



Dashwood Banbury Academy

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A note from the Acting Principal

What a term! It has been fun filled with so many exciting opportunities. We have had trips, visiting artists, graduations and school performances. As always at Dashwood we do not stop! Thank you for all of your support as always; Dashwood would not be the place it is without you all and we look forward to starting a new term, refreshed after the holidays.

Next term we have some exciting plans for the forest school and our garden area as well as developing our creator space. We have also appointed a skilled team of student leaders for next year- we are looking forward to the events and activities they will be planning for everyone to enjoy!

Have a lovely summer everyone and we will see you all in September.

Mrs Gordon-Weeks

Condition for learning and core value:

The condition of belonging is a fundamental value to us at Dashwood. It focuses on building up respectful relationships which is so important as we move in to our new year groups and classes. We know that a sense of belonging is so important because it helps us all feel safe and secure. In Term 1, we celebrate belonging through our Cultural Day, where we celebrate pupils and staff sense of belonging to different countries and cultures.

Sporting update

Sports Day: Wow! What a term we have had at Dashwood for sporting achievements! Our Year 5 and 6 girls team came 3rd and in the Banbury league which is a phenomenal achievement! They played throughout all of their matches with determination and team spirit! The Year 5/6 boys team also had a superb season; from a team of 25 players, they each played a few matches in the league. Again, the boys team played with grit and determination throughout their league matches which earned them a place in the final which was played against St. Leonards on neutral ground at Harriers Banbury Academy against. Despite the heat that day, the team played with resilience and positivity; never letting their heads drop with each player supporting and motivating their team. The team won 4-1 and lifted the trophy in a well-deserved celebration!

Swimming:

What a year Year 5 and 6 have had in the swimming pool! Due to the determination and resilience of our pupils, we have had some great successes. 20 Year 5 pupils have already achieved their 25 metres! 25 of the Year 6 pupils achieved their 25 metres through after school Catch-Up booster sessions. Well done to all pupils who have achieved this fantastic achievement and to all those working towards it. So many pupils have achieved their 5m and 10m which you have to work so hard for! There have also been some phenomenal personal successes in the pool for our Year 5 pupils that go beyond 25 metres! Daniel (Year 5) achieved his 200 metres and Martyna, Olivia and Arthur (Year 5) achieved their 400 metres. Ruby and Anthony (Year 5) wowed us all when they achieved their 1500m – 60 x 25 metre lengths of the pool and then went on to achieve their 1600m – 64 x 25 metre lengths! What an achievement by all!



News from term 6:

Student Leadership: In Term 6, we had a busy term interviewing and meeting with pupils who had applied for various leadership opportunities for the new academic year. We are delighted to inform you of the following Head Pupil leadership roles for 2022/2023: Head Pupil – Martyna, Head Pupil – Daniel, Deputy Head Pupil – Ruby, Deputy Head Pupil – Isa. We know these children are going to be amazing in these roles and we look forward to seeing them in action next year. Other leadership roles that we have also appointed pupils for are: Sports Leaders, Eco Warriors, Anti-bullying Ambassadors and Aspiration Family Leads. They have already had a day of pupil leadership training with Andy from Atlantic Academy and we look forward to sharing their focuses in the new term.

R.E Day: This term we had a very successful R.E day. All pupils in all year groups were given a big question to think about. Some of the questions were: 'What would the world be like if everyone was the same?' And 'Is possible to be kind to everyone all the time?' We also welcomed visitors from lots of different religions to share their experiences and beliefs. All of the pupils listened really carefully and had a wonderful day of art and creativity.

Cotswold Water Park: Year 6 enjoyed their trip to the water park last week. They had an amazing time playing in the water and sand as well as enjoying an ice cream at the end of the day. It is great to have a 'Wow' trip at the end of year 6 so they can take home some lovely memories from their time with the friends at Dashwood.

102 year celebration: Some of our choir joined in with the birthday celebrations at the Ridings last week. A lady was 102 years old and loved hearing our beautiful choir sing- we certainly made her day! The pupils then continued the celebrations with some juice and some cake!

Reception Graduation: We are very proud of all of our pupils who graduated from Reception to Year 1. We had a fantastic ceremony on Friday, joined by their families and friends to watch them receive their scrolls. It was also lovely to see them share their aspirations for their futures from firemen, chefs, and hairdressers to midwives and vets.

Good Bye Year 6: We are really sorry to say goodbye to all the year 6 pupils. They had a great day starting with their graduation followed by a session where they could sign each other's shirts. These shirts were kindly given as a gift from the PTFA and certainly a lovely memento from their time at Dashwood. Although these times are sad, it is important that they look forward to the next stage in the learning journey. We know they are all going to be great and we wish them the very best of luck for their futures.



The PTFA:

I would like to say a special thank you to our fabulous PTFA who have work so hard this year to put on events that we have had to postpone in the past due to the pandemic. The summer fayre was wonderful and we look forward to more events throughout next year. We have an Autumn Ball in October so watch this space for more information. If you would like to join the PTFA, then please pop in and see us!



Key information, dates and reminders:

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September: Inset Days for staff training. School closed to pupils.

Monday 5th September: Term 1 begins. School open to Year 1 -6. Pupils in Early Years will be given their dates directly.

Tuesday 6th September - Year 5 and 6 parents sign-up session for Youth Club - 3.15 – 3.45pm outside the hall.

Friday 16th September: Year 1-6 Home Learning Projects due in to school to be shared.

Friday 30th September: Celebration of all of our different cultures and religions in school. Pupils can come to school dressed in special clothes from their heritage.

Friday 14th October: PTFA Autumn Ball (more information to follow)

Friday 21st October: Last day of Term 1

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: Friday 25th November 2022 (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 21 February – Friday 31 March 2023

INSET DAY: Monday 20th February 2023 - (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 2023: May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)

Term 6

Monday 5 June – Friday 21 July 2023

INSET DAY: Friday 23rd June 2023 - (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 Thursday 20 and Friday 21 July 2023 so please ensure your child attends school each day that week to help them settle into their new year groups.