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A note from the Acting Principal...

This term seems to be shooting by- we have so much to share with you already! It has been fantastic to see parents and carers come into school this week for Parents Evenings, something we haven't done since before the pandemic. We hope you found them useful and a good chance to meet their new teachers. There is a very purposeful atmosphere in school already this term; the pupils have settled well into their new year groups and enjoying their topics. This week we had a visit from some members of the Trust who noted how engaged the pupils were in their learning as well as how well behaved they were. It was also noted how smart they looked in their blazers and ties. I would like to say thank you for your support in ensuring that your child comes to school everyday in the correct uniform and looking smart. It does make a difference to their attitude to learning and the way they behave.

Mrs Gordon-Weeks



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A time to think about others...

Our condition for learning this term is ***belonging*** which goes with the core value of ***consideration***. It was lovely that our school community came together last week to donate food to the Food Bank. Times are tough at the moment for everyone but it is great that we can still support these charities to ensure that we look after each other. I would like to say a special thank you to The Mosque for their donations too!



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“The things that make us different are the things that make us special.”

The pupils and staff dressed in clothes that represented their culture, heritage and religion. It just demonstrated how multi-cultured Dashwood is and we are so proud of that. It is a great way to learn about other people's cultures and I know they enjoyed sharing stories, facts and information.



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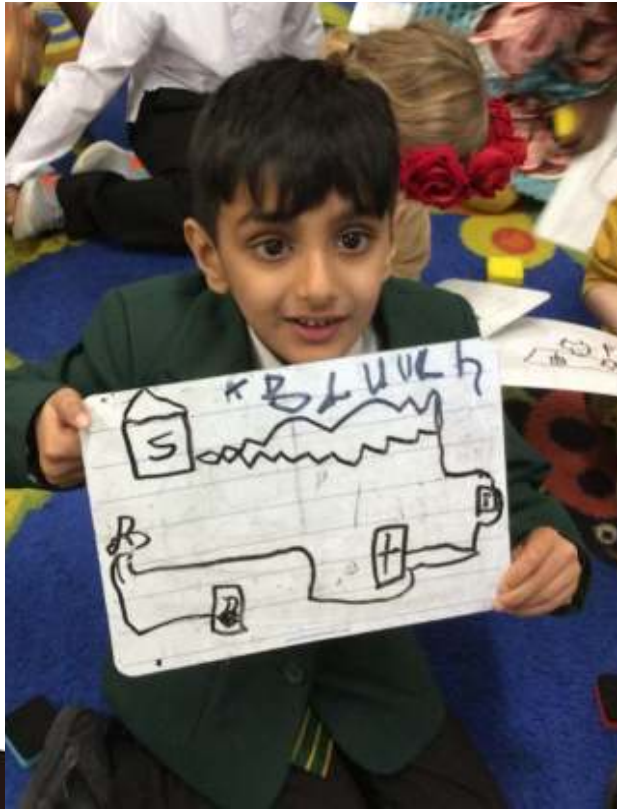


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Year 1's Geography field trip: Exploring the local area



Year 1 explored their local environment by going on a walk. They spotted a variety of things along the way including the park, post office, the church and The Mosque. They then came back to school and drew their own maps of the route they went on using symbols. What great map skills!



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Year 3 Geography field trip to Horley Village

Year 3 enjoyed their field trip to Horley Village. The purpose of the trip was to compare the physical and geographical features of Horley village to the town of Banbury. They explored the local area and made notes to bring back to school. They compared the traffic; buildings; amenities and population. They also had a chance to practise their art skills by doing some sketching.



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Year 6 IMPS

Our year 6 pupils took part in an injury prevention programme (IMPS) which taught them how to take responsibility for managing their own risk and think about the skills needed to cope in an emergency situation. They took part in role play activities and had a go at CPR on a dummy. They took it very seriously and thoroughly enjoyed the experience - especially the part where they had their finger put in a plaster cast. We would like to say thank you to the IMPS team for coming in and delivering such an important session to our pupils.



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Sporting achievements so far...



Twenty Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils took part in the Level 2 Cross Country competition at Wykham Park Academy today! They competed with resilience and determination despite the long distance they had to run. They were great team players, cheering one another on and congratulating each other as they finished their races. Well done to Mika who got an amazing 15th place out of over 100 runners and Harmony who was placed 29th in the Year 5/6 Girls race out of over 100 runners! All pupils attending did Dashwood proud and were a credit to our school!



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Eco-Warriors at the ready!

Our Eco-Warriors have been keeping our school environment tidy by litter picking regularly. Some of Eco-warriors are also looking after our forest school area and have started to tidy it up and do some planting. Very soon, the whole school will be able to take part in a democratic vote to choose an emblem to represent our ambitions to be an eco friendly school. This has been led by Noah in year 5 - watch this space to see which emblem they choose!



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Join the PTFA...come and help support the school!

This week I have met with our amazing PTFA and planned some exciting events for this year. We are really wanting new members to join the team. If you are able to give up a few hours a term to come to meetings and help organise some events then we would love you to get in touch with us! It is a great way to meet other parents and also take an active role in the school. If you are interested in joining the PTFA or would like to find out some more information, then come and see us in the school office. We have just purchased some musical instruments to support our music curriculum from the funds raised at the event we ran last year!



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Raise a Reader Campaign

On **Monday 31st October**, after school, the Raise a Reader campervan will be coming to Dashwood. It's mission is to excite children to read widely and for fun! Books and goody bags to be given away. More information to follow!



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Key information, dates and reminders

Monday 17th - Friday 21st October: Year 6 Rock UK trip. On Monday 17th - 19th October Oak Class are going to Rock UK and then on Wednesday 19th October to Friday 21st October Chestnut Class will then have their chance to enjoy the fun.

Friday 21st October: Half term holidays. All pupils return to school on Monday 31st October.

Term 2:

Friday 4th November: Year 5 trip to The Black Country Museum

Tuesday 8th November: Reception Opening Evening for **pupils starting Reception in September 2023-** 4.30-5.30pm. Come to see the Dashwood Reception unit to see if you would like to join us for your child's learning journey.

Friday 11th November: PTFA Winter Ball. More Information to follow

Friday 25th November: **INSET DAY - school closed to all pupils**

Friday 2nd December: Festive dress up day and bring a tombola prize for the Winter Fayre

Wednesday 7th December: PTFA Winter Fayre - 3.30-4.30pm in the hall.

Monday 12th December: Flu Vaccinations - more information to follow

Tuesday 3rd January: Term 3 starts

Please note, that due to feedback from our recent parent survey, we will be sending out a more detailed itinerary of events that run up to the end of term 2 at the end of the week. I am just finalising some dates!



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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. There will also be no activity clubs in the week beginning 12th December 2022*

Term 3 Tuesday 3rd 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 5th June to Friday 21 July 2023

School will close at 1.45pm on Friday 21st July 2023. **INSET DAY:** Friday 23rd June 2023- (no children in school)
There will be no after school club on this day.



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