



Harriers Banbury Academy Newsletter

an Aspirations Academy

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Principal's News

Dear Parents/Carers

We kick started this week with an 'Inspire' open morning as we are an advocate school and were proud to see ourselves in the Banbury Guardian. Read their news report here:

[Inspiring approach to maths all adds up](#)

Many teachers and head teachers came to school to share the good practice happening within our Maths teaching.

Many thanks to all who attended parents' evening. Can we remind you that we would appreciate any responses on our parent view survey; www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

It is our Early Year's Mother's Day assembly on Thursday morning and PTFA Mother's Day gift event on Friday. We hope all the children are very good for you all this weekend!



Harriers Banbury Academy PTFA

Mother's Day Gift Event

Friday 24th March 2017



Each child can choose a gift from a selection available on the day, wrap it and put a special message in a card, all for just **£1.50**

If you would like your child/ren to take part please return a completed slip and payment to reception by: **Friday 17th March**

(We cannot accept slips in after this date)

Reminder



Comic Relief Day is on Friday 24th March; raising money for children that live in extreme poverty. Pupils can come to school wearing something red or red-nosed themed. Lots of fund raising activities throughout the day including Pick the Nose lucky dip, a mannequin challenge, Skipathon and a whole school red nose photo. Red noses are available to buy in the school office now!

Upcoming dates for your diaries



6.4.17 – PTFA Easter Bingo

7.4.17 – Annual Easter bonnet catwalk (all pupils can create and model their own bonnet)

Best Wishes

Mrs Agate, Associate Principal

Inspire Maths: Inspiring children

We are delighted that Harriers Banbury Academy has been appointed as an *Inspire Maths* Advocate School as a result of demonstrating good teaching and learning of the Singapore approach in 2017.



Mr Pearson, Executive Principal said, "Inspire has built firm foundations with number for the children at Harriers, whilst embedding a deep understanding of mathematical concepts through the C-P-A approach. We have seen great progress with the children's fluency of number and now recognise the importance of the spiral approach within the teacher's guide.

The children are feeling much more confident and positive about their Maths lessons, as they



are all achieving. The pupils are confident with discussing their learning, working in pairs; whilst using the correct language. Inspire has raised standards and enjoyment of maths across the school.”

Inspire Maths: Inspiring teachers



Harriers hosted an Inspire Maths open event attended by teachers from other primary schools looking to see first-hand the impact Inspire Maths has had on results, and pupil engagement with the programme.

We were very pleased to welcome our colleagues and will be hosting further events at regular intervals to model best practice.



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.

Sainsbury's vouchers

Harriers are once again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. Please save your vouchers and donate them to the school.



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

Banbury-Irish U7s Heroes!



These young boys played a blinder at their annual football tournament at Carterton. From left to right: Maximilian, Alfie, Connor and Jake. All from Woodpecker class. Well done boys!

Stay Safe!

We have had an increase in pupil's (especially in upper Key Stage 2) accessing various social networking sites; WhatsApp, Instagram etc and there have been some issues concerning appropriate behaviours. Please take the time to look at this website: [Thinkuknow](#)

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 23 March: EYU Mother's Day assembly.



Friday 24 March: Comic Relief Day;

Friday 24 March: PTFA Mother's Day gifts.

Thursday 6 April: PTFA Easter Bingo.

Friday 7 April: Last day of Term 4.