



Dashwood Banbury Academy

an Aspirations Academy

Growing together; succeeding together

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Condition of learning for the term: Spirit of Adventure

Value for the term: Bravery

Subject focus for the term: PE and Humanities

A note from the Principal

This term we have been discussing the meaning of 'True Bravery' linked to our values. In my assemblies, we have discussed how being brave is about standing up for what is right, not following others who are a negative influence and making the right decisions and showing resilience. I was so proud of two boys in Year 4 who, following one of my assemblies, bravely stood up in front of their class and announced they were no longer going to play 'Fortnite' as others do because they knew it was not a safe game for pupils their age. Luke and Deon were excellent role models and inspired others to take the decision too. Well done boys, you were an inspiration for others and have really shown the Dashwood spirit.

On a separate note, I have some exciting news about our building. As we have grown, our current reception area is no longer large enough and we have a lack of break out spaces for small group work. Towards the end of the term, over the holidays and into Term 1, we will be extending the front of the school! This exciting new build will enlarge the office area and create three new break out spaces for small group work along with a nurture space for pupils to go to when they need support with their mental wellbeing. We are very excited about the build and whilst there will be some disruption, this will not affect any classrooms or learning and will be kept as much as possible to a minimum. I will keep you informed as our project develops. In the meantime, have a lovely final week of term and a great half term holiday from Monday 28th May 2018.

Mrs Amy Rogers

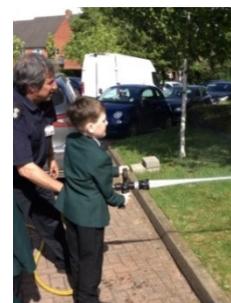
Attendance

After the visit from our Attendance Clock, we have had an increase in attendance and punctuality. This is an amazing achievement. With a target set for 96% for the year, we are currently at 96.5%! Keep it up everyone; the children are doing so well as they are in every day.



Fire Fighter visits

Last week year 1 and 2 pupils had very special visitors in to see them. Fire fighters from Banbury came to explain how to keep themselves safe and show them what their job role looks like. The pupils were able to ask very thought provoking questions as well as explore the fire engine; they even got to have a go at putting out 'fires!' At the end of the morning, the fire fighters were called out on a real emergency. This was a great experience for the pupils.



Reports

This week your child's Interim report will come home to you. These reports give us an opportunity to show how your child is progressing against their own targets. You will receive a full and final report in July with a more detailed description of your child's attainment and progress over the year.

SATs

Congratulations to the Year 6 pupils who have completed their final SATs this week. They have all worked extra hard over the last few months and did themselves proud. It was great to see their confidence shine through. Over the next few weeks, they are looking forward to preparing for their transition into secondary school.



Horley Trip

Year 1 had a great time at Horley Woods this week. The children took part in a guided walk through the woods where they learnt about different types of trees and flowers.

They found a building which they thought looked a lot like grandma's house from their class story Little Red Riding Hood and the children enjoyed going inside and pretending to be characters from the story. The children also enjoyed having a break in the woods with a cake from grandma!

Coding days

Over the next week, each class is taking part in a coding day. Mrs Taylor has planned a series of exciting and progressive lessons that pupils from Year 1 upwards will take in order to develop their skills in computing. The pupils will learn how to write codes, program games and even debug a device – something we certainly never learnt in school back in the day. Welcome to the 21st century curriculum everyone!



Sports achievements

We are working really hard with Spiceball pool to ensure that every child leaves us for secondary school achieving at least 25 metres. Over the last week, we have had two pupils in Year 4 achieve their 50 metres! This is a great achievement. Congratulations to Finn and Riley for your hard work.



Keeping safe and healthy



We are really pleased to inform our year 3 and 4 parents that, after half term, as part of their PSHE lessons, they are going to be taking part in a Personal Safety Programme called 'Safer Together'. The programme is a practical and down to earth approach to personal safety which teaches the children how to recognise when they are not feeling safe and provides skills and tools to help them take action and get help when they need it. We will be holding a **parents meeting** for all year 3 and 4 parents on **Thursday 24th May at 2.45pm** in the hall to provide more information about the programme and ask any questions you may have.

Reception and Year 4 pupils are currently working on projects relating to the use of plastic. They have been learning about how plastic harms the environment and what we can do to help. Here you can see some Year 4 pupils who took it upon themselves to tidy out school environment! What a great show of leadership and responsibility.

As the weather has been particularly nice (long may it continue), please remember to send your child into school wearing a sun hat, all day sun cream and with a water bottle (filled with water only or empty to be filled in school.)

Careers week

When we return to school for term 6 all pupils in the school will be taking part in careers week. Early Years pupils will be able to experience job roles that are set out in areas of the classroom from car washing to carpentry, hair dressing, being a scientist and working in a bakery- wow what a week that will be!

In Key Stage 1, pupils will be experiencing a range of roles on the Friday including: dance, fashion design, languages, sports coaching and will even get to take part in a police investigation!

In Key Stage 2, pupils will sign up for a range of careers they would like to experience. We have many local firms coming in to work with the pupils as well as the skills our staff hold. Pupils will be able to experience hair and beauty, football, post service, Formula 1, carpentry, baking, virtual reality, journalism, author, first aid and many more! This week will be a great way for the pupils to decide where they see their

futures going. More news will follow in the first newsletter of term 6 and on our website and Facebook pages. Thank you in advance to all the people who are helping support this event.

Important Dates and reminders

INSET days – There is no school for any pupils on Monday 4th June and Friday 29th June 2018.

Newsletters – Class Newsletters will go home at the end of the week. The next whole school newsletter will go out 15th June 2018.

Sports Days – Reception Sports Day will take place 9am on Monday 25th June. Plum class sports day will be on the same day at 10.45am/2pm. Years 1 and 2 sports day is on Wednesday 27th June at 1.45pm. Year 3 and 4 sports day is at 9am and Years 5 and 6 is at 10.30am both on the 27th June also. We have tried to make as many as possible on the same day to avoid people needing to take multiple days off work.

Uniform: Reminder that large and brightly coloured bows/headwear are not part of the school dress code. Pupils should wear discrete headwear that is part of the school colours.

Royal Wedding: Reminder to bring in tombola prizes on Wednesday 23rd May and wear wedding clothes/hat/tiara/crowns to celebrate the Royal Wedding and begin preparations for the PTFA summer fair.

Forthcoming events: Camp Night will take place for Early Years and Year 5 pupils on Thursday 5th July this year. The Year 5 pupils will be invited to sleep over and help run the event whilst the younger pupils can attend from 3.30-6pm. More information will come out in a letter early next term.

Many classes have trips next term so please look out for letters and class newsletters.

PTFA news: Celebrating the male in your life (Father's Day) will take place on Friday 15th June (letters went out a few weeks ago) and the Summer Fayre will be on Wednesday 11th July after school. Please save the date in your calendar! Thank you in advance to the amazing PTFA for organising what is due to be a couple of fantastic events.

Transition days: As we are now moving swiftly into the latter part of the school year, we are starting to consider arrangements for next year. The pupils in Foundation Stage through to Year 5 will all be moving to the next class. As part of the transition process, all pupils will move into their new classes for the last three days of term 6 (**Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th July 2018**). This will give them the opportunity to feel settled before entering the long summer holidays. (Please note, as discussed in the meetings at the start of the year, pupils in Reception, Year 2, 4 and 5 will be re-classed for next year to support their transition into later life.) It is **VITAL** that **ALL** pupils attend these transition days as they will receive their homework for the holidays and be completing belonging activities with their new teacher(s).

Acer After School Club: will finish on Tuesday 24th July to allow for staff training on the final day of the term.

Dates for the 2017/2018

Term 5

Monday 16 April – Friday 25 May 2018

Monday 7 May – May Day Bank Holiday – School closed to pupils

NB New Nursery children will have a staggered start and be given their dates directly. **Current Nursery pupils** will return to school on **Tuesday 17th April 2018**.

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 4th September – Friday 19th October 2018

INSET DAY: Monday 3rd September – School closed to pupils

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

Term 2

Monday 29th October – Friday 21st December 2018

INSET DAY: Friday 16th November 2018 – date to be confirmed

Term 3

Monday 7th January – Friday 15th February 2019

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

Term 4

Monday 25th February – Friday 5th April 2019

Term 5

Tuesday 23rd April – Friday 24th May 2019

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

Term 6

Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July 2019

INSET DAY: Friday 28th June 2019 – date to be confirmed