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DBA News



**Dashwood
Banbury
Academy**



All the Dashwood
news from us, the
pupils!



What's been happening at Dashwood this term?



Challenge: See if you can find the snowman hidden on one of the pages!

Odd Sock Day - 14th November 2022



In recognition of Odd Socks Day (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 with a range of white socks and fabric marker pens to get creative and celebrate each other's unique qualities. Having recently formed our new anti-bullying team, the school jumped at the chance to add the activity into the children's agenda for the week and the pupils enjoyed designing their very own pair of socks.



In addition to the design activity, David Wilson Homes has donated £100 worth of anti-bullying themed books to create a nurturing space in our library. "The anti-bullying themed books, generously donated by David Wilson Homes, will go into our quiet and reflective reading space under our Dashwood tree (created by all pupils in the school) in The Grove." said Miss Gooch. The aim of Anti-Bullying Week is to create safe environments for children to learn, play and flourish without judgement or scrutiny. The Anti-Bullying Alliance recognises that a small conversation can make a big difference. The organisation has reached millions of people across England and has begun to improve attitudes and behaviours towards mental health problems.



Pupils Leadership: Anti-Bullying Ambassador Action Group

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

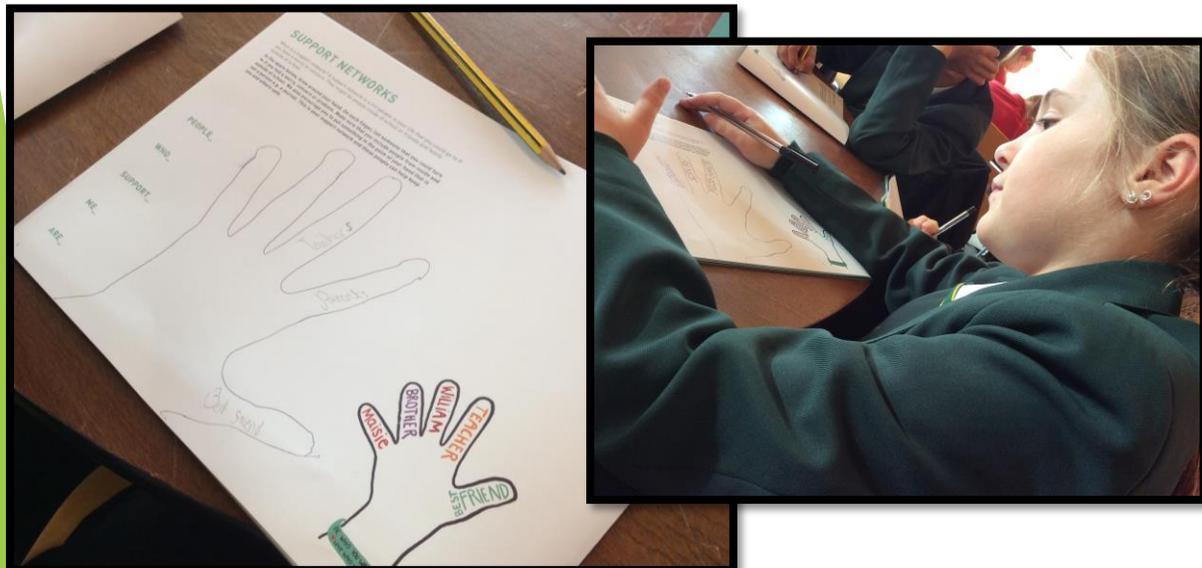
The Diana Award empower young people to make that positive change and do this by:

UNLOCKING POTENTIAL

With support, guidance and opportunities every young person can reach their full potential, ensuring no young person is left out or left behind.



Our Dashwood Anti-bullying Ambassadors lead by Aleah and Olivia (Year 6): Riley and Danyial (Year 4); Pola, Rosie, Grace and Toby (Year 5); Abdullah and Elisabeth (Year 6)



CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

Young people deserve a seat at the table to shape decisions about our shared future. Their voice enriches decision-making and inspires us all to do more and do better.



INSPIRING ACTION

With the right support and advocacy, young people have the passion, energy and insight to lead the change they want to see, for themselves, their communities and the world around them.

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.

Aleah-Marie (Year 6) - Head of the Anti-bullying Ambassadors - reflected on the training day:

‘The day that we went to the Warwick School was the day I knew that I was a true Anti-bullying Ambassador. It was an amazing experience. We learnt so much about the ways that we can support pupils in our school and what campaigns we can lead that will make a difference.

Pola and Toby (Year 5) described helping to stop bullying by using trusted adults to help support pupils.

‘From the training that we received in Warwick, we did an assembly about the golden rules of being an Anti-bullying Ambassador. We shared the three types of bullying: V.I.P - Verbal, Indirect and Physical’.

(Olivia - Year 6)

Our Anti-Bullying Policy

Written by the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors to support all the pupils at Dashwood



Dashwood Banbury Academy child friendly anti-bullying policy – written by our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors for our pupils



We, Dashwood Banbury Academy's Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, believe that everyone has the right to be themselves.

Our school is a caring environment where everyone can feel safe, be happy and learn.

Everyone at our school is included and acts with respect and kindness towards each other. We recognise that everyone is different and that we are all unique. We celebrate our differences and similarities.



Our school takes bullying very seriously.

What is bullying?

Bullying is when a person is hurtful or unkind to someone else on purpose and more than once. Bullying can be carried out by one person or more than one person or even by a group of people.

A useful way to remember what bullying is:

Several Times On Purpose (and it is hurtful)

Bullying can be:

- Hitting or saying that you are going to hit someone
- Touching someone when they do not want you to
- Calling someone names, teasing, using rude language or saying nasty, hurtful things to them to upset them, or about someone to other people
- Stealing or damaging someone else's belongings
- Ignoring someone on purpose or leaving them out

- Sending hurtful or unkind texts, emails or online messages to someone or about someone

The Anti-bullying Ambassadors recognise that bullying can be... **V.I.P**

Verbal – using spoken words that are unkind or hurtful

Indirect – hurtful comments made to someone about someone else or made online including cyber-bullying

Physical – hurting someone on purpose

Bullying can be about:

- Race or ethnicity (racist bullying)
- Religion or belief
- Family or culture
- Sexist bullying
- Homophobic or bi-phobic bullying
- Transphobic bullying
- Special Educational Needs or disability bullying
- What someone looks like
- Where someone lives or who they live with

Why does bullying happen?

Although bullying doesn't happen very much at Dashwood Banbury Academy, it **might** happen. Pupils who bully can be older, younger, bigger or smaller than you. Pupils who bully pick on people who may be different in some way and try to make them feel worse about themselves.

People who may present bullying behaviours may also need support. It is important to identify and deal with the bullying behaviour.

If you are being bullied remember that it is never your fault.

Where does bullying happen?

Bullying can happen at school, outside of school or online.

What should I do if I think someone is being bullied?

- In our school, we all take responsibility in keeping each other safe which fits in with our three school rules: **Ready, Respectful, Safe**
- It is never OK to see someone being bullied and do nothing (being a **bystander**)
- You can tell people to stop (become an **up-stander**) or you can tell an adult about what has happened.

- If you think someone is being bullied then talk to the person, ask if they're okay and ask if you can help them talk to a teacher or an adult they trust.

What should I do if I'm being bullied?

If you are being bullied it is important to tell someone you trust.

- Tell an adult or friend, either at school or at home.
- If you have already told an adult about bullying you can still tell them again.

You can:

- Tell a teacher – your class teacher or any other teacher
- Tell a friend you trust
- Tell any other adult staff in school – such as Teaching Assistants, midday supervisors or the school office
- Tell an adult at home
- You can also write a note about the bullying and put it in your class worry box or give it to your class teacher
- You can also call **ChildLine** at any time for free on **0800 1111**. They will not tell anyone about what you have said.

If you tell a teacher or adult at school, they will be able to help you. They will tell the Principal or Senior Leaders of our school and your parent or carer so that they can all help you together.

Telling an adult will never make bullying worse. They will talk to you and the people displaying bullying behaviours to find ways to stop it and keep you safe.

Aleah, an Anti-Bullying Ambassador Lead, designed our very own Dashwood Banbury Academy logo to support our Anti-bullying campaigns!



Our Dashwood Banbury Academy Anti-Bullying Logo designed by our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Forging Friendships and growing in confidence - Year 6 Residential to Rock UK

Just before the October half-term, Year 6 had an amazing time on their residential at the Frontier Centre at Rock UK. The Frontier Centre is set in Northamptonshire in the heart of England and surrounded by beautiful countryside. The centre has 122 acres of young-woodland, a river and lake for water sports and open grounds with stunning views across Stanwick Lakes nature reserve along the picturesque Nene Valley.

The residential was packed full of exciting, adventurous activities that we all enjoyed so much! They definitely helped us to step out of comfort zone but we all felt so proud of ourselves and definitely grew in confidence. We learned how to work as a team and support one another; we definitely came back with stronger friendships forged.

Zuzanna described her experiences: Rock UK was the best experience of my life! I could hang out with my friends and the zip line was the best! I loved the canoeing and 'Walk the Plank' which was so funny! We also got to watch an amazing film on the second day in the big cinema room with the comfy beanbags! I had such a great time!

Aleah-Marie reported: 'Rock UK was an amazing place and the visit was well-worth it. Year 5 will have a blast when they go next year!'

Ruby described her favourite memories: 'I loved raft-building and canoeing - I really enjoyed jumping into the water! The paddling in the canoe was also great fun!'

Olivia reported: 'I loved all of it but the thing that stood out most to me was the raft building because we got to work as a team and I learned a new skill of knot tying'.

'I overcame my fear of heights on the zipline because of the supportive instructors. They were so kind and even though it was my first time going there, it felt like they had known me for years. It is a memory that I will never forget' (**Daniel**)



Remembrance

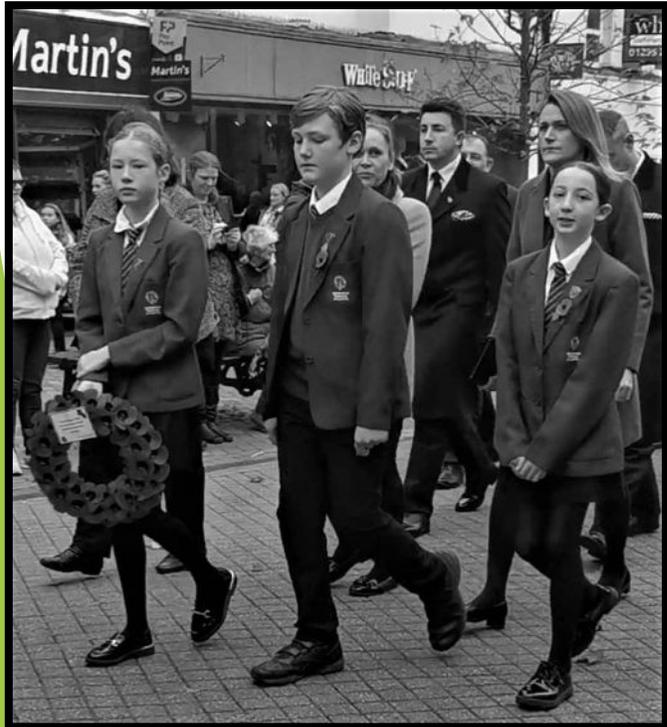
As we do every year, our Head Pupils represented Dashwood at the Remembrance service at St Mary's Church and laid a wreath by the memorial in People's Park. It was lovely to see some familiar faces there from the cubs and scouts as well as so many members of our community.

Martyna: 'I went through lots of crowds and we went to the church to sing songs and lay our Dashwood wreath at People's Park'.

Daniel: 'I enjoyed representing Dashwood for Remembrance and I felt proud. I enjoyed the singing'.

Ruby: 'We paraded with lots of important people and the singing was really good'.

Martyna, Ruby and Daniel



Attendance Matters!

We loved having a visit from the *Attendance Clock* in the first and last week of this term! The Clock brought a smile to so many faces! It was great to see so many children with all the stickers from the week because they were arriving at school on time and ready to learn!

The *Attendance Clock* will be visiting Dashwood again soon - can you collect a week's worth of attendance stickers and get a high-five?

Remember, if you attend school above 97%, which is **less than** 6 days absence a year, you will have *excellent* attendance! Pupils who have excellent attendance almost certainly make the best progress in their learning which leads to better prospects for the future. So get into the habit of attending school regularly and be on time!



Pupil Leadership: Junior Leader training

Reported by: Amber

Our Year 5 Junior Leaders are up and running and leading activities with our younger Key Stage 1 pupils at lunchtimes. Having received training delivered by Ms Smith-Childs from Wykham Park Academy, pupils have learned how to lead a variety of activities that will enthuse and engage our younger pupils.

Elena: 'I like helping others and bringing a smile to younger pupils' faces. We also help them to be safe for instance being careful when running about'.

Mabon: 'I love being active with the younger children!'

Sabrina: 'It makes the younger children happy to play games and stay motivated. They are active and stay healthy'.

Rameen: 'It is great to be a Junior Leader because we can help make lunchtimes more fun and then pupils don't get bored. It also helps them to make friends and play games with each other'.

David: 'It is great to see the pupils happy when we play with them. We want to help keep all pupils active so we play different games. I like making games!'

Pola: 'It is fun and we like making the children happy!'



Pupil Leadership: Eco-Warriors and Gardening Club

Have you seen our Forest School area recently?

Some of our Eco-Warriors and after school gardening club pupils have been very busy re-developing the area. So, what have we been up to?



Rebuilt the bug house to give some of our insect friends a place to hide



Planted green beans and made a cane wigwam to help grow them up

'If we all do our little bit to help, we can change a lot' (Eric - Year 5)



Got a compost bin up and running so that we can produce our own compost!

We prepared a patch ready to grow strawberries in the spring



Preparing a patch and sowing wildflower seeds...hopefully we will see these grow next year



Planting flowers to brighten up our beds - thank you to June who kindly donated these!



What Happens To Our Food Waste?

Do you have food waste? Everybody does! However, do you know what to do with it?

If food waste is added to your normal, non-recyclable rubbish, it becomes landfill where it is buried under layers of waste. Without access to light or oxygen it cannot decompose properly and becomes methane gas which is a potent greenhouse gas, contributing to climate change.

There are solutions though! Those of you with a compost bin can deposit most food waste in it or otherwise put into a silver food waste caddy provided by the council.



Unfortunately, few households make use of their silver caddies. On the next bin day, on the way to school, why not see how many of them you can spot!

The silver caddies are collected by bin lorries and sent to local recycling plants where it is dumped into a huge pot and mixed to form a thick paste. Next, it is pasteurised to kill off any bad bacteria. Finally, all the water is removed from the paste and the results are sold as a fertilizer called digestate, for farms to use! Try this link to find out more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nx2NFf1lvt8#Recycle%20Week>



Ian Upstone, Waste Resource and Transport Manager at the Environmental services, Cherwell District Council, said this *"The silver food waste caddy collection started in March 2022 and so far we have recycled 3,954 tonnes of food waste across the Cherwell District. It's difficult to know how much of this is just from Banbury but from Banbury and the surrounding villages we have recycled nearly 2,000 tonnes, which is approximately 15 tonnes per day!"*

Next month, some of the Eco Warriors will have the chance to visit the waste recycling unit in Grimsbury – find an update in our next issue.

OUR PLANET MATTERS!

***IF YOU WANT TO HELP OUT, START RECYCLING YOUR FOOD WASTE.
VISIT THE CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL WEBSITE FOR MORE
INFORMATION!***

Report by Noah
(Year 5)

Some very exciting news....

Waitrose, Banbury, have kindly donated £500 to the Eco Warriors and Forest School gardening club to regenerate the areas further!

We were so delighted to receive this kind donation, from Emma, on behalf of Waitrose, and know that it will help us greatly to do all the wonderful things that the Eco-Warriors and our Forest School/Gardening Club have planned!

If you have ideas of ways in which we can use this money to make our gardening and forest school area look great, let the Eco-Warriors know! Noah in Year 5 is the lead and is always delighted to chat through any ideas with you!



Keter-tastic!

We are so delighted to have received so many amazing gardening products from **Keter** to help get our Dashwood garden up and running!

We were overwhelmed by their very generous donation to help support our gardening club and Forest School.

Keter are inventors, creators, and problem-solvers who are passionate about designing products that make everyday spaces more liveable. They have kindly donated greenhouses, planters and seed growing boxes to really get our gardening going!

We aim to deliver the seed growing boxes to classrooms where you, our pupils, will be encouraged to plant seeds and care for the young shoots before they are planted outside in our gardening area or in one of our new planters. We may even make this an inter-class competition to see who can look after their plants the best! Watch this space!

<https://www.keter.com/en-gb/>

Seed-tastic!

We would like to thank Craig and all at **Barn Farm Plants Garden Centre, Upper Wardington, Banbury** for their very kind donation of different seed packets and a water spray dispenser to help take care of our growing plants! Many thanks!

<https://www.barnfarmplants.co.uk/garden-centre/>



Getting in the festive spirit!

Christmas window decorating

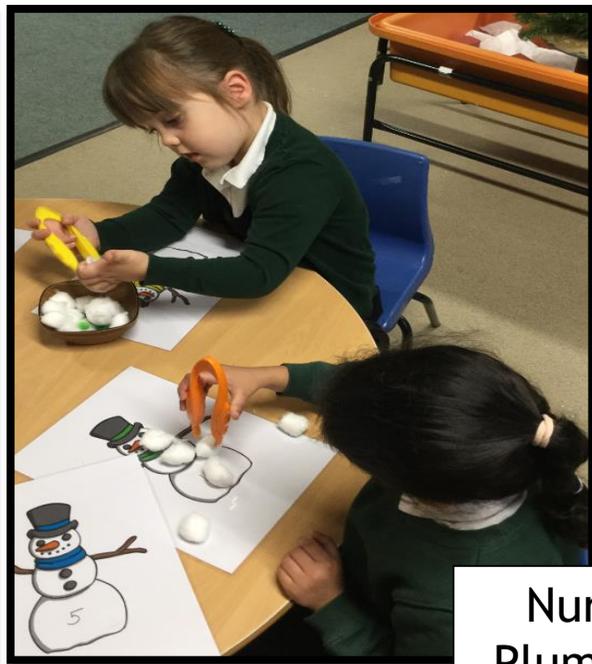


Nursery
Cherry Class



All the pupils at Dashwood have been getting into the festive spirit decorating their classroom windows and making Christmas crafts. It has been such a joy to see all the creativity which has brought a smile to all of our faces! Karen and Lyn, our lovely canteen ladies, judged the windows and decided on the following winners:

- Early Years - Peach and Pear Classes - Reception
- KS1 - Hazel Class - Year 1
- KS2 - Sycamore and Beech - Year 5



Nursery Plum Class

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Reception Peach and Pear Class



Year 1 Hazel



Year 1 Holly



Year 2 Maple



Year 2 Redwood



Year 3 Ash and Silver Birch



Christmas window decorating

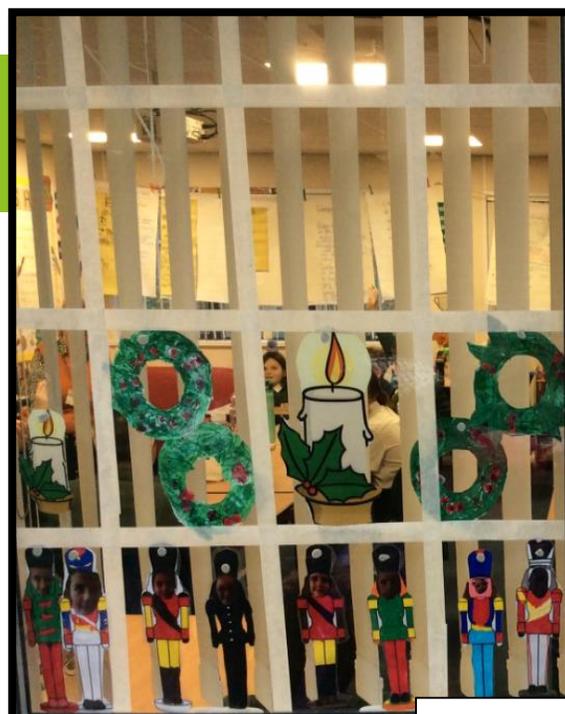


Year 6 Oak and Chestnut



Year 4 Aspen and Rowan





Year 5 Sycamore



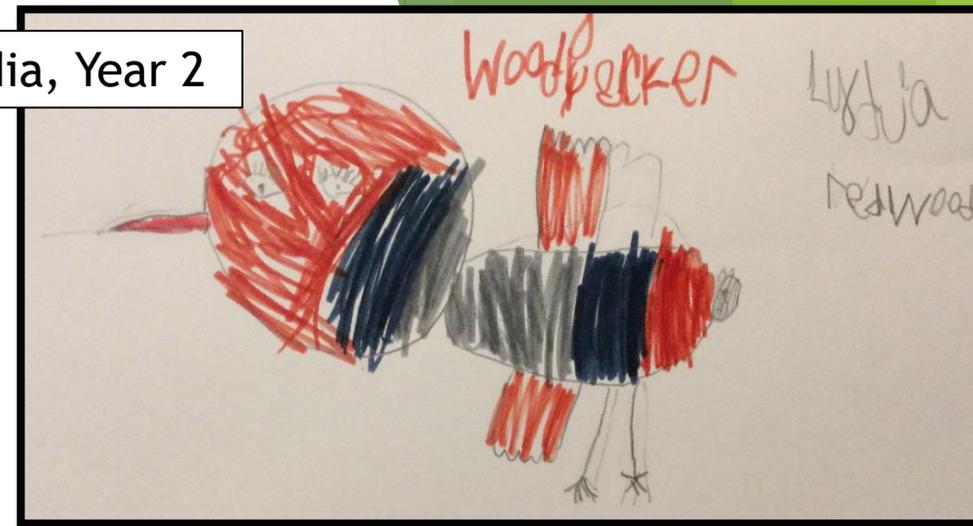
Year 5 Beech



Issue 1 - competition entries!

In the first issue of DBA news, we ran a wildlife photography and drawing competition! To enter, you could take a photograph or draw a picture of any aspect of wildlife: birds, animals, insects, a habitat or environment. Thank you to all those who entered; we had so many super entries! We are delighted to share them with you. The *Eco-Warriors and Gardening Club* pupils voted for their favourite!

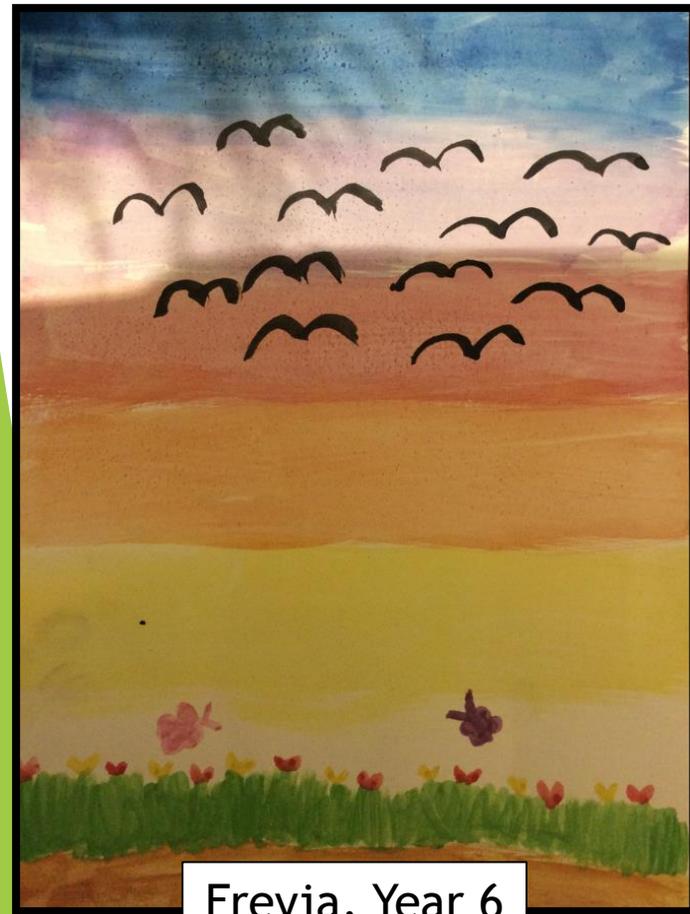
Lydia, Year 2



Rameen, Year 5



Freyja, Year 6



Marley J, Year 6



Khadija and Emily, Year 6



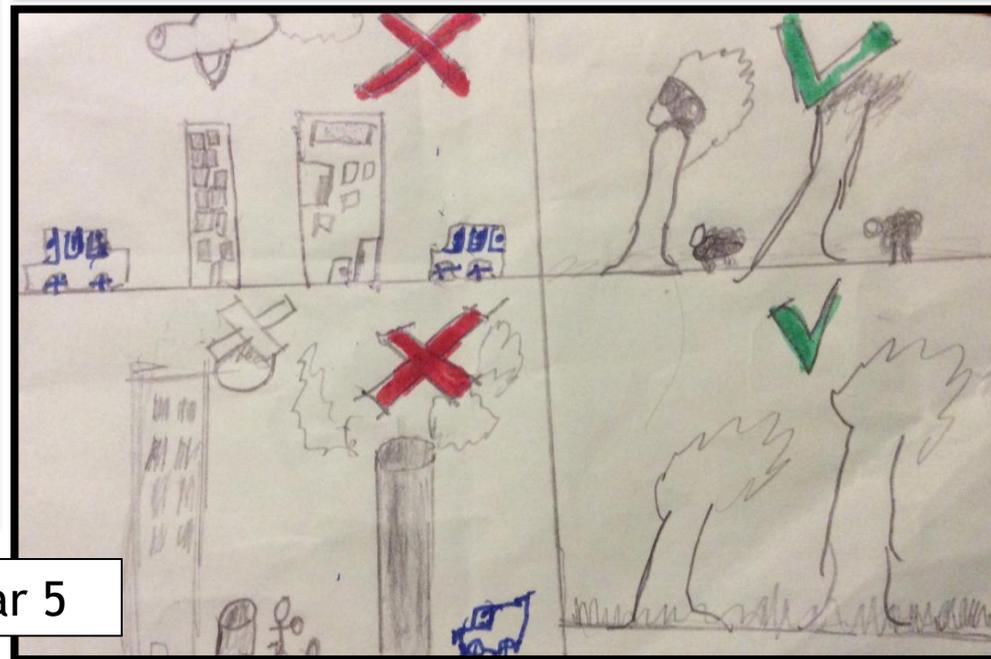
Mia, Year 4



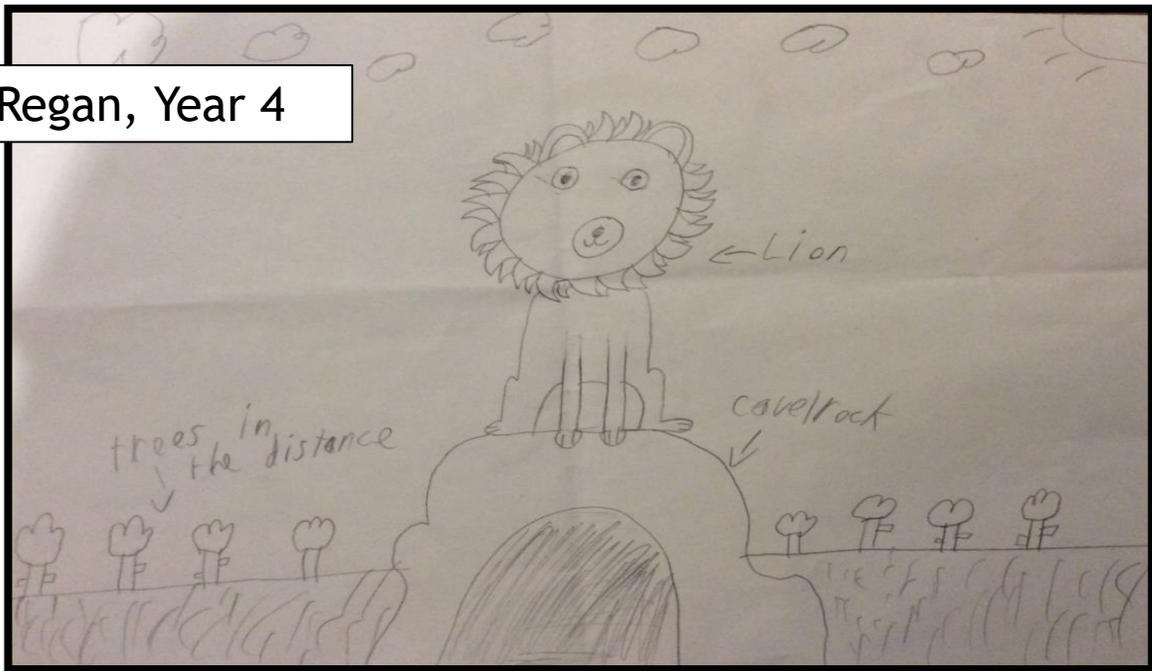
Elisabeth, Year 5



Kleitton, Year 5



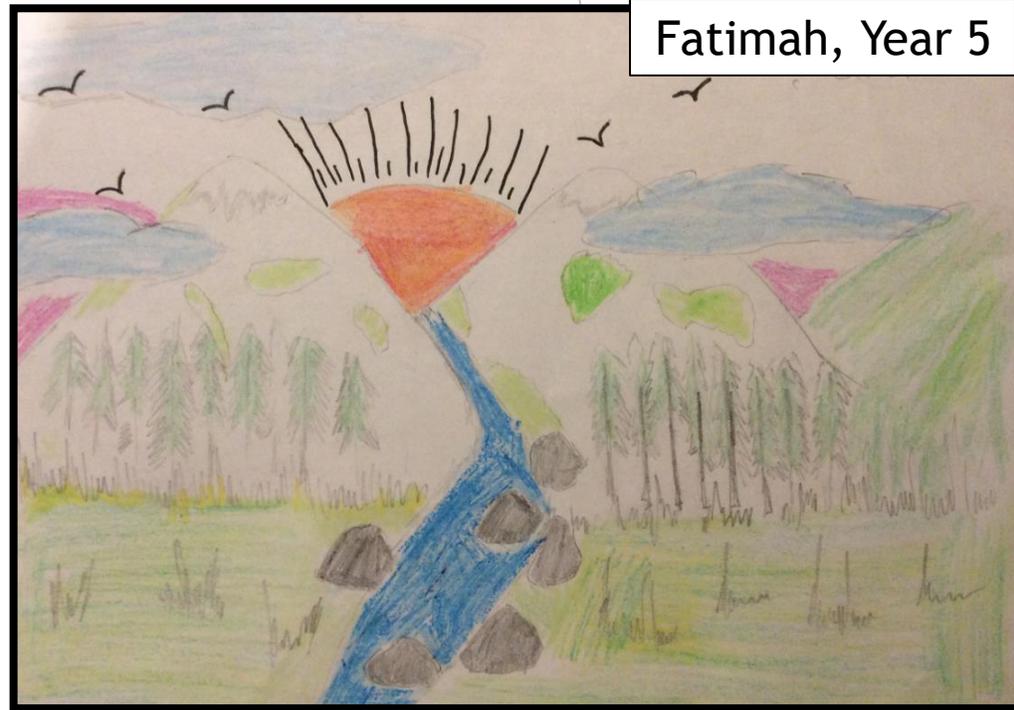
Regan, Year 4



Freya and Holly, Year 3



Fatimah, Year 5



Lucy, Year 4

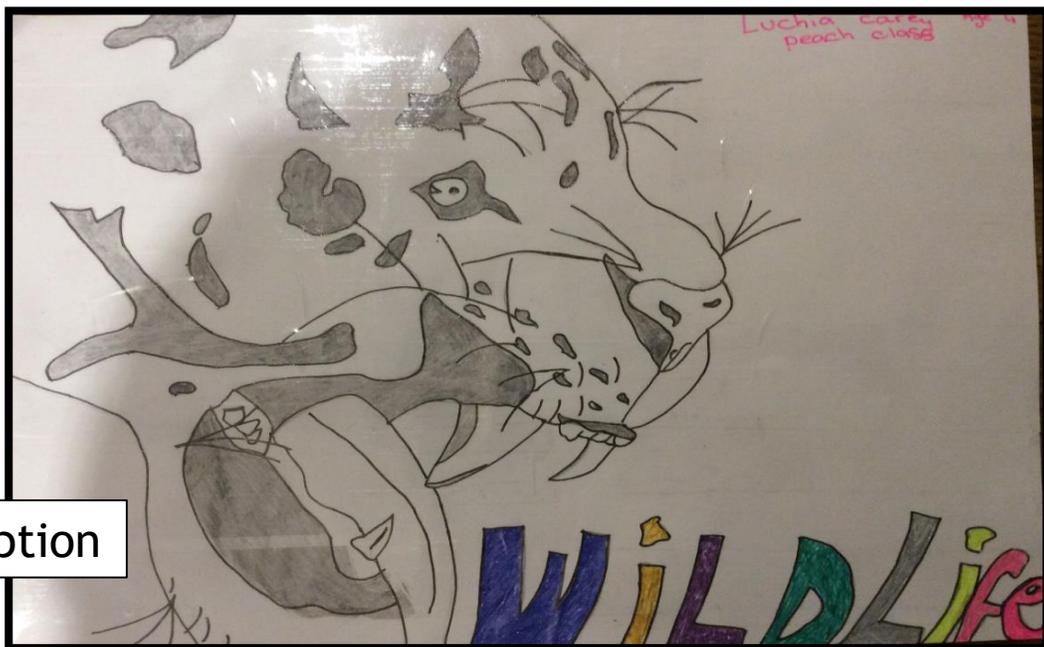




Emily, Year 5



Jonah, Reception



Luchia, Reception



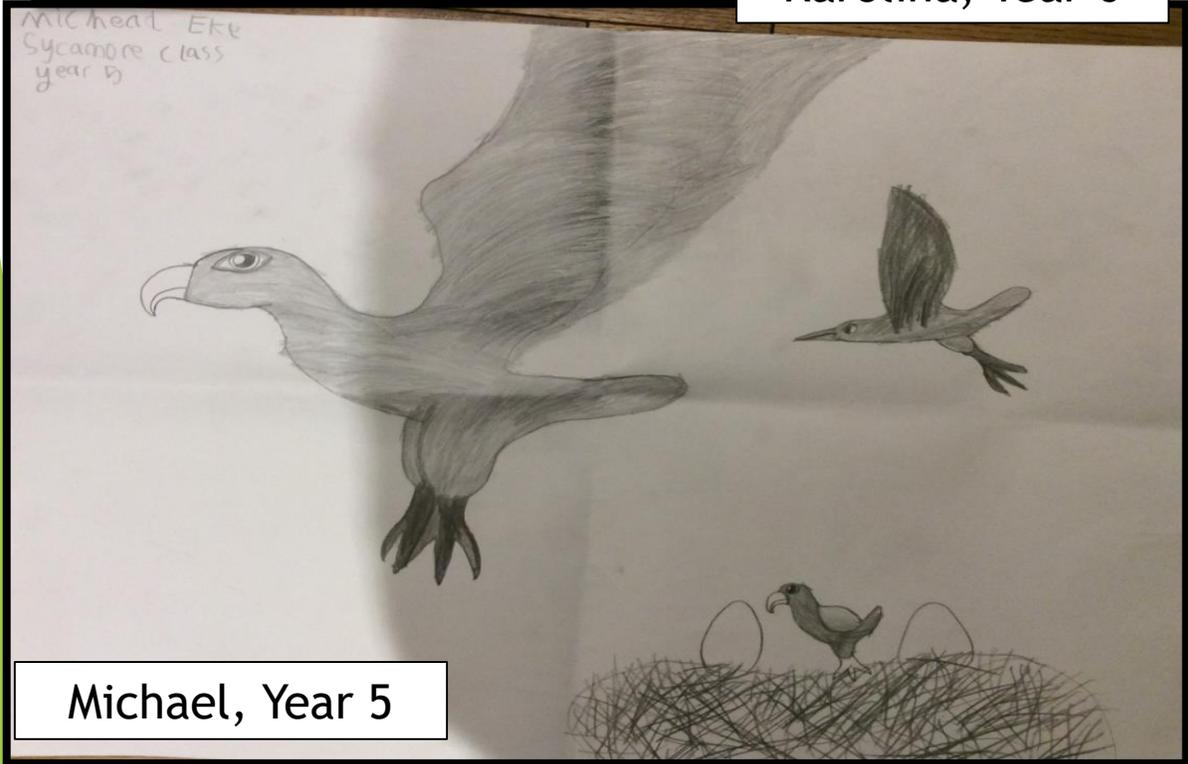
Nevaeh, Year 5



Karolina, Year 6



Milena, Year 6



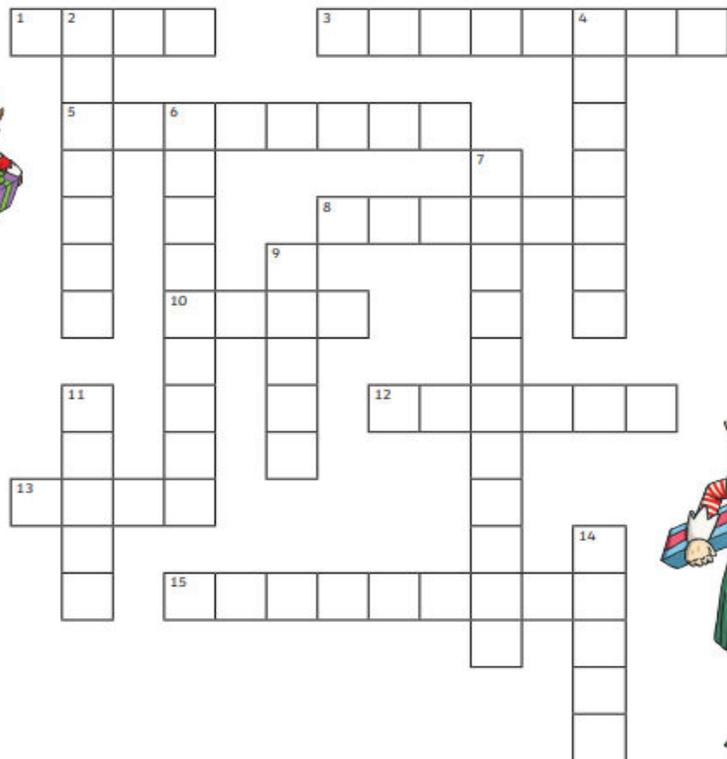
Michael, Year 5

And the winners are...
Early Years - Jonah
KS1 - Lydia
KS2 - Elisabeth, Milena



Festive Fun!

Christmas Elf Crossword



Across

1. Elves love listening to ____ music!
3. The elves wrap these in Santa's workshop.
5. The elves' busiest month of the year.
8. The elves help to pack which of Santa's vehicles.
10. An elf's favourite type of weather.
12. An adjective to describe an elf's hat.
13. Elves are good listeners because of the size of their big ____.
15. An adjective to describe an elf's size.

Down

2. The elves' favourite reindeer.
4. The elves have a _____ or nice list.
6. The elves' favourite religious festival.
7. An adjective to describe an elf's personality.
9. Santa's elves live in the _____ Pole.
11. Many male elves have which hairy facial feature?
14. Elves have these on the end of their toes.

Christmas fun

Match the words to the correct pictures to complete the Crossword. Then find a secret message.

- bells
- candle
- candy cane
- card
- chimney
- Christmas tree
- elf
- gingerbread
- holly
- letter
- lights
- ornaments
- presents
- reindeer
- Santa Claus
- sleigh
- snowman
- stocking
- wreath

The secret message is _____

Carols	Green	Red	Santa	Tree
Elves	Nativity	Reindeer	Snow	Wreath
Frosty	Presents	Rudolph	Stocking	



R	U	D	O	L	P	H	T	P	Q	B
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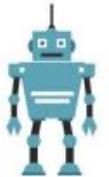


Can you think of any other festive words?
Write them here!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wordsearch

Search for the words going up, down, left and right.



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YULETIDE
GREETINGS
CAROLING
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WREATH
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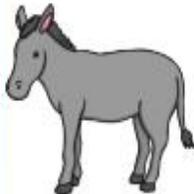


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Use the code below to find the answers to the Christmas jokes!



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k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t
									

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1. What happens if you eat Christmas decorations?



2. What do you call Santa when he stops moving?



3. What does an elf study in school?



4. What is every parent's favourite Christmas carol?



5. What kind of music do elves like?



6. What do you get when you cross an iPhone with a Christmas tree?

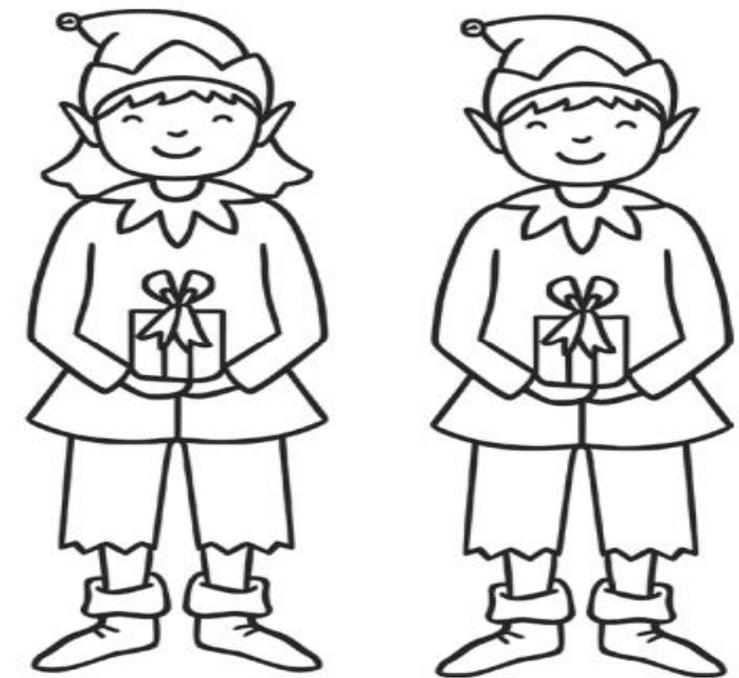
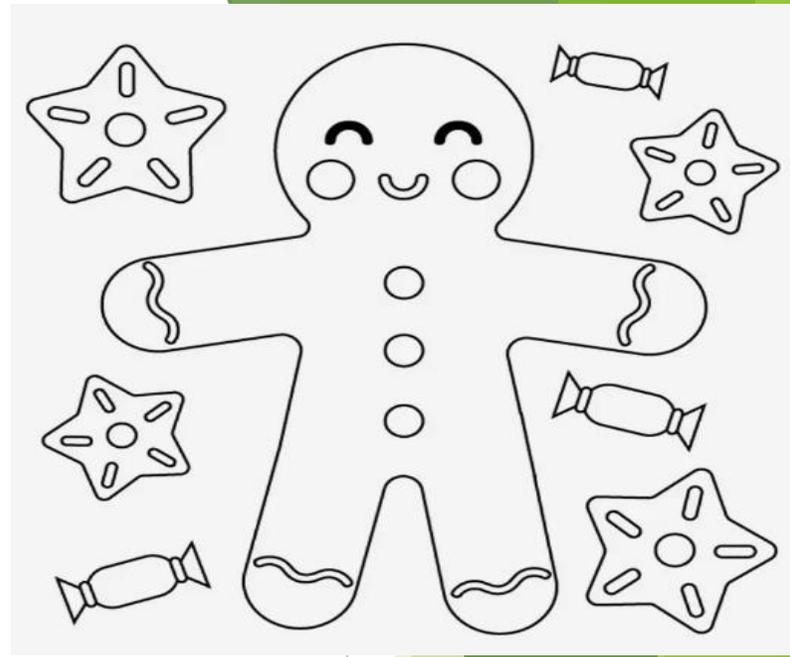


7. How do reindeers know when it's Christmas?





HAPPY
Holidays



Festive Colouring

Our Dashwood Aspiration Council

Our Aspiration Council have been voted in! There are two councillors from each class so we have another great pupil voice body at Dashwood.

Our representatives are:

Year 1	Rahma and Dylan (Holly Class) Charlie and Soren (Hazel Class)
Year 2	Rafe and Rebecca (Maple Class) Nadiya and Orlando (Redwood Class)
Year 3	Elijah and Ella (Silver Birch) Charlie and Amber (Ash)
Year 4	Philip and Carmen (Aspen) Jessica and Nathan (Rowan)
Year 5	Saif and Lacey (Beech) Grace and Kelsey (Sycamore)
Year 6	Radu and Nancy (Oak) Simao and Emily (Chestnut)

On Wednesday 16th November, our KS2 Aspiration councillors were invited to Futures Institute. This was a fantastic opportunity to develop a consistent approach to student voice across the Aspirations Academy Trust and to demonstrate how important pupil voice is.

Nancy attended and told us about her day 'We were asked to stand up and present on something that we were excited to share about our school.'

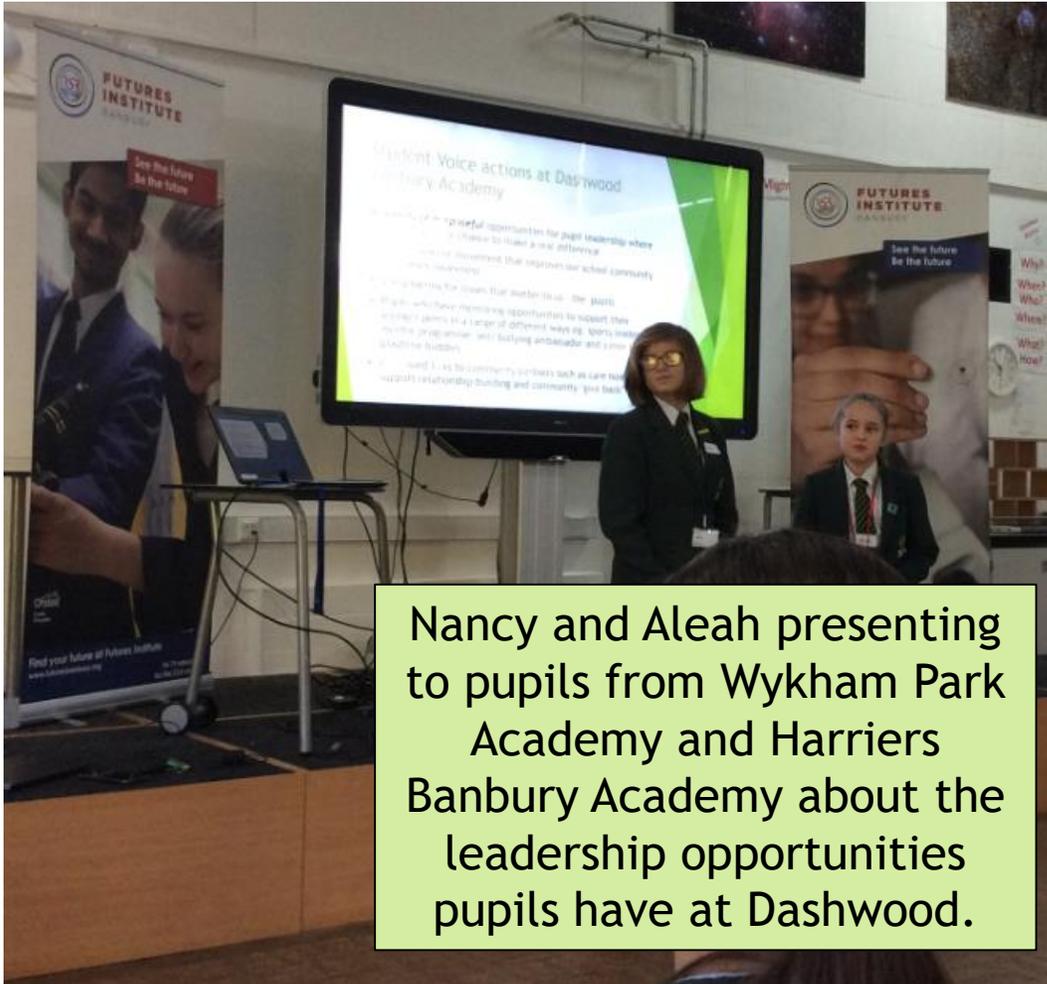
Aleah and Nancy did a great job sharing all the great pupil leadership opportunities that we have at Dashwood and what pupils are working towards at present.

We completed tasks about the Aspirations Academy Trusts '8 conditions for Learning' and what it means to us to be a pupil at Dashwood and in the Trust.

As an Aspirations Council, our key priorities are:

- To plan more inter-house Aspiration Family competitions
- To create further links with our local care homes - The Ridings and Bromford Park Gardens - to brighten the lives of elderly people in our community and give something back
- To work with the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors to create a space in The Grove to support pupils' wellbeing

“Aspirations is the ability to dream and set goals for the future while being inspired in the present to reach those dreams”



Nancy and Aleah presenting to pupils from Wykham Park Academy and Harriers Banbury Academy about the leadership opportunities pupils have at Dashwood.

Networking with other Aspiration Councillors from across our Trust of schools to generate ideas for exciting campaigns and events with opportunities to share our pupil voice



A big thank you to all of our Aspiration Councillors and other pupils for all of their efforts in making Christmas cards for the care homes...



...and a special mention to Carmen (Year 4) who created these beautiful cards in her own time! It is wonderful to see how our pupils are giving back to the community and thinking of others.



Black Country Museum



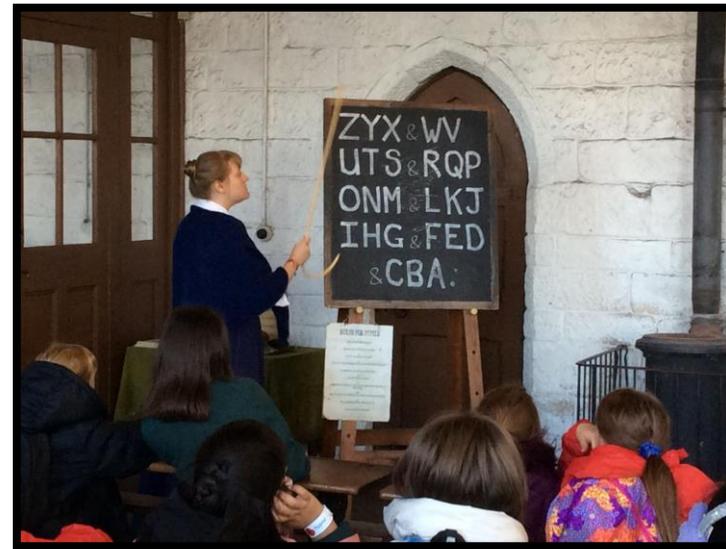
Linked to their Victorian history topic, Year 5 visited the Black Country Museum in Birmingham where you can see history brought to life and meet historic characters!

When we arrived at the Black Country Museum, we were immediately transported into the 1900's. We entered a Victorian Shop and were amazed at the amazing items on sale - they even had Cadbury's Chocolate back then!

It was also really cool to meet the Victorian characters and we went to 'Harry's House' - a Victorian character. We met his family and even saw the belt that was used to punish him if he was naughty (I'm glad I don't live in the 1900's!).

Last but not least, we actually got to feel what it was like to be a Victorian child in a Victorian school. We went to class and learned how to behave as was expected in those times! Thankfully no one got punished!

We had a great time at the Black Country Museum, we hope that you will enjoy it too when you are a Year 5 pupil!



Report by:
Amber (Year 5)

Sporting News

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

Year 5 and 6 pupils continue to make huge successes in the pool with many more achieving their 5, 10 and 25 metres and beyond! Well done!

Football



A team of our Year 5 and 6 pupils attended a 5-a-side football tournament at Wykham Park Academy and did an amazing job representing the school. The boys team showed respect and positivity towards each other and their competitors and did not lose a single match on their way to winning the competition! The girls team made lots of progress and worked really well as a team to score lots of goals, finishing third in their competition. Well done to both teams!



Greatworth Hall Farm

Year 5 had an amazing visit to Greatworth Hall Farm. It was a day full of different experience and activities. When we arrived, there were lots of buckets of seeds which we had to guess what they were. We each got a piece of newspaper and made it into a pot, filled it with compost and planted the seed.

The most exciting part of the day was that we got to sit in the driver's seat of a tractor! They are so big and have lots of mechanisms attached.

In the afternoon, we went to the farm kitchen to do some Victorian themed baking. We made home made pastry and used this to make vegetable tarts. *They tasted top-notch!* There was a competition for schools whilst we were there - we had to draw the tractor and put our name in a hat. We hope some of our pupils get selected!

Michael (Year 5) agreed that the baking activity was great fun and he loved making the tarts.

A great day was had by all!



Report by:
Amber (Year 5)



Winter Ball

The PTFA Winter Ball was a huge success! There was a DJ, a bubble machine, refreshments and lots of different party games with prizes. The DJ chose songs that everyone loves and could groove to. Even the attendance clock couldn't resist coming in for a boogie!

We all had a great time!

A big thank you to the PTFA and the staff who made it such a special event for us all!



Christmas Fayre

Organised by the PTFA, the Christmas Fayre was a lovely event as always with lots of families coming to join the fun.

We had a hoopla, Hook-a-duck, Splat the Snowman, a tombola, Stockings-on-the-Wall, a raffle, guess how many sweets in the jar and guess the date of teddies birthday to name but a few stalls!

It was lovely to see so many happy faces enjoying the event. A big thank you goes to our wonderful PTFA who work so hard to bring these events together and to our staff for all of their support at the event!

Harmony (Year 6) visited the fayre, 'I loved the Tombola because I won lots of good prizes! It was busy with lots of families and everyone was smiling and having fun!'



Dancing Feet!

Report by Ruby (Year 6)

Soren and I both attend STDA (Susan Taylor's Dancing Academy). It is a dance school in Banbury located near to Iceland.

I go there to classes twice a week and I learn three different dance types: ballet, tap and modern.

We practised for eight weeks for the dance show which took a lot of resilience, because it can get quite tiring, but it is well-worth it and the teachers are really nice.

In October half-term, we performed the show three times to family members, friends and members of the public. I felt so proud to perform in the show and I could not stop smiling. Soren said, 'I have lots of friends there and the teachers are very kind. I loved my costume which had lots of flowers! I like doing ballet and I got lots of smiles when I did the dance show'.

- ▶ To find out more about STDA - 36 Calthorpe St, Banbury OX16 5EX
Phone: 01295 250598



Growing in Confidence – Olivia (Year 6) tells us why marshall arts are so important to her



I attend *Freestyle Martial Arts* classes which take place at Banbury and Bicester College. I really like that it teaches me how to defend myself and has helped to build my confidence. Now I am not scared of going out and I feel really self-assured. As a female, I am so confident in going to martial arts which I am proud of!

I got into Martial Arts by signing up on the Freestyle Martial Arts website. I wore leggings and t-shirt for the first session but now I have a kit. You start on white belt and can work all the way to black belt and beyond.

I have met new friends and really love working with and meeting new people. This has really helped me not to feel so shy.

I would definitely recommend Freestyle Martial Arts because you will definitely gain confidence, feel less shy and Mr Warren (teacher) will definitely support you!

Martial Arts Banbury at Banbury College every Monday, Tuesday, and Friday 6.00 pm. Banbury Freestyle Martial Arts is suitable for all ages and abilities, from 6 to 65.

For me information: <https://www.freestylemartialarts.com/banbury>

Etta performs in a very special dance show



Over the October half-term holiday, Etta, Year 2, and her sister Iris (a former Dashwood pupil), went to Disneyland Paris and performed with 30 other students onstage at the Videotropolis in the main park in front of many Disney park guests. They did an amazing job performing to songs such as 'It's raining men' and 'The Locomotion'. They performed with The Danielle Buick Academy of Theatre Arts.



For more information about this exciting theatre company contact: DBATA STUDIOS
Unit 7 Canada Close Banbury OX16 2RT ,
Banbury, United Kingdom



Etta performing



Etta's sister, Iris,
performing



DBA News needs you!



- ▶ Have you got a news story for us?
- ▶ Do you want to write an article to share with us all?
- ▶ Any photos of family or religious celebrations? We would love to see and share them!
- ▶ Is there something we could share that is happening in our local community?
- ▶ Would you like to report on a recent class trip?
- ▶ 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?
- ▶ Have you got some thing to share that you are proud of?

If the answer is 'YES!', pop your idea, your story/article on a piece of paper and hand it to either Ruby Scott - Year 6 - or Miss Gooch, or email it to the school office for the attention of Miss Gooch office@dashwood-aspirations.org

We would love to hear from you!

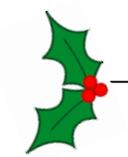


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Wishing all of our pupils,
staff and families a very
happy and restful
festive break!



Festive jokes

What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?

Claus-trophobia!

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?

Tinselitis

What do you call an elf wearing ear-muffs?

Anything you like - he can't hear you!