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Dashwood News: 18th November 2022



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A note from the Acting Principal...

We certainly have had a fun and exciting start to term 2 by welcoming an author and illustrator to school and most of you receiving a free book to share at home. This week we have spent time reflecting about what Remembrance means and what they may see happening in the local community or on the television. The pupils have taken part in a number of reflective activities including assemblies where they have learnt about the meaning of the poppy; art and craft work; contributed to our whole school poppy display and observed a minutes silence. It is really important that we teach the children about the past and the importance of our armed services. We thank them for keeping our country safe and discuss how thankful we are for their commitment and protection.

Mrs Gordon-Weeks



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Remembrance



As we do every year, our Head Pupils represented Dashwood at the Remembrance service at St Mary's Church and laid a wreath by the Cenotaph in People's Park. It was lovely to see some familiar faces there from the cubs and scouts.



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Remembrance Parade



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Raise a Reader Campaign

We were so fortunate to take part in the raise a reader programme, linked to Oxford University Press. It is so important that children not only learn how to read, but learn how to become a reader. The raise a reader programme will support children at Dashwood to develop their love of reading and ultimately work towards creating a positive reading culture, that staff, pupils and parents all engage with. The project will really allow us to champion reading this year at Dashwood and will work in supporting our pupils become lifelong learners. We know that reading is key in all part of pupils' learning, and we hope that the support from Oxford University Press this year will really engage pupils to read.



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We welcomed an author and illustrator...

As part of the Raise a Reader launch, we were lucky to have a visit from author Alex Falase-Koya and illustrator Paula Bowles. The pupils listened to the process of writing and illustrating the book and how they worked together to get it just right! The pupils asked thoughtful questions and enjoyed watching Paula create our very own Dashwood Superhero with her watermelon dress, armour and chocolate squirting backpack to help her scale buildings. Can you use your imagination to create your own story character?

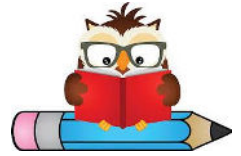


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Do you want some tips to support your child to read at home?



- Remember, try to avoid a pressurised environment around reading. Reading should be enjoyable!
- Consider when and where you read together.
- If it is the first time your child has read the book, look at the cover and title with them to predict what they think the book might be about.

- Encourage children to track the words with their finger until they are able to read comfortably.
- Help the children to decode (read) the words and ask them about the meaning of more challenging words.
- Ask children about the content of what they have read - who, what, where, when, why, how?
- Consider any key questions you can ask about what they have read (e.g, can they summarise to you, give their favourite part etc...)



Year 2 Tooth Defenders Day

Year 2 were sent on a special mission by the Tooth Defender team to raise awareness about how to look after our teeth.

The children learnt a story map about how to clean our teeth successfully; created their own toothbox to keep their teeth safe when they lose their baby teeth as well as creating their own experiment to see how different drinks affect their teeth. They will find out their results later on!!



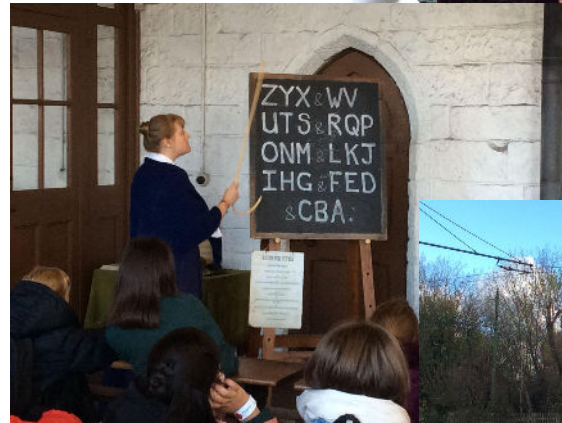
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Year 5: The Black Country Museum

Year 5 have been studying the lives of Victorian children. Having researched the lives of Lilian, Rose and Harry, we went to the Black Country Museum where we explored inside the houses where they lived, learnt how they shopped and experienced a Victorian school. We saw how tough life was if you worked down a mine from the age of 10 and the dangers for all those that did.



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Anti bullying day training



Excitingly, on Tuesday 8th November 2022, ten of our KS2 pupils travelled to Warwick to participate in Anti-bullying Ambassador training run by The Diana Award.

The Diana Award was founded on Diana, Princess of Wales' belief that:

**YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THE POWER TO
CHANGE THE WORLD**

Our team of trained ambassadors are now using their training to run a long-term campaign to raise the understanding of bullying behaviour and how we can all work together to ensure that our pupils do not experience it, and if it does occur, the support to make sure it stops.



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Anti-bullying week 2022



In recognition of Odd Socks Day for Antibullying (Monday 14th November), Dashwood Banbury Academy worked with David Wilson Homes to help our Year 3 pupils design their own pair of socks.

The campaign marked the start of Anti-Bullying Week, led by Anti-Bullying Alliance, and the leading developer provided our 60 Year 3 pupils at with a range of white socks and fabric marker pens to get creative and celebrate each other's unique qualities. Pupils from across school wore odd socks to celebrate their uniqueness and also had the opportunity to design their own pair!



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Hockey



On Thursday 10th November 2022, Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in the North Oxfordshire School Sports Partnership Hockey Competition at Wykham Park Academy. Competing against six other teams from local primary schools, our pupils played with resilience and skill, thoroughly enjoying the competition.

Swimming successes!

Year 5 and 6 pupils are having continued success in the swimming pool with many children receiving their 25 metres and beyond. Well done to Amber, David and Oliver who have all achieved their 50 metres! Amber and Oliver have also achieved their 100 metres! Congratulations!



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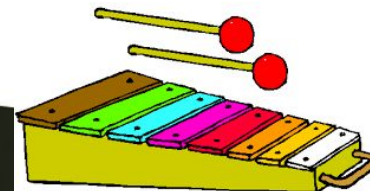


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PTFA Winter Ball



What a lovely afternoon of dancing and fun at our first PTFA event of the year. There were lots of amazing dance moves, competitions and of course sweets! I would like to say a huge thank you to our PTFA, and staff, for all of their hard work into running the event. All of the money raised goes towards buying equipment for the school. We have just purchased a whole class set of glockenspiels so watch this space.....a recital will be coming soon!



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Year 5: Greatworth

Sycamore and Beech class have had a fantastic trip to Greatworth Hall Farm this term! Linked to their Victorian topic, they loved looking at Victorian artefacts and farm machinery, trying to work out what they were and what they were used for.

As always, the cooking sessions were fantastic! In the farm kitchen, they learned about where the ingredients come from linking to what ingredients would have been available during the Victorian era and what items would not have been readily available. The children went on to make vegetable tarts. They enjoyed using their chopping and mixing skills, rolling out the pastry and constructing the tarts.





Children in Need Day

Children in Need Day: The theme for this year is: Together we can change younger people's lives. Pupils came to school dressed up in their spotty gear and individual styles. Thank you for all the donations for this fantastic charity. We will let you know the total once it has been counted!



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The class with the highest attendance so far
this term is....

Rowan

Well done to Rowan class pupils for
excellent attendance!



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Events coming up...

(Additional to those in the term 2 overview)



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Festive Dress up day: Friday 2nd December

On Friday 2nd December, the pupils can come dressed in their winter, festive clothes. You can even wear a christmas jumper if you have one! It would be great if you could donate a tombola prize for the popular stall at the Winter Fayre. There will be a trolley outside by the bike sheds.



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PTFA Winter Fayre

We would like to invite you to our annual Winter Fayre on Wednesday 7th December. There will be games, competitions and lots of prizes to be won! There will be the popular tombola, raffle and chance to buy festive cakes! 3.30-4.30pm in the hall.



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Key information, dates and reminders

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 see this link to access a full itinerary of events for term 2.

<https://dashwood.academies.aspirationsacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2022/10/Term-2-dates.docx.pdf>



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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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