



Dashwood Banbury Academy

an Aspirations Academy

Growing together; succeeding together

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A note from the Principal

I have been impressed this week at the focus the pupils are trying to show in their learning. This is a long term, but the pupils are engaging and still excited to be completing the many activities available to them in school. The No Limits curriculum is in full swing – you can check your child's driving question on their newsletters. We have many exciting outcomes coming up next week and I cannot wait to see them be achieved.

Next year, Dashwood is 120 years old! We will be holding a huge celebration and would love you to get the word out to any ex pupils or staff who would like to get involved. As part of the celebrations we will hold careers events and turn the school into a gallery. I will keep you posted on more details but in the meantime, if you know anyone from Dashwood's past, please pass on my email or the school phone number. Thank you.

Mrs Amy Rogers

Condition for learning and core value:

This term's focus is **Belonging** with the core value – **consideration**.

We are also looking at **Confidence to Take Action** as pupils are target setting for the year ahead.

Language to discuss at home:

At home, talk about what how **racism** is against the law and morally wrong. Ensure that you are always modelling good language and are discussing what is right/wrong.

Learning at home tip:

Watch news round together. Spend about 10 minutes a day watching a child's news round together (e.g. on CBBC) and talk about current affairs.

Learning through experiences

Last week, pupils in Year 6 were given the opportunity to experience a mini BMX cycle track as part of the women's bike race. They really enjoyed the challenges they were given and showed amazing confidence to take action.

Pupils in Years 1-6 listened with awe to our author visitor today. They have been inspired to write stories and purchase some of his books to read. If you want to order any of Eamonn Reilly's books, please hand order forms in by tomorrow at the office.

Aspiration Councillors – pupils have voted for who they would like to represent them in school and each class has two Aspiration Councillors elected. They will meet once a term to help move the school forward and let us know their views. We are excited to get this up and running again.

Year 6 as leaders- All year 6 pupils are now fully trained to be peer mentors which will start next term. Some have also been elected/appointed in other leadership positions like the Aspirations Councillor Chair, Tuck shop lead and of course our head pupils: Ano, Kit, Keya and Alfie. Well done Year 6!



Wellbeing tip

Exercise

Getting 30 minutes of exercise daily is not only good for your physical health, but also for your mental health and wellbeing.

Online safety tips

We are concerned that there are pupils playing games like GTA and also watching shows on Netflix which are highly inappropriate. Parents can be in trouble with the police for allowing pupils to play games which are legally above their children's age limit. Keep on top of age limits by signing into National Online Safety.

Health and Safety

- Please ensure that your child(ren) is wearing a **helmet** if they are scooting/cycling and that they stay **off the roads** to keep safe.
- Next week, Mrs Rogers' assembly will be on **safety** where we will talk about how to safety safe near roads/railways/rivers/canals but also around stranger danger, online safety and fireworks. It would be great if you could reinforce this with your children at home so they are very familiar with how to keep themselves safe.
- **Trick or treat:** with **Halloween** coming up soon, we would like to remind you of the safest way to allow your children to have fun during this time. This includes staying with an adult at all times, only visiting houses where they are happy to take visitors and you know who lives there. You can get many more tips at: <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/autumn/halloween>

Key information, dates and reminders

- **Additional bank holiday:** as you will know, there is an additional bank holiday set for the country in the May half term. As this falls within the half term, schools have been asked to choose a day which gives the pupils and staff the time off too. We have chosen to take **Friday 27th May 2022**. This means school will be closed that day to everyone.
- **Rock Stars day:** All pupils can come to school dressed as Rock Stars on Wednesday 20th October and will take part in our maths day of activities.
- **Photo day:** on Thursday 21st October, individual and sibling school photos will take place.
- **Uniform:** Pupils are arriving really smartly to school which is fantastic. Please ensure all uniform is clearly named (including ties) to ensure that if it goes missing, we can get it back to you.
- **Break up:** reminder that we break up for the half term on Friday 22nd October and all years

Dates for 2021/2022

Term 1

Monday 6 September – Friday 22 October 2021

INSET DAY: Thursday 2 September

INSET DAY: Friday 3 September (no children in school)

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

Term 2

Monday 1 November – Friday 17 December 2021

INSET DAY: Friday 26th November - (no children in school)

NB: *there will be no After School Club on Friday 17th December*

Term 3

Tuesday 4 January – Friday 18 February 2022

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

Term 4

Tuesday 1 March – Friday 8 April 2022

INSET DAY: Monday 28 February (no children in school)

NB: *there will be no After School Club on Friday 8 April*

Term 5

Monday 25 April – **Thursday 26 May 2022**

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

Monday 2 May 2022: May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)

Friday 27 May 2022: Additional Bank Holiday (School closed)

Term 6

Monday 6 June – Friday 22 July 2022

INSET DAY: Friday 24th June (no children in school)

NB: there will be no After School Club on Friday 22 July and school will finish at 1.45pm this day.

Transition days will take place on Wednesday 20- Friday 22 July so please ensure your child attends school each day that week to help them settle into their new year groups.

Please note, there will be an additional day out of school linked to the additional bank holiday in June – this has been confirmed as Friday 27th May 2022.