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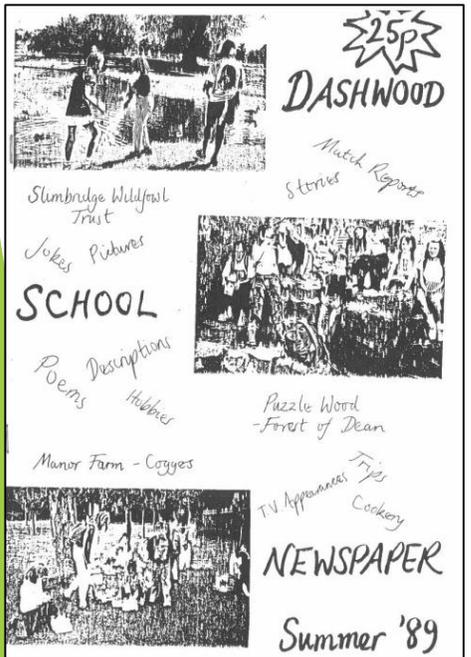
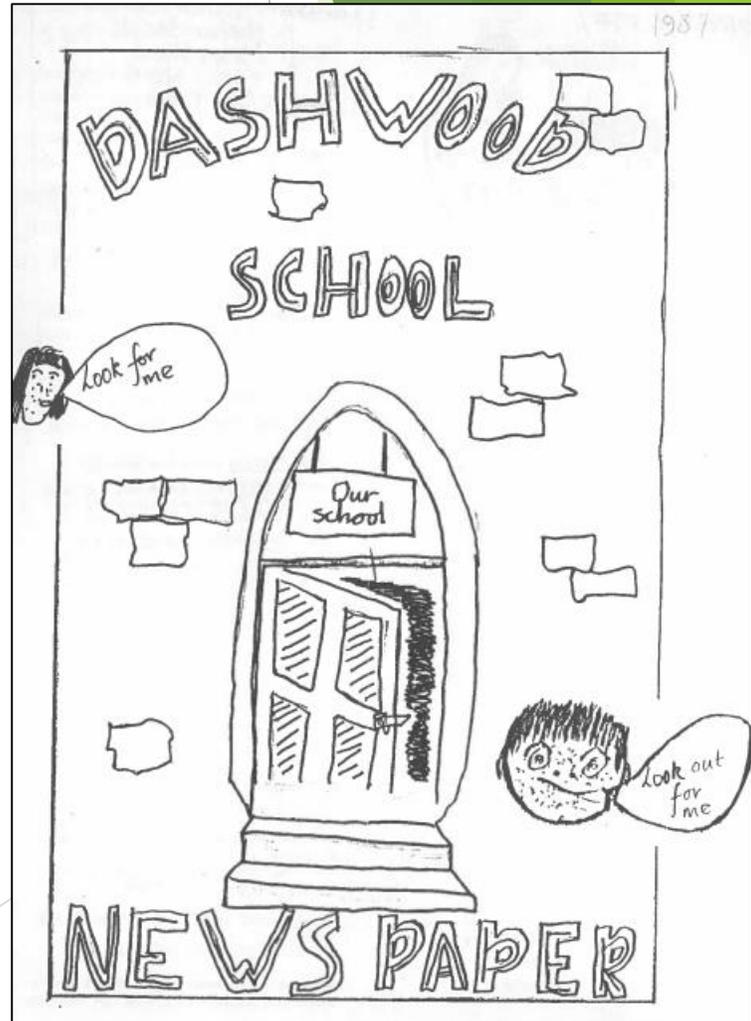
All the Dashwood
news from us, the
pupils!

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Welcome to the first Dashwood News in over 30 years!

When we were looking through all the boxes of Dashwood memories for our 120 anniversary celebrations, we came across some copies of newspapers that pupils who attended Dashwood at the old site in 1987 and 1989 had created. This inspired us to start our very own **DBA News!**

Newspaper cover from 1987



We aim to produce an issue every term. We really hope that you enjoy our first edition of the DBA News! We hope you will share with us what you think of it. If you have any suggestions about ways to improve the newspaper, we would love to hear from you!

Newspaper cover from 1989



Keeping active on our new gym equipment!

Our new fitness has been installed on the bottom playground and is proving a real hit!

Some pupils are even starting the day with a fitness blast, waking up their bodies and brains! The equipment is designed to help everyone be active but is also great for social time with friends and teamwork, as much of the equipment is designed for more than one person to use and enjoy at the same time!

Year 3 visited Horley!

As part of their learning projects, Year 3 have been comparing Banbury, a town, to the village of Horley.

Laurie and Lacey (Year 5) interviewed Rory (Year 3) to find out about their day.

‘We had a great time travelling on the minibus. We met Mike, who lives in the village, and found out all about the church, the old schoolhouse, walnut trees and we even went on a walk around the village.’

Other pupils commented on the differences they noticed:

‘Villages are a lot smaller and the houses are made from stone not brick.’

‘Some houses even have straw roofs.’

‘There are more trees and the houses even have fossils set in the stone’.



Cultural day - September 2022



Amber (Year 5) was our reporter for the day and interviewed many children and staff.

Our cultural day was a huge success and our pupil voice showed just how much they enjoyed it. It was nice to be able to express ourselves. Here is what some of the pupils and staff said:

'My nan is from Scotland and I like to represent her'.

'I like to show and share my culture and it is nice to wear my own clothes to school to show my friends.'

'It is great to represent and be proud of my country'

'I dressed in my own chosen clothes which has made me feel good!'

'Cultural day spreads happiness and respect for each other. The different colours express each of us!'



Photographs by Nikita (Year 5) and Emily (Year 6)



Commando Joe's comes to Dashwood!

What is Commando Joe's?

We are excited to share our news that we have invested in the Commando Joe's curriculum. This outstanding curriculum is broad and exciting and will provide a great foundation on which all children will get the chance to achieve, be resilient, tolerate others and make great choices for life - inside and outside school. It complements our standard National Curriculum and we know that the children will absolutely love it!

Commando Joe's aim is to provide a character learning journey that can be personalised to the needs of children, whatever their background or need - encouraging our children to think critically and develop a mindset that thrives on looking at themselves and others from different perspectives. It was founded by former veteran and lecturer Mike Hamilton who worked with the Department for Education to create a programme that supports pupils, parents, teachers and schools nationwide with building essential life skills and supporting positive behaviour changes.

The RESPECT framework supports the "Whole school approach" with staff being able to help children to develop these behaviour traits within a number of exciting topics based on amazing characters and aspects of their life stories. Significant heroes/heroines, explorers and adventurers have been identified to support children's understanding of these essential life skills. Children are then set exciting missions to solve.

Miss Gooch

RESPECT focuses on:

- R- Resilience (Romeo Resilience)
- E- Empathy (Eddie Empathy)
- S- Self Awareness (Sophie Self Awareness)
- P- Positivity (Parveen Positivity)
- E- Excellence (Elliot Excellence)
- C- Communication (Charlie Communication)
- T- Teamwork (Tanisha Teamwork)



Report by Laurie (Year 5)

In Commando Joe's this week, we learned about the British Astronaut, Tim Peake, and used our sketching skills to create pictures of him. With the Commando Joe's Secret Mission equipment, we created our own astronaut using:

- a barrel for the oxygen tank
- a tyre for the head
- ropes for the arms
- large Jenga pieces for the legs

It was great to see how different groups used the equipment in different ways!

What did I learn from the session?

I learned about turn-taking, how we could be successful as a team by all having different jobs to do to work together. We all had to listen and talk to get the job done.

What do you like about the Commando Joe's sessions?

Olivia: It is good for exercise and keeps you in shape.

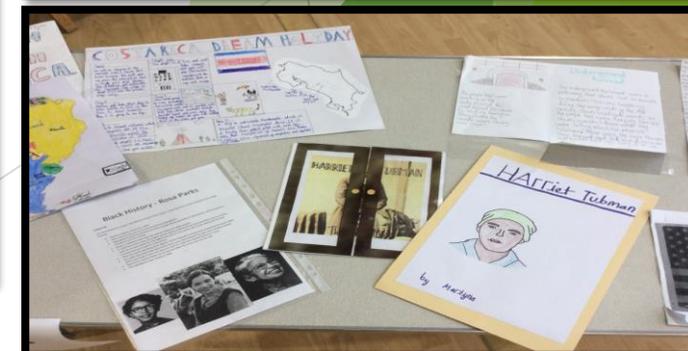
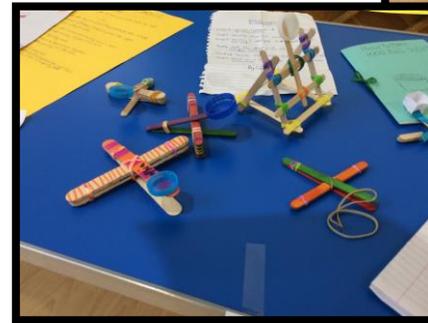
Habibi: I like Commando Joe's because I can play with my friends, I get to do sports and adventure activities!



Commando Joe's in action at Dashwood!



Celebrating our Home Learning projects!



Look how many amazing Home Learning Projects we had this term! The effort that went in to them and the learning that took place, is outstanding! Home Learning Projects give pupils the opportunity to focus on an area of learning linked to the topic of that term. It was a pleasure to share all the projects and presentations you created in our showcase on 20th September 2022! Pupils looked so proud to share their learning.

What will you create for your next home learning project?

What is it like to be a pupils at Dashwood Banbury Academy?

A word from our newest pupils to Dashwood...

We have been really lucky to welcome some new pupils to Dashwood! Amber (Year 5) decided to ask some of them what it was like to join our Dashwood community. Here are some of their thoughts:

Ella and Sophia (Year 5): We like Dashwood because they have Eco-Warriors and we like tidying up.

The library bus is great - it is full of books.

Dashwood is great because everyone cares for each other and bullying is not tolerated and people help if there is anyone being mean.

We like our teachers and there are people to talk to. People care here.

Nicole (Year 6): It is great being at Dashwood because I am never left out of anything! I have been welcomed and am settled here. The other day I missed a goal in football and my friends said it was ok - they make me know it is ok.

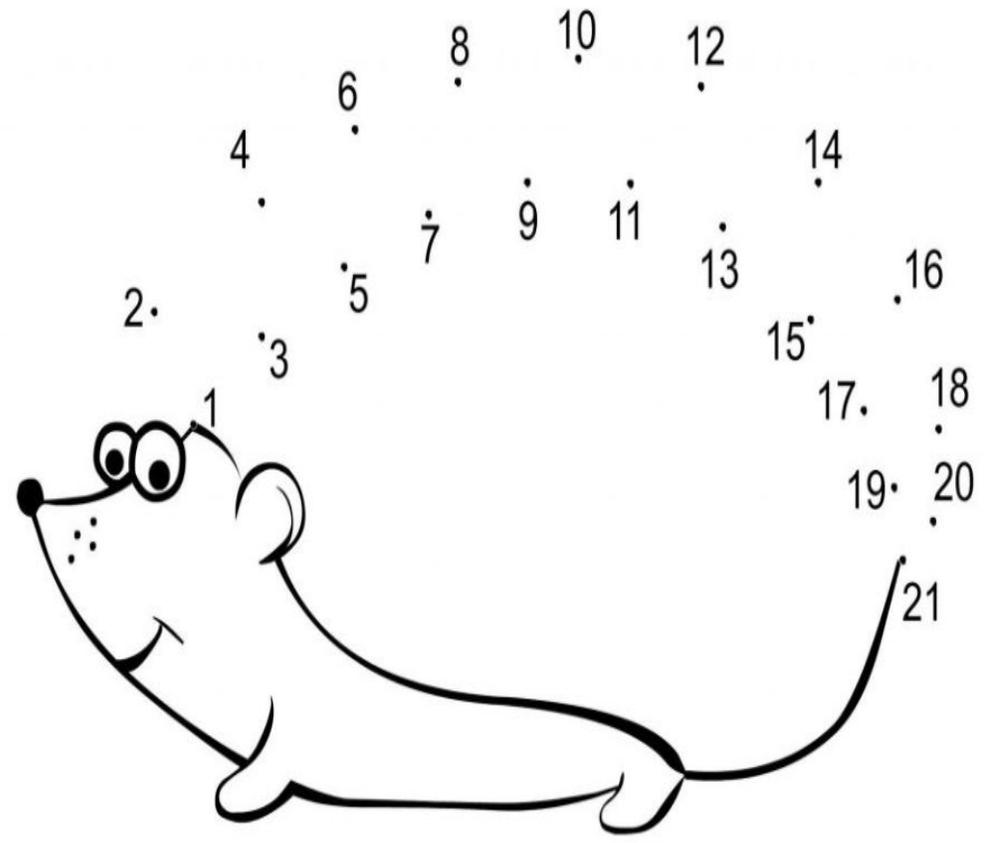
Bruno (Year 1): I like my new school because of the outside and the playground. I have made friends.

Puzzles, jokes and more!

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- PUMPKIN
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- SWEATER
- ORCHARD
- RAKE
- CORN
- MAZE
- WHEAT

Have a go at the autumn word search and colour in the dot-to-dot!



Jokes

What didn't the skeleton go to the disco?
He had no body to dance with.

Two fish in a tank... One says to the other,
'How do you drive this thing!'

Autumn Crossword



Across

4. A tasty yellow vegetable with kernels.
5. Another word for gathering crops before winter.
6. Something people wear during autumn.
8. Another word for autumn.
9. Many animals do this in the autumn.
10. The way trees look during autumn.
11. One of the colors leaves turn in autumn.

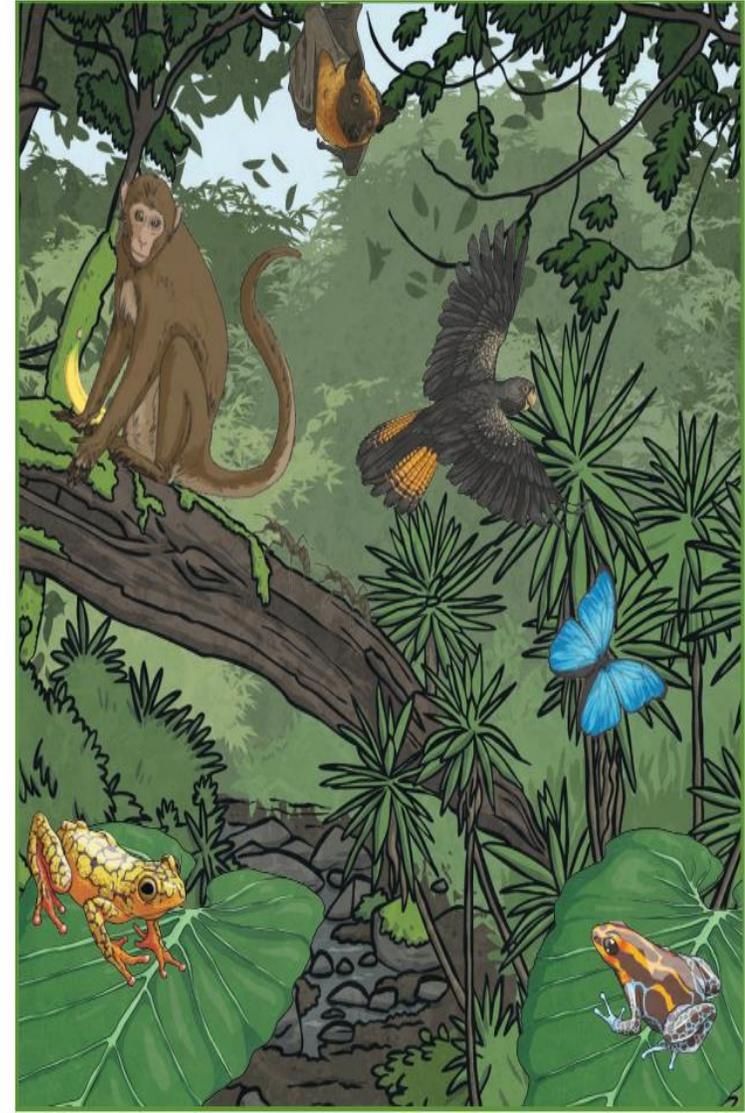
Down

1. A large orange squash that people carve faces into.
2. A sport that starts in autumn.
3. The middle month of autumn.
6. Used to scare birds away from the corn.
7. A crisp, red fruit.



Spot the Difference

There are 8 differences in the rainforest pictures below. Can you spot them all?



Leadership Roles - Meet our Head Pupils



Martyna

Head Pupil

'I am so proud to be a Head Pupil because I like helping others'

Daniel

Head Pupil

'It is great to be a Head Pupil because we can speak out for change and with the help of the adults, shape the school into an even better place!'



Ruby

Deputy Head Pupil

'Being a head pupil gives me a sense of accomplishment'

Isa

Deputy Head Pupil

'I enjoy being a role model'



Leadership Roles

Find out more about these Leadership Roles in future issues of DBA News!



Meet your Aspiration Family Leads

Red: Olivia, Abdullah

Yellow: Tulisa, Isa

Blue: Adrian, Isla

Green: Arthur, Radu

Our Sports Leaders:
Martyna, Ebonie, Kacper, Annabelle, Arthur, Adrian, Anthony, Harmony, Habibi, Mustafa, Radu, Jessica, Tulisa, Olivia, Theo, Elisabeth, Areeha, Abdullah, Simao, Karolina

Our Sports Leaders have already received some training last academic year in Term 6. They are looking forward to some follow-up training so that they can support our sporting events and even mentor during PE lessons!

Our Junior Leaders will be receiving some training in November to help them to support the younger pupils at lunch time!

Our Junior Leaders:
Pola, Elena, Sabrina, Michael, Lexi, Ayeisha, Emily, Mabon, Ayan, Alfie, Rameen, David, Grace, Sophia

Our Anti-Bullying Action Group:

Leads: Aleah and Olivia

Karolina, Abdullah, Elisabeth

With five Year 4 and Year 5 pupils joining soon!



Eco-Warriors



Christian and Sofia (Year 1); Lydia and Rafe (Year 2); Holly and Layla (Year 3); Daniel, Harvey and Alexandra (Year 4); Mya and Eric (Year 5); Radu, Freyja, Aleah-Marie and Ruby (Year 6) and now joined by Isabella (Year 1)

Report by Zuzanna (Year 6)

We are the first-ever Dashwood Eco Warriors!

Started by Noah, Year 5, who is passionate about caring for the environment, other pupils have been inspired to start their own group. Noah told us that it all started when he did a plastic count at home and then ran it in school too.

The Eco-Warriors will meet to plan ideas to care for our school environment and local community. Some of our Eco-Warriors have also joined our Forest School Gardening Club, where they plan to create new environments such as bug hotels and wildflower patches to provide habitats for insects and our resident newts and frogs that live in and around our school pond.

Here are some of our Eco-Warriors ideas:

- Educate pupils about not throwing litter (Daniel) by designing posters (Ruby)
- Get some more little pickers so we can tidy up our school when needed and the local community (Lydia)
- Cleaning up the rubbish is really important (Harvey) so we need to add in more bins to help people throw away their rubbish and recycle (Rafe) and a bin near the climbing frame (Holly)
- To have wildlife competitions to show everyone how important looking after the environment is (Eric)

Competition

We thought Eric's idea was excellent so we are going to have a wildlife photography and drawing competition! You can take a photograph or draw a picture of any aspect of wildlife: birds, animals, insects or of a habitat or environment . The choice is yours! Photos will be judged by the Forest School/Gardening Club and published in the next edition of DBA News. Please post all entries into the 'DBA News' competition box in the Grove by 3.15pm on Thursday 24th November 2022. Please make sure you write your full name and class on the back of your entry!

Litter Pickers at the Ready!

Did you know that Banbury is becoming cleaner?

Every week, volunteers gather to take part in a community litter picking event in a suggested area of Banbury. Some of the visited areas include Middleton Road, Gibbs Road, the Town Hall and more! Happily, inhabitants of the Grimsbury area have kindly given up their time to collect rubbish to clean the area in which they live. The Council provides litter-pickers and bags to use but you can also bring your own. Where possible, litter is placed in the recycling bins around Grimsbury.



A frequent participator says *"The sessions are really fun and I like to see how much better it looks afterwards. It's also great how many people are interested in it. We started picking up litter some years ago on our way home from school because if you want something doing then take action! I come to volunteer because, despite our best efforts, some people just don't put litter in a bin! It's our responsibility to take care of this planet."*

Anybody can join in; adults can email the local councillor and come along or even suggest a meeting or an area to clear.

If you want to know about recycling or anything else that involves littering, you can go to the Cherwell District Council website or you can ask your Eco-warrior at Dashwood.

We all prefer to live in a clean environment and enjoy our beautiful town. If you'd like to be involved, contact local councillor Rebecca Biegel via email:

Rebecca.biegel@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

—By Noah Perry—

ECO WARRIORS

120 Tree update

The lovely 120 tree is standing tall and other trees may be joining the 120 tree 20 to be exact.

To make our planet a better place.



Bin posters

Soon we will have many bin posters to tell us what rubbish to put in the correct bins and make life swell and enjoyable.



By Lacey King



Dashwood Gardening Club launches!

Some of our Eco-Warriors and other pupils from Year 3 - 6 have joined together in our new Dashwood Gardening Club. Our aim is to regenerate the Forest School and gardening area.

We aim to:

- Grow fruit, vegetables and herb in the gardening area that we can all grow, harvest, eat and cook with in school!
- Create a sensory area in the Forest School Area.
- Create a new fire pit for Forest School sessions.
- Plant a small of copse of trees to develop bio-diversity in our school environment.
- Plant wildflower areas and create bug hotels to encourage more wildlife.



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Cross Country



KS2 Level 2 Cross Country Competition – 29th September 2022

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!



Swimming



Our Year 5 and 6 swimming sessions have got off to a great start! Inspired by some of our current Year 6 pupils in their swimming sessions last academic year, pupils are aiming high to try and achieve their 25 metres and above! Many Year 5 pupils have already achieved their 5 and 10 metre awards with Laurie and Noah P-N achieving their 25 metres already and with Amber and Oliver achieving their 50 metres! We caught up with some of *swimming stars* and found out how they have managed to be so successful in the water:

Tag Rugby Competition

On a bright sunny day, nine Year 6 pupils represented Dashwood at the Banbury at the North Oxfordshire Tag Rugby competition held at Banbury Rugby Club. They played with resilience and determination and showed great team work. The team came joint first place in their group with Nicole and Arthur being awarded School Games 'Respect' awards for their integrity and great sportsmanship. A great day was had by all!



Anti-bullying Action Group



Our Year 6 Anti-bullying Ambassador Action Group

Leads: Olivia and Aleah-Marie (front) with Elisabeth and Karolina (back).

For more advice and support about bullying visit:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/if-youre-being-bullied/find-help-and-support>

In November 2022, we are attending official training from *The Diana Award* programme who... 'exist to empower young people to make positive change in their lives, their communities and the world'.

Through a series of engaging group activities and discussions, we will become trained Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, ready to kick-start our whole-school anti-bullying campaign.

Supported by HRH The Prince of Wales, The Diana Award Anti-Bullying Campaign engages young people, parents and teachers to change the attitudes, behaviour and culture of bullying by building skills and confidence to address different situations, both online and offline.

We can't wait to make positive changes in our own lives and yours and support all of the Dashwood pupils!

- ▶ Our Action Group is made up of Olivia, Aleah-Marie, Elisabeth, Karolina and Abdullah (Year 6) and Pola, Rosie, Grace, Toby (Year 5), Daniel R, Riley L (Year 4).

Meet Mrs Gordon-Weeks - Acting Principal



Ruby and Aleah-Marie (Year 6) interviewed our Acting Principal – Mrs Gordon-Weeks



Why are you proud of Dashwood?

I am proud of Dashwood because everyone works hard and works as a team. I have worked here for nearly fourteen years and I have seen the school develop from a school that was struggling to a school that is amazing. We have great children and great staff. I want to continue making Dashwood the best school it can be for everyone.

What are you bringing to Dashwood?

I would like to develop leadership for both our teachers and pupils. I am also hoping to create an exciting creator space with equipment for all of our pupils to enjoy.

How has your work day changed since you became Principal?

I have learnt to slow down and think before making decisions and the right choices for everyone.

We have a new Eco-Warriors Team, what support can you give this team?

It is really important that we all look after our school environment to make it the nicest place to learn. I think we need to educate everyone to put their litter in the bin and all work together to keep our environment tidy. It is great that we have a team to lead this and now we all need to support them and work together on it as it is really important.

Amazing interests, hobbies and exciting news!

Blake (Year 4) has taken up a really interesting hobby of horse riding.

Blake told us: *It is very interesting because it is amazing how those big animals hold you and listen to you (but sometimes they don't, they can be cheeky!). Horses are very caring creatures!*

If you want to find out more about horse riding, you can contact Oaklands Livery and Riding School Shipston Rd, Upper Tysoe, Warwick CV35 0TR.

Interview by Amber, Year 5

A horse related riddle from Laurie (Year 5):

*A cowboy rides in to town on Friday.
He stays for three days and leaves on
Friday.
How is that possible?*

Answer: His horse is called Friday!



Blue Peter-tastic!

Etta, Year 2, has some very exciting news! She has received her own iconic Blue Peter badge! You have to work really hard to earn a Blue Peter badge and Etta, who had only just learned to ride her bike, completed a 5 km bike ride! This shows her commitment to learning to ride and not giving up when it was tough.

Etta has been watching Blue Peter for a year and half and was inspired to do learn a new skill and challenge herself to earn her badge. Well done Etta!

Editorial Team - We are the pupils who help write and put the newspaper together!



Lead Editor
Ruby Scott



Editor
Daniel Hill



Editor
Aleah-Marie



Reporters

Laurie - Year 5, Zuzanna - Year 6, Amber - Year 5, Lacey - Year 5, Noah - Year 5, Ruby - Year 6, Aleah-Marie - Year 6

Our photographers:

From Year 5: Noah, Nikita, Rosie, Kelsey-May, Eric, Ignacy, Mya Netten Evans, Fatimah
From Year 6: Kaiden, Simao, Emily, Khadija, Freyja, Marley J, Nancy, Salvo

DBA News needs you!



- ▶ Have you got a news story for us?
- ▶ Is there something we could share that is happening in our local community?
- ▶ Any jokes to make us giggle?
- ▶ Competition ideas?
- ▶ Do you go to a club or are a member of a team or group and would like to share your talent or interest?
- ▶ Have you got some thing to share that you are proud of?



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If the answer is 'YES!', pop your idea/a brief description of your story/article on a piece of paper and hand it to either Ruby Scott - Year 6, or Miss Gooch. We would love to hear from you!



Thank you for supporting our very first issue of the DBA news!

Let's make this newspaper a community effort!



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