staff the majority of the time. This was an improvement on last year.

In my assemblies over the last two weeks, we have discussed the four British Values: democracy; the rule of law; individual liberty; mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith. We have focused heavily on equality and looked into the history around this topic by discussing Rosa Parks and how she was a hero to others through the influence she had on human rights. At home, it would be great if you could reinforce these core values by promoting tolerance and acceptance of all.

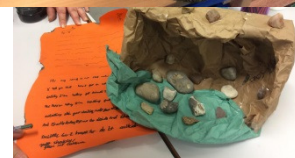
*Mrs Amy Rogers*



## **Homework Projects**

Last week, pupils in all classes from Early Years up handed in their homework projects and they bowled us over! The creativity and commitment shown by the pupils was excellent.

There was a range of work produced from shields to air raid shelters to fire engines. Every project linked to our history and heroes topic. We know that pupils who learn at home achieve greater results, not only by the end of Year 6, but also in their GCSE's and above. Keep up the great work everyone, we are all very proud of you!



## **STEM work**

Every week, a group of Year 5 or 6 pupils visit Banbury Academy Campus to be taught science in one of their labs. This week, Year 6 had a fantastic science lesson at Space Studio Banbury. This week, they were learning about chromatography. The children were able to explore this practically by testing different pen inks. They had to find out who shot Mr Burns by taking samples from pens and testing them.



## **Bedtime Story Evening**

Pupils in Years 1 and 2 enjoyed an exciting evening learning the Julia Donaldson's story 'Stick Man' on 16<sup>th</sup> January. They returned to school in the evening wearing their pyjamas and ready to be inspired to read; which they most certainly were! The staff in those classes ran an organised event containing creative and innovative ideas around the text and they then finished off by watching an animated version of the story whilst enjoying a snack. The pupils went home with a selection of completed activities and an exciting book to share with others at home. Foundation Stage pupils are looking forward to their evening on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January.



## Junior Citizens Trip



Year 6 had a brilliant day at Junior Citizens in Oxford last week. All of the children learnt some really valuable lessons about safety and were able to experience these for themselves. This included being given the opportunity to make a 999 call, water safety, fire safety, cycle safety, train safety, road safety, internet safety and safety at home.



## Sporting Competition

Over 100 Year 5 and 6 pupils from Banbury Academy's family of primary schools enjoyed a morning of athletics on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Year 5 and 6 pupils in our school took part in a range of athletic events which were run by Banbury Academy Young Leaders with the focus on the Sports Value of Passion.



There were many outstanding individual performances and the morning but what was most pleasing, was the teamwork support that all pupils displayed. They even secured first place in the obstacle relay! A boy and a girl from each team was selected and presented with a special certificate to recognise their positive attitude and enthusiasm throughout the festival. Muhammed and Leah from Year 6 were awarded the Passion certificate because of the spectacular effort they gave throughout the competition. From Year 5, Jan and Malaeka were awarded the certificate for their enjoyment of every opportunity. Well done to the team: Rhianydd, Malaeka, Tanya, Ellie, Billy, Fabian, Calob and Jan (Year 5); Leah, Jayme, Malaika, Caley, Jake, Liam, Kai and Muhammed (Year 6).

## Dashwood's Got Talent

WOW! We have so much talent in our Dashwood community. Those who auditioned for Dashwood's Got Talent bravely stood in front of our organiser Miss Schult, and sang/danced/played instruments/told jokes (to name but a few). They all displayed great skill. Their hard work and dedication practicing their acts amazed Miss Schult. The finalists will be contacted directly to invite them to the KS1 or KS2 grand finale at the end of the term. Well done to everyone who auditioned.



## Keeping safe

Every class continues to hold their internet safety lessons weekly and we are building up to Internet Safety Day on the 6<sup>th</sup> February when every class will be digging deeper into cyber bullying and how they can protect themselves when they are online. The pupils are so sensible in discussing these sensitive issues and we are really proud of how serious they take these lessons. Get involved and find out more on: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018>

The weather has been very changeable recently and we are aware that buying clothes for growing children can be very costly. There is a free event held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 1-4pm at Banbury United Football Club where families can turn up and collect clothing needed for free.

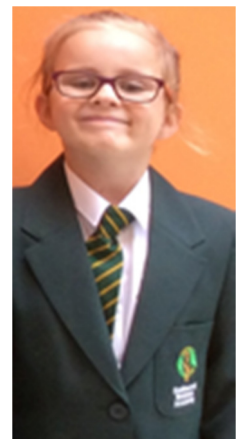
## Important Dates and reminders

Newsletters - whole school newsletters Term 3 will be available online on: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. **Class Newsletters** will go home at the end of the term.

Bring a hero to school morning for Years 1-6 on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 8.50am followed by the mosaic reveal (see the 11<sup>th</sup> January Newsletter for more details.)

Parent's evenings: week beginning the 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Uniform: Please ensure all pupils in Years 1-6 wear their **blazers, ties** and **black school shoes every day**. If pupils look smart, they work smart!



## **Dates for the 2017/2018**

### **Term 3**

Thursday 4 January – Friday 9 February 2018

### **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**

## **Dates for 2018/2019**

### **Term 1**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**INSET DAY: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – School closed to pupils**

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

### **Term 2**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

**INSET DAY: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – date to be confirmed**

### **Term 3**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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

### **Term 4**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

### **Term 5**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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

### **Term 6**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**INSET DAY: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – date to be confirmed**