



Friday 26 January 2018

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Principal's News

Dear Parents/Carers

This year our pupils have been building some fantastic links with students and staff from Banbury Academy and Space Studio Banbury. This has included our pupils visiting their campus for fun science experiments, sports competitions and even using their virtual reality suite. Banbury/Space Studio students and staff have in turn visited Harriers to deliver real-life maths sessions and exotic animal experiences. Recently we have been delighted to welcome some students who have supported our after school clubs as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. In the future we will be working with students on their garden project as part of their Aspirations Employability Portfolio. These links deliver an enriched curriculum for all involved and support the transition of those pupils who ultimately join Banbury Academy.



A science workshop at Banbury Academy.

We would like to make a plea for more parent (or family) volunteers on school trips. When we take our pupils off site we adjust our ratios accordingly meaning we need extra adults. Traditionally schools have always relied on the generosity of volunteers (usually parents) who give up their time to support trips. Unfortunately we have noticed a decline in the number of volunteers, especially in Years 3-6, which makes it increasingly challenging for the

school to run trips. So, if you are able to do so, we hope you will consider giving up some of your time to support your child(ren)'s school trips, otherwise you may find that they are cancelled in the future. School trips are a valuable aspect of the curriculum and they provide life-long memories for the children and often the helpers on the trip too! Please contact your child(ren)'s class teacher(s) if you would like to help.

We hope you have a great week.

Kind regards

Alex Pearson Executive Principal

All Things Wild for Robins and Wrens



On Monday 15th January, Robins and Wrens went to All Things Wild in Honeybourne. We had a fantastic day! We learnt about dinosaurs, examined

fossils, got to explore the park and see lots of different animals such as Capybara, Emus, Porcupines, monkeys and birds as well as having a ride on the Dino train and playing in the fantastic indoor and outdoor play areas.



Modelling dinosaurs



Children in nursery had great fun making models of dinosaurs with modroc which they painted in lovely, strong colours.

Visiting the Botanical Gardens



Year 5 had a great time on their trip to Birmingham's Botanical Gardens on 10th January, aided by some lovely sunny weather! They explored the gardens and hot houses, studying the flora and fauna and were introduced to some exotic creatures. Some children were very brave and held snakes and snails!



 **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.

Aspirations Families Challenge

Children joined their Aspirations families to work collaboratively to discover how they could all sit or stand on



one piece of paper as it got progressively folded into smaller sections. This fun task involved a great deal of co-operation and logic.

Playground Etiquette

Lots of young people use our playgrounds throughout the day. Please be mindful that children are present and use respectful language and appropriate behaviour at all times.

Please name, name, name

Please can we remind you to name everything your child brings to school including their PE kit, ties and outdoor coats. We can quickly reunite your child with their lost property if it has been named.

Half term hubs Our hubs give children aged 5-15 a unique opportunity to participate in a wide range of sporting activities delivered by qualified and DBS (formerly CRB) cleared coaches. In addition to fun and games, arts and crafts sessions will also be available. Our holiday activities will operate at North Oxfordshire Academy, Cooper School Sports Facility and Magdalen College School.

Session structure and price
8.45am - 3pm.....£14.95 per session
8.45am - 5pm.....£18.95 per session

Costs just over £2.25 per hour

Activities kick off on 12 Feb 2018

For 5-15yr olds

See [Half Term Hubs](#) for more details



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

Science Assembly



The school held a special assembly focussed on science which included experiments to discover how gravity works and how a coloured liquid (purple boiled red cabbage water) will change colour according to whether an acid or an alkali is added.



Could you help a child to read and change their life forever?

Reading Helpers needed

ARCh (Assisted Reading for Children) is a local registered charity which operates in Oxfordshire primary schools to help children who are struggling with reading.

All it takes is one and a half hours twice a week during the school day as an ARCh volunteer in a primary school near you.

Full training is given and we provide ongoing support and reimburse travel expenses.

To find out more, visit our website
www.archoxfordshire.org.uk

Or telephone us on **01869 320380**

The charity obtains enhanced DBS checks on all volunteers before placement
Registered Charity Number 1146276



NSPCC Visit and Workshops

The NSPCC will be delivering two assemblies on the 30th January about their campaign "Speak out, stay safe!" For years 5 and 6, follow up workshops will be held in classes on the 5th and 7th February. These sessions are free, but we have decided to hold a sponsored "Skipathon" on the 9th February to raise money to support the charity and their important work with children. Sponsor forms will be sent home next week.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 26 January: Year 6 Junior Citizens, Oxford.

Monday 5 February - Friday 9 February: Science Week.

Thursday 8 February: Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics G&T; PTFA Valentine's Disco.

Friday 9 February: Sponsored Skipathon; Last day of Term 3.

Monday 12 – Friday 16 February: Holiday.

Monday 19 February: INSET day (no children in school).