



Harriers Banbury Academy Newsletter

an Aspirations Academy

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Principal's News

Dear Parents/Carers

Kung hei fat choi! Happy Chinese new year! We will be celebrating Chinese new year in school on Friday so look out on the website for photos.

Nursery children created a lovely picture to celebrate the Chinese Year of the Rooster.



The weather has become increasingly cold and frosty so please make sure your child is sent in with appropriate clothing and coats.

We have had some more exciting events in school over the last week including a visit from Mark Robson, a local author, who shared some of his stories with the whole school and also ran some writing workshops with year 6.



Right: Some of Mark's many hugely popular novels.

We were inundated with orders from the children for his books! Thanks to all who ordered; we look forward to handing out your books very soon.

Please note you are welcome to place orders until Monday 30th January.



Last Friday Early Years ran a phonics workshop for parents in the hall, thanks to all those who attended and if you were unable to attend we have put the presentation on our website. [Phonics Workshop](#)

Year 5 and 6 had an exciting assembly last week led by Vanessa, a student who attends a special school in the Midlands. Vanessa talked about her experiences at school and some of the bullying issues she encountered due to her disabilities. She visited each class and our pupils were a real credit, asking insightful questions and showing real empathy.



Our pupils really enjoyed listening to Vanessa's experiences at school and asked some interesting questions.

Plea!

Did you attend Harriers as a child? Or maybe even Grandparents? We are creating an aspiration display of past pupils and would love your help! Have you got a photo of you when you were here at school? Could you write a small caption about what you are doing now and any memories you have of Harriers? If you can help then please send this into the office or speak to Mrs Agate.

Best Wishes

Mrs Agate, Associate Principal



Visiting the Synagogue



Above: Aiden wearing a Tallit and Kippah.

Right: Jack reading Hebrew writing with a yad.

Year 3 visited the Oxford Synagogue on Tuesday to link with their topic of Judaism. They enjoyed learning about where Jewish people worship, their festivals, looking at interesting artefacts and having a go at Hebrew writing.



Fundraising Thanks

The Christmas Jumper donations raised £170, which was split between the Motor Neurone Disease Association and 'Hands Off the Horton'. A huge thank you to all who donated to these great causes.

500 Words Story Competition

The BBC Radio Two competition is back!

Is your child a budding author?
Do they fancy writing an amazing story over the next 4 weeks for a competition?
You have come to the right place!



is back!!
Closing date for entries is:
7pm, Thursday 23rd February
on the BBC Radio 2 Website.
Please speak to your child's teacher
or Mrs Roberts (Red Kites).
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>



Find out more [here](#) and on the [BBC website](#).

Label it, don't lose it

Please label your children's clothes with their name so we can return any that are found. Lost property can also be reclaimed from the ICT room.

Parent Governor

Are you interested in being a Parent Governor?
If so, please call into the office for more information.



High Flyers

Don't forget to look at our '[High Flyers](#)' and '[Sense of Accomplishment](#)' pages on the website for children and classes that have excelled that week.

School Office Hours

The school office and reception is staffed between the hours of 8.30am and 4pm. Please try to time your visits and telephone calls during this period.



Another great way to see what we are doing at Harriers is to follow our [Facebook](#) page.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 27 January: Chinese New Year Day.

Thursday 9 February: Year 5/6 Gifted & Talented Athletics.

Tuesday 7 March: Whole School Panto.

Term 3: Wednesday 4 January – Friday 10 February.

Holiday: Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February.

Kids Run Free

See overleaf for Kids Run Free events at Spiceball Park.

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Regular Running Events
launching Sunday 7th February



We'll see you at
**Spiceball
Park**

All ages welcome from toddlers to teenagers
and everyone in between. No running experience
required, simply turn up and have fun, it's FREE to take part.

Running Races on the 1st Sunday
of the month for under 16's at:

Spiceball Park,
Charwell Drive, Banbury,
OX16 2QU

Races start at 10am, please arrive
at 9.45am for warm ups!

Individual races for each age category:

(This is a starting point, your children can run as much as they want to)

Race 1 - under 2 year olds run 50 metres

Race 2 - 3 to 4 year olds run 100 metres

Race 3 - 5 to 6 year olds run 250 metres

Race 4 - Any age run as many laps as they want
(1 lap = 250 metres) up to 5K

To register for this event, please visit www.kidsrunfree.co.uk