



# Harriers Banbury Academy Newsletter

an Aspirations Academy

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We are very pleased to welcome prospective pupils and their parents to our

# OPEN MORNING

19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
2018

9.30AM - 12 NOON

Tel: 01295 263067



We strongly encourage parents and carers to make an on-time application in order to increase their chances of being offered a place at their preferred school. [Read more about key dates and web link here.](#)

## Principal's News

### Dear Parents/Carers

We are pleased to share our Ofsted letter with you and celebrate that we continue to be a **Good** school. We want to thank our brilliant team of staff who have consistently demonstrated their skill and passion to provide an engaging education for your child(ren). Alongside this we are so grateful for the support of our Governors and you our parents/carers and the positive feedback you gave to Ofsted. Last, but certainly not least, we want to praise our wonderful pupils who shared their enthusiasm for learning and love of Harriers. They are the best advert for what we do! From here we continue on in our journey towards outstanding. [Letter from Ofsted](#)

The new morning trial seems to be a success so far, please let us know if you have noticed an impact and any opinions you have. Children are coming in quickly and are settled and ready to learn.

Please keep an eye on our [Facebook](#) page to look at more photos of the wonderful work going on (for example this week's Remembrance parade and planetarium visit).



Anti-Bullying Week looked a bit different this year at Harriers Banbury Academy as we have renamed it **Friendship Week**. In our classes we learnt and recapped about how to keep ourselves and others safe from being treated poorly by others.

We also ran a competition whereby the children could vote for their friends, giving reasons for why they are such fantastic friends and young people. There were two separate competitions for both Lower Phase and Upper Phase. The nominated children will get drawn at random with 2 children being selected from each class. The winners will receive an opportunity to sit with Mrs Agate and Miss Patel one afternoon (with hot chocolate and biscuits) and discuss how we can improve the school and make it an even more friendlier place.

As well as this, on Wednesday it was 'Odd Sock Day'. This was held nationally in schools to celebrate our individuality and to be proud of who we are and not be afraid of being judged.



On Thursday 15 November we are fundraising for Children in Need by holding a Spotacular day. Children can



come to school dressed in a spotty costume for a small donation to the charity.

Thank you for all your support

Kind regards,  
**Jo Agate**, Principal

### Children Singing for Children



We were so incredibly proud of our school choir last week when they took part in Children Singing for Children at St Mary's Church to help raise money for children's charities. Well done and thank you to Miss Evans, Ms Etheridge and Mrs Buzzard for all their hard work in preparing the choir for this event.

### Lest We Forget

In school, we have been learning about the centenary of the First World War.



Year 3 pupils produced their own poppies which were placed around the school playground to replicate similar poppies placed around Banbury town centre for Remembrance Day.



On Sunday, our Junior Principals, Freddy and Amelia, proudly represented Harriers at the Remembrance service at St Mary's. It was really lovely to see so many families lining the streets and so many pupils representing their clubs. Well done!

### Going back to Ancient Greece



Year 5 pupils and staff had a brilliant day as Ancient Greeks. They came into school dressed for the part and enjoyed putting on a whole class play about the Heroes of Troy. The children also composed Ancient Greek music, wrote their names in the Greek alphabet and enjoyed other activities. It was a really entertaining and interesting day.



### Fantastic Fireworks



Congratulations to our amazing PTFA who organised yet another brilliant fireworks event at Harriers. Thanks to everyone who came to our fireworks night - we hope you enjoyed it!

### INSET Day

Don't forget that **Friday 16 November** is an INSET day so no children will be in school.

## Fish and Fun



Earlier this term, Year 2 children had such an amazing time when they visited the Sea Life Centre!

## Thank you

Thank you to all parents for coming along to Parents' Evening this week. It is wonderful to meet you all and so good that there is so much parental support for your children's education.



## Christmas is coming!

The season to be jolly is nearly upon us – see the Dates for your Diary opposite for lots of exciting events to look forward to.

## Junior Saturday Art Club at Banbury and Bicester College

At Banbury and Bicester College we are offering a 5 week, Creative Junior Saturday Art course for 8-12-year olds.

Our art studios and facilities are second to none and will provide an inspiring and creative environment for each young person to explore all sorts of creative disciplines, including photography (darkroom and digital), graphic design, animation, printmaking, textiles, fashion, ceramics, 3D, painting and drawing.

The course takes place on Saturday mornings from 10am-12pm and parents are very welcome to attend with their child at no extra cost. Full course information and how to enrol can be found using the below link.

[https://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/courses/art-design/junior-saturday-art-club-for-8-12-year-olds-\(1\)/](https://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/courses/art-design/junior-saturday-art-club-for-8-12-year-olds-(1)/)

Our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/JuniorSaturdayArtClub/>

## The Night Sky



Robins and Wrens had a brilliant morning inside the Science Oxford Planetarium, learning all about stars and the night sky.

## Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 21 November** (10am-12 noon),  
**Friday 23 November** (9.30-11.30am): EYU/ Nursery additional tours for those not able to come along to the Open Morning on 19 November.

**Thursday 15 November:** Parents' Evening 3.30-7pm; Children in Need.

**Friday 16 November:** INSET day, no children in school.

**Monday 19 November:** **Open Morning**, 9.30am – 12 noon.

**Friday: 7 December:** Christmas Jumper Day; Carols around the Christmas tree, 2pm followed by the PTFA Christmas Bazaar.

**Tuesday 11-Tuesday 18 December:** book Fair.

**Wednesday 12 December:** KS1 Nativity, am.

**Thursday 13 December:** KS1 Nativity, pm.

**Tuesday 18 December:** EYU Nativity, am.

**Wednesday 19 December:** EYU Nativity, pm.  
**Thursday 20 December:** Party Day.

**Friday 21 December:** Toy Day; Last day of Term 2, **school closes at 1:30pm.**

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# CHARITY CAR WASH

FRI 16th NOV. 9am - 4pm

AT KÄRCHER'S HQ

BROOKHILL WAY  
(NEAR THE BANBURY GATEWAY RETAIL PARK)

CARS £4

VANS £8

NO HGVs please!

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SAUSAGES

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TEA &  
COFFEE

RAFFLE

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purchases going to  
children in need



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### Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual PUDSEY MEGA PARTY

Starring:



and

The Sharon Green Dancers

Plus...cartoon and comic characters  
fancy dress competition!

**Saturday 2-6pm.**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2018**

at BANBURY COLLEGE, Main Hall,  
Broughton Road, Banbury OX16 9QA  
(Doors open at 1:45pm)



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Buy online at [www.wegottickets.com](http://www.wegottickets.com)  
or from Banbury Museum  
or [pudsey@banburylions.co.uk](mailto:pudsey@banburylions.co.uk),

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appearance by  
PAW PATROL

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Help us celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> show.

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including adults!

**Tickets £4 - available now!**

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☺ Trophy for the primary school selling the most tickets! ☺

#### Banbury Lions Club

We are a club of men and women who want to  
put something back into the local community.  
Our motto is "We Serve".

If you are interested in helping at our events  
please let us know. [pudsey@banburylions.co.uk](mailto:pudsey@banburylions.co.uk)



#### The Bumble-B-Roadshow

Oxfordshire's premiere children's mobile  
entertainment service. Our shows are  
SERIOUS FUN!!! We provide a show that is  
focused on audience participation consisting of  
a fast paced mixture of games, competitions  
and loads of crazy party dances.

We are providing all of our time free of  
charge for Children in Need.