



# Dashwood Banbury Academy

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## The Year of The Curriculum

### A note from the Principal

Welcome back to Term 3 and 2020! I hope that you have had a wonderful break and I have been delighted to see the pupils have returned fresh and ready to start the new term. I can't believe that it is 2020 already – this academic year is flying by.

This term our Condition for Learning is Heroes and the value we discuss with the pupils is showing respect. Over the term we will be discussing what respect means and how they can ensure they are demonstrating this vital value. In assembly last week, we shared this poem. Why not discuss with your child at home what each statement says and even come up with your own acrostic poem based on respect!

*Mrs Amy Rogers*



### Banbury Guardian Article

Our Art Gallery was featured in the Banbury Guardian! Well done to every single pupil in the school for partaking in this event and creating such wonderful pieces of work. You can see the article on:

[https://www.banburyguardian.co.uk/education/banbury-primary-school-brings-term-close-art-show-1348668?fbclid=IwAR0ryE\\_RkJjhtNywvRvaY8qGzV4H-ctvHY0\\_w2bCeTvtJexcK2H1t\\_4pNss](https://www.banburyguardian.co.uk/education/banbury-primary-school-brings-term-close-art-show-1348668?fbclid=IwAR0ryE_RkJjhtNywvRvaY8qGzV4H-ctvHY0_w2bCeTvtJexcK2H1t_4pNss)



### Christmas celebrations

We had such a wonderful last week of Term 2. The pupils celebrated Christmas with a door and tree competition, Christmas lunch and Nativities to name but a few! Well done to Year 5 who won the door competition and received an extra

break as a reward. We were super impressed with the creativity and artistic flare of all the pupils!



### Curriculum focus for the term

Every class is discovering more about history this term and they have begun with a big bang! Year 3 looked at cave paintings and made their very own Stone Age tool in a Forest School session. Year 1 stepped back in time to see what hospitals would be like in the past and in Year 6 they created an Anderson Shelter for their reading corner, where they took safety measures when they heard the World War II sirens.



As part of our heroes' topic, pupils in Early Years and Year 1 had a visit from fire fighters who were able to bring their fire engine with them and show the pupils the equipment they use as well as talk about their jobs. Do you have an interesting job which you could come and discuss with the pupils? Later this year, we are holding a careers week in which we would like the pupils to be able to take part in 'taster' sessions to see which

May is for Respect at I Can! Kids

### Respect Acrostic Poem

**R** IS FOR RESPECTING OTHER PEOPLE'S OPINIONS AND BEING RESPONSIBLE. RESPONSIBILITY IS IMPORTANT AS IT SHOWS THAT YOU RESPECT THE TIME AND EFFORT OF OTHERS.

**E** IS FOR EFFORT! ALWAYS GIVE 100% AND RESPECT THE EFFORT OTHER PEOPLE PUT INTO A TASK.

**S** IS FOR SELF-RESPECT AND LOVING YOURSELF NO MATTER WHAT. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO EMBRACE YOUR FLAWS AND LOVE YOURSELF EACH AND EVERY DAY.

**P** IS FOR POSITIVITY, POLITENESS AND PAYING ATTENTION WHEN SOMEONE IS TALKING. ALWAYS GIVE YOUR FULL ATTENTION TO OTHERS, JUST LIKE YOU WANT FROM THEM.

**E** IS FOR EVERYONE BEING INVOLVED AND HAVING THEIR VOICES HEARD. INCLUSIVITY IS A GREAT WAY TO SHOW RESPECT.

**C** IS FOR CARING FOR OTHERS AND LISTENING TO THEIR OPINION. CARE ABOUT WHAT OTHER PEOPLE HAVE TO SAY AND RESPECT THEIR POINT OF VIEW.

**T** IS FOR TREATING OTHERS THE WAY YOU WANT TO BE TREATED. THIS IS THE GOLDEN RULE AND BY FAR THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF RESPECT!

Youth Reporting Team

I can! KIDS

jobs they may be interested in going into. If you can help, please let the office know! Thanks in advance.

### **British Values**

As a forward thinking school, we support pupils to develop spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) knowledge and skills. Part of this means that we actively promote the fundamental British Values. In assemblies we discuss these values and what they mean to use at Dashwood:

- Democracy (taking everyone's views into account and listening to their needs);
- The Rule of Law (following school rules to develop positive citizens);
- Individual Liberty (having your own ideas and thoughts and being treated in a fair way);
- Mutual Respect and Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs (celebrating our differences and showing respect to everyone around us).

Promoting these British Values is a central part of teaching and learning. By doing this, we aim to help children become well-rounded members of the society. These sit well with our focus for the term and also our vision of ensuring we are an inclusive community and developing a culture of respect, integrity and compassion. (You can see our poster in more detail on our website at: <http://www.dashwood-aspirations.org/971/mission-values-and-vision> )

### **Health and Safeguarding**

In order to keep your children safe, we would like to remind you not to park on double yellow lines during drop off and pick up times. This includes blocking local driveways as this is not supporting our value of respect towards others. We use coaches to support trips and it is dangerous to have to unload the pupils on the road however coaches cannot enter our car park when there are parked cars on the double yellow lines.

The week beginning the 3<sup>rd</sup> February is Mental Health Week. We work really closely with Place2Be who have organised the week. The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is **Find your Brave**. Place2Be describes this as: 'Life often throws challenges our way. Bravery isn't about coping alone or holding things in. It's about finding positive ways to deal with things that might be difficult, overcoming physical and mental challenges and looking after yourself.' We will be welcoming mental health experts into school on the 3<sup>rd</sup> to deliver an assembly and all classes will complete activities based on the theme. You can find out more on: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>



Over the last year, we have continued to build in a daily calm time activity to teach pupils strategies to help them deal with strong emotions and get themselves into the green zone. Last week we practiced 'bubble breathing' where you follow the bubble to help slow breathing and calm your heart rate. When you feel yourself being overwhelmed with emotions (this could be in the blue, yellow or red zones), why not try it yourself! (An example for this can be found at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iaQed\\_Xdyvw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iaQed_Xdyvw) )

### **Trips and events this term**

A number of Year 6 pupils had the most amazing experience visiting Parliament! They were so intrigued by the things they saw and heard and asked some very insightful questions to our local MP Victoria Prentis. We are very pleased to announce that their behaviour was impeccable (unlike some of the Politian's we often see there!) Find out more about this exciting trip on our website at: <http://www.dashwood-aspirations.org/89/news/article/511/experiencing-a-british-institution>





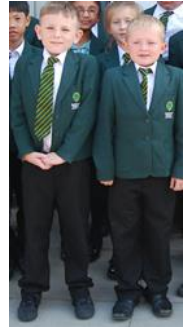
The choir were amazing at Young Voices on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Despite a long and tiring day, they enthusiastically sang with thousands of other children and adults in what is one of the most exciting musical events of the year. Well done to all the staff and pupils for their great performance.

### **Staff news**

This term we have welcomed Miss Drew, Mrs Simmons and Dr Aston to the Dashwood Community and also Mrs Houlihan's baby girl! We are looking forward to Mrs Santon returning to work in Year 2 later this term.

### **Uniform**

We are aware that this time of the year can be very challenging in terms of the dark mornings/nights and the long time between pay days. However, it is essential that all pupils feel like they belong to Dashwood by wearing the correct uniform. If you have any difficulties in providing this, please speak to a member of staff as we may be able to support you. We know that if the children look smart, they work smart!



### **Important Dates and reminders**

3<sup>rd</sup> February: Mental health week: Find Your Brave!

10<sup>th</sup> February: Year 4 residential meeting in the hall at 2.40pm

14<sup>th</sup> February: PTFA Valentines Ball! Look out for posters with more information.

RE whole school day

Break up for the half term holiday.

24<sup>th</sup> February: INSET day – school is closed to all pupils

25<sup>th</sup> February: All pupils return for term 4.

5<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day (more information to follow later this term)

11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March: Year 4 residential trip

20<sup>th</sup> March: PTFA market event for Mother's Day

24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March: Parents evening (signing up information will come out nearer the time)

30<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April: Parent/Carer and pupil Easter craft session (more information to follow next term)

3<sup>rd</sup> April: PTFA coffee morning

Break up for the Easter holidays

### **Term Dates for 2020/2021**

#### **Term 3**

Monday 6 January – Friday 14 February 2020

*NB Nursery pupils will start later and be given their dates directly*

#### **Term 4**

Tuesday 25 February – Friday 3 April 2020

**INSET DAY: Monday 24 February** (no children in school)

**NB:** there will be no After School Club on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

#### **Term 5**

Monday 20 April – Friday 22 May 2020

*NB Nursery pupils will start later and be given their dates directly*

*Monday 4 May 2020: May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)*

#### **Term 6**

Monday 1 June – Friday 17 July 2020

**INSET DAY: Friday 26 June** (no children in school)

**INSET DAY: Monday 20 July** (no children in school)

**NB:** there will be no After School Club on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July and school will finish at 1.45pm this day.

## **Dates for 2020/2021**

### **Term 1**

Wednesday 2 September – Friday 23 October 2020

**INSET DAY: Tuesday 1 September** (no children in school)

*NB EYFS pupils will start later due to home visits - date to be confirmed*

### **Term 2**

Monday 2 November – Friday 18 December 2020

**INSET DAY: November-** Date to be confirmed (no children in school)

**NB:** *there will be no After School Club on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December*

### **Term 3**

Monday 4 January – Friday 12 February 2021

*NB Nursery pupils will start later and be given their dates directly*

### **Term 4**

Tuesday 23 February – Thursday 1 April 2021

**INSET DAY: Monday 22 February** (no children in school)

**NB:** *there will be no After School Club on Thursday 1 April*

### **Term 5**

Monday 19 April – Friday 28 May 2021

*NB Nursery pupils will start later and be given their dates directly*

*Monday 3 May 2021: May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)*

### **Term 6**

Tuesday 8 June – Wednesday 21 July 2021

**INSET DAY: Monday 7 June** (no children in school)

**INSET DAY: Late June – date** to be confirmed (no children in school)

**NB:** *there will be no After School Club on Wednesday 21 July and school will finish at 1.45pm this day.*

*Transition days will take place on Monday 19-Wednesday 21 July so please ensure your child attends school each day that week to help them settle into their new year groups.*