



Harriers Banbury Academy Newsletter

an Aspirations Academy

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Principal's News

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to term 5. This term's aspiration value is 'Spirit of Adventure'. Although this is a short term it is a very busy one! Year 6 have their KS2 SATs next week (beginning 8.5.17) so we wish them all luck and are extremely proud of how hard they have all been working. Year 6 will be able to come to school for 8.30am daily to have breakfast and prepare for their tests. Year 2 have their tests the following week (beginning 15.5.17) so will also be able to attend school from 8.30am for breakfast before their tests.



Year 2 had a wonderful trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens on Friday.



Attendance fortnight has begun and we are very pleased with how many of our pupils are here on time daily – well done and keep it up! Remember children who are

at school on time will receive a raffle ticket daily and be entered into a prize draw for a goody bag in their class.

Reminder;

Can we remind you that we would appreciate any responses on our parent view survey;

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

Best Wishes

Mrs Agate, Associate Principal

Fun for all the family!

We are delighted to announce that the PTFAs of the Banbury Aspirations Academies (Harriers, Dashwood, Banbury and Space Studio) will be hosting a joint family fun day on Saturday 10 June., 12 noon – 4pm. Featuring a wide range of stalls and activities including a dog show and go carts, plus a Pop-up Circus with juggling, magic, hula hoops, plate spinning, clowning and more!



For full details of this exciting event and how to book tickets for the circus please download the [Letter to Parents](#)

Postbox

Office hours are 8:30 - 4:00. The office can be very busy so, to save time, please feel free to use the postbox near the entrance - this is locked and will be checked twice daily.



Independent Learners



Year 5 have excelled at being independent learners. Pupils led lessons in maths and PE, explaining to the rest of the class best practice and guiding activities to develop skills to play rounders. Well done!



Step by Step presents Strictly Banbury



Rachel (Mom to Isobel in Swifts and Chloe in Robins), will be taking part in Strictly Banbury this year to raise money for two local charities; Dogs for Good and Oxford Children's Hospital. This charity event is running for the 8th year with much glitz and glamour and fabulous dancing.

Strictly Banbury has 2 evening shows (13th & 14th May) and a shorter matinee on 13th May. To book tickets visit: [The Mill Arts Centre](#)

Stay and Play

On Friday 7th April Robins and Wrens class had their first Stay and Play session. After register we re-opened the doors so that our families and friends could come inside and see where we do all of our learning.



It was a great session for the staff, pupils and our visiting families and friends. The children really enjoyed showing everyone around their learning environment and it was a lovely opportunity for staff and visitors to discuss what happens each day at school.

We loved meeting all your grandparents, little siblings, parents and friends and look forward to the next one at the end of Term 5.



Sainsbury's vouchers

Harriers have been collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. The scheme has now closed; if you still have any vouchers at home, please consider donating them to the school.

Polling Station

Just a reminder that the school will be used as a polling station on 4th May; we will be open as normal for all pupils to come to school.

We will also be used as a polling station for the General Election on 8 June and, once again, will be open as normal to pupils.

Label it, don't lose it!

Please can we ask parents and carers to label EVERYTHING that belongs to your child with their name. This way if something gets found we can quickly return it to its rightful owner. We have lots of lost property which has been unclaimed.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 4 May: Polling Day, school open as normal.
Year 1 multi Skills Festival at Banbury Academy.

Monday 8 May – Friday 12 May: KS2 SATs Week.

Tuesday 9 May: Geography Taster Workshop at Banbury Academy, 3.30 – 5pm.
[See the website for more details.](#)

Monday 15 May – Friday 19 May: Walk to School Week.

Monday 15 May – Friday 19 May: KS1 SATs Week.

Wednesday 26 May: Year 6 Lion King trip.

Holiday: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June.



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 each week.



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