



Dashwood Banbury Academy

an Aspirations Academy

Growing together; succeeding together

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A note from the Principal

This term has seen many challenges linked to Covid but as always, Dashwood pulls together and works as a community to support one another. I am happy to say we seem to be through our peak now for cases.

I am still looking for more parents and members of the community to join our DAC – Dashwood Action Committee. This is a group which will meet a few times a year to discuss school based ideas and support the school in moving forward. Please collect a volunteer application pack from the office if you feel you would like to join and be part of this group.

I have been working hard with the staff to plan our celebration events for the 120 year anniversary. We have heard from people who attended the school back in WWII already! It has been wonderful searching through the archives, finding treasures and photos ready for our main event on the 23rd March. We cannot wait to celebrate with you all so don't forget to book your free ticket online at: <https://forms.gle/TPc2wj8T9fgdcUEv5>

Mrs Rogers

Condition for learning and core value:

This term we are focusing on **Heroes** with the core value **Respect**.

Discuss at home how the words and actions you choose demonstrate respect and how we can all be real life heroes to others by helping them and being good role models.

Language to discuss at home:

Self-regulation: our behaviour policy is based on helping pupils to regulate their emotions. Regulating our emotions helps us to learn and supports our mental wellbeing.

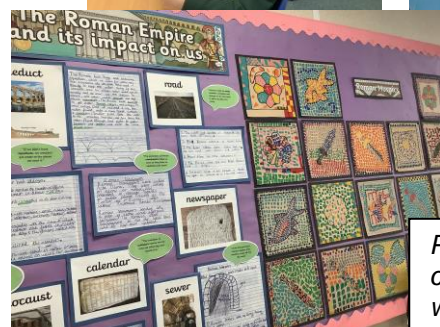
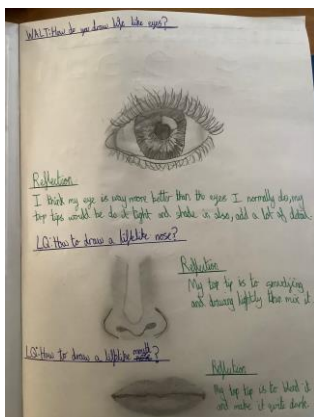
Learning at home tip:

Help teach your child strategies to support self-regulation and get in the green zone. This can include: deep and slow breathing exercises, counting to 10, completing a calm activity and getting lots of exercise.

Learning through experiences

Despite the weather being cold and this term being long, the pupils are working so hard to develop their knowledge and skills. They are achieving wonderful things!

In Early Years, the pupils have been learning how to look after themselves including their teeth and wellbeing alongside their work on Chinese New Year. In KS1, the pupils have loved using technology to support their activities. In KS2, the pupils have become independent and are amazing at editing and adapting their work to create final pieces which they can be so proud of.



Pupils receiving bookmarks made by the local care home residents to say thank you for the work we do to support them! Year 1 were so thankful!

Online safety

Reminder of age restrictions for pupils:
WhatsApp – 16 years old plus
Fortnite – 12 years old plus
Roblox – suitable for all primary aged pupils
Minecraft – 7 years old plus
Please remember to **always supervise all pupils whilst online** and limit the amount of screen time they have.

Wellbeing tip

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mental-health-awareness-for-oxfordshire-parents-and-carers-tickets-147802211393> This link takes you to a Mental Health awareness session for parents/carers on 1st March which you may want to sign up to attend.

Health and Safety

The school nurse teams and NHS are launching a new App which you can access to ask questions related to health. You can download the free App and find out more information at:

<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/news/parents-and-young-people-invited-to-chat-health/>



120 year anniversary

Plans are coming along nicely for our 120 year anniversary. We have started a media campaign and you can read the information or even listen to Mrs Rogers on Banbury FM at:

[https://www.banburyguardian.co.uk/education/banbury-primary-school-set-to-celebrate-120th-anniversary-this-spring-](https://www.banburyguardian.co.uk/education/banbury-primary-school-set-to-celebrate-120th-anniversary-this-spring-3530900?fbclid=IwAR2zZAZ9u1x75u9YYeAdIRHF2D_9MNoMKJV2kgjE72GMeAMEykXu-EGlqUE)

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and <https://banburyfm.com/news/celebration-planned-for-120-years-of-dashwood-school/?fbclid=IwAR2J-GgR5SVvgac7Nc0-tpIE47urQgdnRCKOjl4KAq9k2yNo53h3d07RL0>

Don't forget – we are completing some history and art activities next week, the pupils will come to school dressed up in clothes from the 1900's on March 4th and we finish at 1.45pm on March 23rd ready for our big event! You can read the full information at:

<https://dashwood.academies.aspirationsacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2022/01/120-year-anniversary-letter.pdf> **Don't forget to sign up for tickets to attend the event at:** <https://forms.gle/TPc2wj8T9fgdcUEv5>



Key information, dates and reminders

- **Last day of term:** The last day of this term is **Friday 18th February 2022**.
- All pupils return to school on **Tuesday 1st March 2022** as Monday 28th February is an **INSET** day for staff.
- **Thursday 3rd March** – World Book Day. The children will **not dress up** as we have our 120 year anniversary dress up day that week. Instead they will **bring in their favourite book** to share and complete a **reading challenge** over the half term holidays. A letter with more information will be coming out next week.
- **Friday 4th March** – **dress up day** for clothing linked to **1902**. The pupils come to school dressed up and will have some lessons in the style of that era!
- **Friday 18th March** – Pupils will take part in Dashwood Big Clean in preparation for our celebrations the week after.
- **Wednesday 23rd March** – school **closes at 1.45pm** for **all** children and then families can **sign up for free tickets** to attend the celebration which includes a museum in the school, special commemorative memorabilia for sale, galleries of photos and pupils work and more!
- **Phonics/reading parent workshops** – save the date. On **Thursday 7th April** we will hold a free workshop for parents at 9am for parents with pupils in EYFS and Year 1 and at 2pm for parents with pupils in years 2-6. Anyone attending will receive a free gift!
- **Staff update:** We are saying goodbye to Tonia in the office, Miss Cumming and John (our caretaker) in the next few weeks. All are moving onto different experiences in their lives and we wish them good luck for the future. We therefore have a number of adverts out for roles in our office, as a teaching assistant and also as a caretaker. If you know anyone interested in these roles, please direct them to the eTeach website at: <https://www.eteach.com/jobs/merton-street-banbury-uk/?oo=lc&pt=52.0619485,-1.32511390000000&dis=1>
- **Exciting staff news:** Congratulations to Katy Nesbitt and Mrs Hope who join Mrs Rogers in expecting a baby in summer this year! (We are recruiting for a maternity cover for Mrs Hope).

Dates for 2021/2022

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.

Term Dates for 2022/2023

Term 1

INSET DAYS: Thursday 1 and Friday 2 September (no children in school)

Monday 5 September – Friday 21 October 2022

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

Term 2

Monday 31 October – Friday 16 December 2022

INSET DAY: To be confirmed - (no children in school)

NB: *there will be no After School Club on Friday 16 December*

Term 3

Wednesday 4 January – Friday 10 February 2023

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

Term 4

Tuesday 20 February – Friday 31 March 2023

INSET DAY: To be confirmed - (no children in school)

NB: *there will be no After School Club on Friday 31 March*

Term 5

Monday 17 April – Friday 26 May 2023

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

Monday 1 May 2022: May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)

Term 6

Monday 5 June – Friday 21 July 2023

INSET DAY: To be confirmed - (no children in school)

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

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