



Dashwood Banbury Academy

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Condition of learning for the term: Leadership and Responsibility

Value for the term: Trust

Subject focus for the term: PSHE and Citizenship

A note from the Principal

The terms learning themes have had an excellent start with careers week. We all had the best few days in the year experiencing many different jobs and professions (see below for more information). In my initial assembly, we discussed about what being responsible for your own learning looks like and how as pupils they can all be leaders every day. The pupils have been amazing at considering what they are already responsible for and how they could build on this over the term. Each class will be developing their enterprise skills during this term leading to a leadership morning on Thursday 19th July 2018 where pupils will showcase and sell the products they make. At home, why not share the song we played in assembly (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aMP_J-jkmr8) and discuss themes of being responsible in learning and our actions.

On a separate note, communication is really important to me as a leader. Although there may be times that written information cannot be shared, please know that my door is always open to discuss concerns/worries/ideas with parents and carers. If I am not available, I will always contact you back within 24 hours or book an appointment that is convenient for you to meet me. This applies to all the class teachers and key stage leaders too.

Mrs Amy Rogers

Careers week



Well what a fantastic time we had last week during our careers week. The children signed up for a range of activities led by both staff in school as well as lots of external visitors from a variety of specialities and local businesses. In Peach, Pear, Plum and Cherry classes they experienced working in a hair salon, opticians, post office and even planted some plants while taking the role of a gardener. Key stage 1 had a fantastic day rotating around six exciting activities



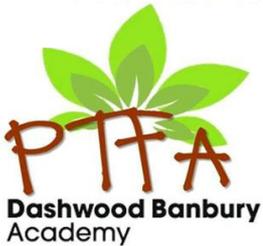
including: a police investigation activity, dance, circuit training, cooking and fashion design. They all had a super day – faces were full of smiles, enthusiasm and engagement; they all thoroughly enjoyed experiencing different careers throughout the day.



Key Stage 2 had three days to explore different careers. Activities in Key Stage 2 included: Formula 1 engineering, where they got to make a car component; textiles, where the children made some beautifully hand crafted bunting; chocolate making, which allowed the children to practise their piping skills; Hair and Beauty, where the children carefully painted each other's nails and practised plaiting and styling hair. Some pupils even got to go on a real post round, delivering leaflets to advertise our school summer fayre. We had journalists, rappers, musicians, VR machines, authors, carpenters, brick layers, first aid, dance and many more fun and engaging

work experiences through-out the week. Both children and adults all had a wonderful three days. You can see the video created by our very own journalists and more photos on our website at:

<http://www.dashwood-aspirations.org/89/news/article/390/careers-week>



PTFA events and funding

We have been really fortunate that the PTFA have donated money to develop a reading garden outside the library bus. This is now in process! Thank you so much to all the members of the PTFA who ran the 'Celebrating the male in your life' (Fathers' Day) event that took place on Friday 15th June. The pupils really enjoyed the opportunity to 'shop' for a gift, wrap and label it.

We cannot wait for the Summer Faye on the 11th July. To help with the final preparations, we are holding a **World Cup themed day on Friday 22nd June 2018**. Pupils can come to school **wearing football/sports/PE kits and donate a filled jar** for the mystery jar stall. You can fill a jar for pupils or adults but may want to consider using: Lego/soil/seeds/pennies/sweets/lollies/marbles/bouncy balls/small toys etc. There is no need to wrap these up as the PTFA will do this.

Parents...Did you know?

The single most effective way of helping children build vocabulary is by increasing the amount they read or are read to. Just 10 minutes more reading per day of text where children can encounter unknown/unfamiliar words can significantly increase vocabulary growth. Vocabulary knowledge and usage is now woven through-out the curriculum including spelling and specific subjects such as science and maths.

Musical extravaganza

We were 'wowed' again this year by the quality of the singing in this year's musical extravaganza 'Musicals' at the end of Term 5. The children from Years 3 to 5 performed songs from Abba, High School Musical, Trolls and a medley from The Greatest Showman with confidence and flair. A group of girls performed an artistic dance to accompany the finale which really brought the song to life. We are always so proud of the children when they perform together – they really raised the roof!



Sports achievements

On Thursday, Year 5/6 spent a sunny afternoon having an inter-house cricket competition in school. They got to use all the skills picked up from their sessions with 'Chance to Shine' cricket club in a competitive game. The teachers were so impressed with how much their fielding skills have improved, which involves a lot of team work and communication. Well done to Red house who were our overall winners with a whopping 172 runs!

Virtual Reality

Year 6 had a fantastic time exploring the VR suite at Space Studio Banbury this week. They had the chance to try 3 different programmes: fruit ninja, archery and a 3D drawing programme. They couldn't decide which one they liked best, but fruit ninja definitely brought out their competitive sides!



Ofsted

It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce that Banbury Academy's recent Ofsted visit went really well and they are now officially a good school. This is great news as many of the pupils move up to Banbury Academy at the end of Year 6. You can read their full report on: http://www.banbury-aspirations.org/uploads/asset_file/3_2313_banbury-academy-10046564-pdf-final.pdf

East street Early Years

HOLIDAY PLAYScheme
FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS

Thursday 26th July 18- 31st August 2018

Session times and prices:

8am-6pm	£20.00 per session
8am-1pm	£10.00 per session
1pm-6pm	£10.00 per session

If you would like more information or to book your child a place please contact Theresa Baker or Jemma Kerby on 01295 257100or drop in to the early years office.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Holiday childcare

We have been made aware of a number of clubs that run in the long summer holidays you may want to consider if you are looking for childcare. East Street Early Years is just one. To help support families in considering sessions and activities outside of school, we have set up a new tab on our website. You can find this information at: <http://www.dashwood-aspirations.org/1140/out-of-school-activities>

Important Dates and reminders

INSET days – Friday 29th June 2018. School is closed to all pupils.

Newsletters – Class Newsletters will go home at the end of the term during transition days. The next whole school newsletter will go out 6th July 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. Pupils can come to school that day wearing their PE kit and a t-shirt in the colour of their family (red/yellow/blue or green).

Uniform: Please ensure that uniform is black, white and/or green and white. As the weather is warm, pupils still need to wear their blazers however these can be removed after assembly and hung on their pegs.

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 3:30-5:30pm. More information can be found on the letter sent out.

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

PTFA news: 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. Dress up in World Cup Themed clothes (or PE/sports kits) on Friday 22nd June 2018 and donate a filled jar.

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). A letter will be coming out at the end of June stating which class your child will be going into and who their new teacher will be.

Acer After School Club: will finish on Tuesday 24th July 2018 to allow for staff training on the final day of the term.

Dates for the 2017/2018

Term 6

Tuesday 5 June – Wednesday 25 July 2018

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