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DBA News



All the Dashwood news from us - the pupils!



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Sunflower growing plans



Find out who won the origami competition!

What's been happening at Dashwood in Term 4?

Find out about the exciting performance sport - Cheer!



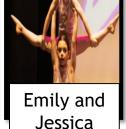
Find out about the passions and hobbies of some of our pupils!

Rosie











Find out what each of the year groups have been up to in Term 4



In this issue can you spot these four Easterthemed items hidden in the pages?



Tulisa, Arthur and Jensen

An update from our Aspiration Councillors and their next campaign as Dashwood Change-Makers

Our Aspiration Councillors in Year 1 - Year 6, met with Andy David from our Aspirations Trust this term. We spent time looking at the results from our Year 3 - 6 Pupil Voice survey and were able to see comparisons from other primary schools across our Trust. We made some notes on the two statements from the survey that we have chosen to focus on and we celebrated areas where pupils had responded positively.

Our next steps are to share the two statements with our classes and we hope that this will lead into a discussion which can support our actions of how we can improve on them here at Dashwood and be change-makers for our school community.



Our Aspiration Councillors analysing the Pupil Voice survey and discussing their points of action

Eco-Warrior News

An article all about the benefits of cycling from Noah Perry

NOTHING COMPARES TO THE SIMPLE PLEASURE OF A BIKE RIDE!

Do you come to school in the car, get stuck in traffic and end up being late?

Why make your parents drive when you could be walking or cycling instead!

There are many benefits from cycling. For example, compare these three experiences – which do you prefer:

- 1. Pile into the car, sit in traffic, try to find a space, arrive at school.
- 2. Walk to bus stop, wait for bus, get on bus, travel all around the houses, arrive about a 6 minute walk away from school
- 3. Climb on your bike, dodge past traffic, lock up the bike, arrive at school

Short car journeys contribute massively to global pollution, and often involve a lot of staying still. Get on your bike - not only will you save money and time, you will also be saving the environment. If you do have to drive, park a few streets away and enjoy a nice walk as well.



You could ride with a group which might help make new friends and you will benefit from the exercise; you will arrive full of energy with the improved confidence that comes from achieving new things.

By using your car less, you can do your bit to help the environment. Short car trips are particularly bad for the environment because they burn fuel and create pollution at higher rates than long trips. Try to replace at least some of your journeys with walking, cycling or scooting. The earth will thank you.

LEAVE YOUR CAR AT HOME - OUR PLANET MATTERS!









Gardening - planting boxes and sunflowers



Next term, we will start growing our sunflower seeds in the classrooms.

Each class will grow their own seeds and when the seedlings are strong enough, we will plant them outside in our new planting boxes.

Classes will be encouraged to take care of their plants and Angie, from Keter (who kindly donated all the planting boxes), will judge which class grew the most successful sunflowers.

Year 3 have been learning all about plants this term, and what they need to survive, so you could ask the Ash and Silver Birch pupils for their advice!

We look forward to our gardening/Forest School club next term and hope to grow more exciting things in our new planting boxes and pots around the school!



Our new reading library

Have you seen our fantastic new library in The Grove? We have so many new books in this wonderful area under our whole-school tree. Here is what some of our pupils said they like about it:

Ignacy: 'I like it because it is not in a loud place. There are lots of great book for example if you like fantasy books, there is a whole section of these! My favourite book in there is Mega-Robo Bros!'





Dawid: 'There are lots of different and interesting books, comics, superhero stories. Our library is perfect; I wouldn't change anything!'

Sabrina: 'I like that all the books are interesting and I can learn from them. I enjoy that it is comfy and welcoming. It is relaxing and a great space to be in!'

Pola: 'There are a lot of new books that I enjoy reading and the area has nice decorations.'

Celebrating our new library







Pupil-led enterprise business raising money for reception resources

Year 5 pupils – Lacey, Sophia, Ella, Amber, Mia, Nikita, Toby and David, created loom band bracelets to sell to their peers to raise money for resources that they wanted to buy to support Reception pupils.

This amazing enterprise team raised £40.00 and researched and purchased the items Reception needed: playdough, rolling pins, modelling tools, sponges and cutting tools. We asked the team what inspired them to set up this venture:

Sofia: 'We wanted to raise money for Reception. It was very calming making the loom bands too. We held meetings to professionally organise our business.'

Ella: 'I love loom bands and wanted to learn how to make them. I have achieved this and even made money for Reception resources. I loved preparing the business organisation'

Lacey: 'I loved raising money. Making loom bands was great because I got to join up with my buddies!'

Mia: 'I loved making and selling loom bands to support our school. It is a great hobby to make loom bands. I enjoyed the experience.'

Nikita: 'Making and selling loom bands to support the school was fun. I like to make them because it is a great business environment.'

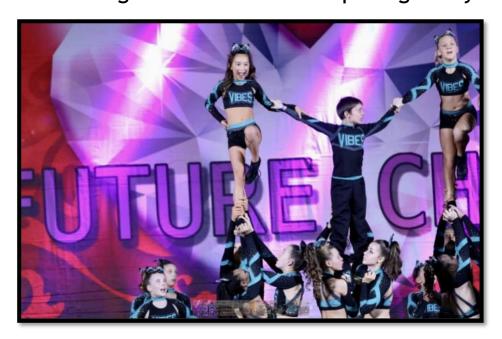
Amber: 'I love to join together to make a group and to raise money to support our Reception. Our group was great and so is the school and they deserve it!'



Tulisa, Arthur and Jensen tell us why they love Cheer so much...

In February, Tulisa and Arthur competed in the Future Cheer competition in Manchester. Their team came 4th out of six teams. Tulisa's team came 3rd out of ten teams. Jensen's team came 7th out of ten teams

featuring in a new team competing this year for 'Vibes Fitness and Cheer'.



Tulisa: It all started when I used to dance when I was four years old. In about 2019, my Mum saw that Vibes were doing trials and I went for it and got in! I like cheer because they support you for who you are and you are never lonely because you make so many friends. You get to travel the country and we have more trials in April 2023!







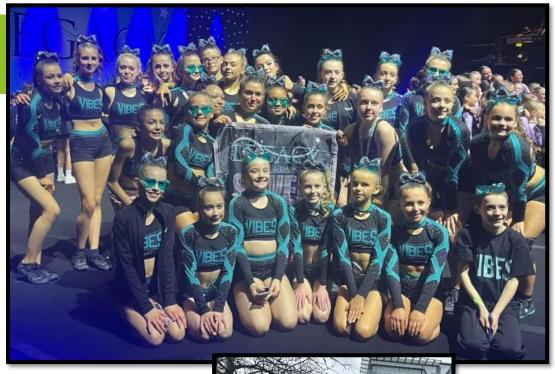








On Saturday 18th March 2023, Tulisa and Arthur's participated in another Cheer competition in Birmingham. Tulisa, as team captain, came 1st with her youth level 1 'Joyful' team and both Tulisa and Arthur came 2nd in their junior level 2 team 'Empowered'. A phenomenal achievement for both of our Year 6 pupils; it is clear to see how motivated and passionate they are about their Cheer!









If you're interested in getting into cheer you could contact: Vibes Fitness and Cheer, Tramway Road, Banbury, OX16 5TU or call: 07791 104255

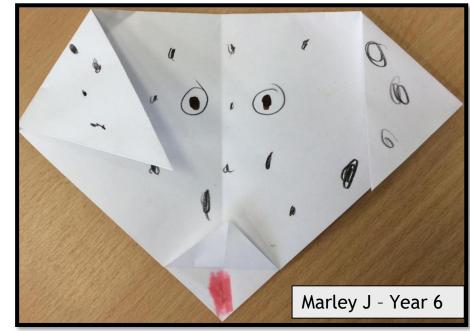
Origami Competition from DBA News Issue 3

Thank you to all those pupils who entered our DBA News Origami competition in the Term 3 issue! To celebrate all of the great entries, here are photos of what our pupils created!

The entries were judged by our Aspiration Councillors and Aspiration Family Leads and the winners are:

- Sofia Year 1
- Clodagh Year 3
- Carmen Year 4
- Noah Year 5

Well done to everyone who entered!









A poem by Ayda Mohammadzadeh Sadigh (Year 3)

Holidays, holidays aren't they the best? Sandcastles, ice cream and food is the best!

But it must come to an end, no more sun for a while now.

Holidays, holidays aren't they the best?



Thank you to Ayda for sharing this lovely piece of poetry with us all!

Have you got a poem, piece of artwork, story or anything else creative to share with us? Send it in to DBA News, we'd love to see and share it!



Noah (Year 5) is a member of 1st Grimsbury Cubs and tells us what exciting adventures and activities they experience there!



1st Grimsbury Cub Scouts

I am part of the 1st Grimsbury Cubs group, Banbury, and we do lots of activities. The cubs are part of the scouts organization which is made up of 4 levels: Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts and there are thousands of them worldwide, even in Africa! Beavers are for 6 - 8 year olds, Cubs 8 - 10 ½, Scouts for ages 10 ½ - 14 and Explorer Scouts are 14 - 18. Unless we are meeting outdoors, we go to the Scouts Hut on East Close. The cubs meet on Fridays from 19:00 to 20:30. The 1st Grimsbury group celebrated its 70th birthday in December 2022. We play lots of games and we take part in hikes and events and we even enjoy exciting adventures such as cycling and camping! We learn new things and, on

some activities, get a chance to earn badges. I like the games and activities because they are really fun.

If you are interested in joining, look for the 1st Grimsbury Scout Group online for more information.



The 1st Grimsbury cubs helped out at the donate for Ukraine organization.

Dashwood Competition time!

This year marks 20 years since Cherwell District Council started collecting recycling from the kerbside. One of the things they would like to do to celebrate this milestone, is to hold a competition for schools to create a design with the main messaging to be in regard to recycling. They will then judge the entries and the winning design will then be used by their graphics team to make it into a final panel to be used on at least one of their waste and recycling vehicles by early Autumn of this year!

They want you, the pupils, to be as creative as you can and to put your own stamp on this project, therefore being as imaginative as possible!

Here are the information and guidance for entering the competition:

- The theme is Let's Celebrate Recycling
- Think about what would go into the blue bin at home. The poster below may help you design your own poster!
- ▶ Have a think also about what should not go inside the blue bin.
- ► Needs to be A3 landscape please ask Miss Gooch if you need some of this size paper!



The closing date for entries will be 20th June 2023. No entries can be accepted after this time.





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Marley, Year 6, has designed three super heroes all around the theme of kindness and helping others...he even created masks for the heroes and found some helpers on his kindness mission!

Marley's Heroes:

Lightning Man is a hero because he helps people and is so kind to his friends.

Web Hero is a hero because she helps others with their work.

Tidy Hero is everyone's hero, keeping the school environment tidy and cared for.

Helping others and being kind

Tidy Hero

Lightning Man

Web Hero



Rosie (Year 5) tells us all about her experiences as a First Aider with St John's Ambulance

I have been attending St John's Ambulance for about half a year now and I enjoy it because I love learning new things. We learn a lot about administering first aid to care for people if they need it.

I have made lots of new friends there and I recommend others to join. It is fun and you will feel like you belong very quickly.

You can join St John's Ambulance from age 5. Badgers are the youngest people in St John's Ambulance. Children aged 5-11 are welcomed. Sessions are all about fun, adventure, and learning first aid.

Badgers can:

- learn first aid
- make new friends
- get creative with arts and crafts
- find out how the body works and how to stay healthy
- learn about helping their local community
- take part in team games
- develop leadership and communication skills, and much more!

If you would like to join St John's Ambulance Youth Group, find out more at:

Email: Finn.wyatt@sja.org.uk

Or visit: Sja.org.uk

They are looking for Youth team volunteers to join Banbury St John Ambulance Youth Services unit!

Find them at: Cherwell Business Village, Southam Rd, Banbury OX16 2SP

Rosie looks a bit blue in this photo! She had face paint on for a role play where they were practicing first aid.



Eric (Year 5) tells us all about his fascinating skull collection

Eric is very interested in collecting rocks, fossils and skulls. He has found many skulls and tells us all about how his interest began...

One day I found a skull on the grass near a bush and I kept it. After that I started finding more and I started a collection! I kept collecting them because I find it quite interesting to look at different structures.

I now have about six skulls and the first one I found was a squirrel skull. One of them I even found at Dashwood!





Eric's collection





Jessica and Emily share their love of dance.

Jessica (Year 4) and her sister, Emily (Year 2) *love* to dance! They dance ballet, tap, flex, cheer and acro! They both dance for 'The School For Stars' Julie Bruce Dance Academy as part of recreational acrobatic competition team. They also dance with another girl from Dashwood. On 19th February, they were competing in Northampton for the Starz UK with the rest of their team and won first place as a group for their dance 'Tea Party'! In less than two weeks, they will go to the next competition in Birmingham FYD. The School For Stars have another very competitive team going to the dance in the world cup in the summer too! There are so many exciting opportunities!

If you would like to dance like Jessica and Emily, you can find out more about these dance classes at *The School For Stars*, Castle Quay Shopping Centre, Banbury.

Tel 07526 898 134 or email jbdanceacademy@hotmail.com

Both Jessica and Emily love to swim too! They are getting very good at swimming and love to stay active!

Another hobby for Jessica is singing. She is singing in our Dashwood After School Club and loves it! So far she has been to St Mary's Church Rotary Spring Concert 2023 to sing with our Dashwood Choir and other schools too for the Children Singing For Children charity.





Red Nose Day 2023

Red Nose Day was enjoyed by all at Dashwood! There were so many great red outfits! We raised £217.84 for the charity! Thank you to you all for your support!







Nursery - Cherry Class - Our learning has been focused around the book 'We're going on a bear hunt'. We have learnt new vocabulary, made bears and even created an environment for them!





Nursery - Plum Class - pupils have visited the Warriner Farm! Nadine, their teacher told us:

Nursery pupils had a wonderful visit to the Warriner Farm to learn all about animals.

The pupils told us that they loved the cows, donkeys, pigs, sheep and rabbits. They particularly enjoyed feeding the goats and noted that they eat lots of hay!



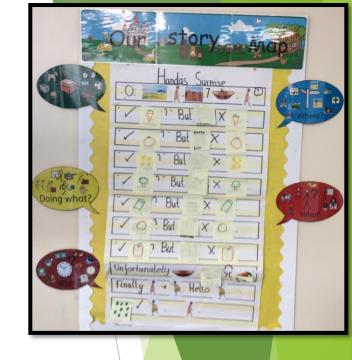
Nadine, their teacher told us: 'It helped the children understand what they have been learning about so seeing the real animals was lots of fun as well as learning about their habitats and what they eat.'





Reception pupils have been learning all about Africa







Ruby in Reception tells us all about Reception's learning journey this term:

'We have been learning all about Africa and the story of Handa's Surprise. We have been learning about the weather, what we can see in Spring and even been creating with painting African patterns!'



Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about toys, in particular comparing old Victorian toys to the types that we have now.

Esmeralda told us: 'I liked that we got to design cars and draw a school bus.'

Isabella: 'I like that we made our own cars and Victorian toys.'





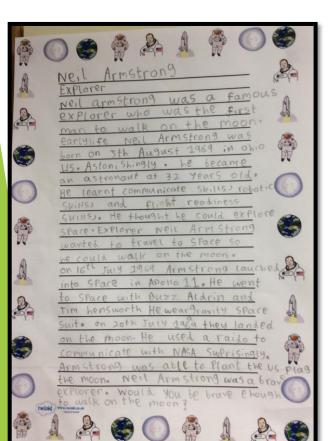




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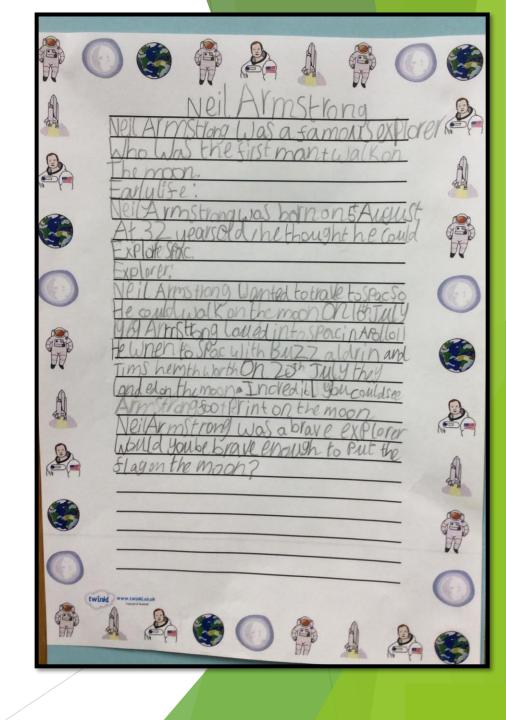
Year 2 have been learning all about Neil Armstrong, the famous space explorer.

David told us: 'I felt really good learning about this; I enjoyed it! My favourite part was learning that he was the first man on the moon. It was amazing going to the Space Centre for our Trip!'



Nadiya: 'This topic was great! I adored the Space Centre!'

Lydia: 'I have been so engaged in this topic. My favourite part was the space museum when we bounced around like people on the moon!'

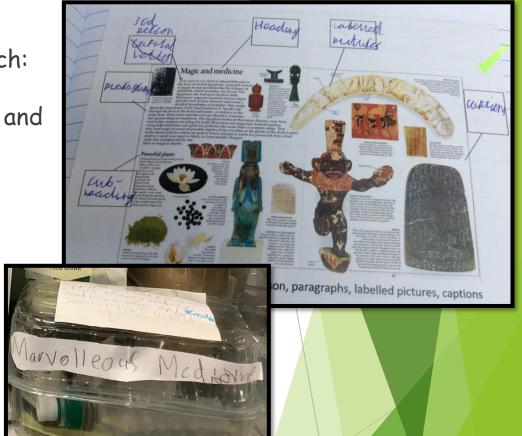


Year 3 - have been learning all about the Egyptians

Charlie told us all about why he has enjoyed the topic so much: 'My favourite part was learning about Tutankhamun and his coffin'. Agata also loved learning about the famous Egyptian and about what was found in his tomb.

Year 3 also got creative making their own Egyptian medicine bottles!





Year 3 did a fantastic job performing their recorders to parents! They did a super job showcasing three of the notes they have learned and the piece 'Hot Cross Buns'...a very apt choice for this time of year! Well done Year 3 and thank you to Miss Leaver for all of her hard work teaching the recorders!

Year 4 have been learning all about chocolate

Year 4 have been licking their lips and learning all about chocolate!

The children have learned about how chocolate is made and how Fairtrade supports people who are involved in the process. The children have compared modern day manufacturing to traditional methods used by the Mayans!

One pupil told us: 'It is fascinating how chocolate is made from cocoa beans.'

Mr Bennett told us: 'The children learned about the history of Cadbury's World and chocolate making processes as well as how to advertise chocolate successfully through branding.'

Jessica: 'It was really fun because we got to taste test chocolate.'

Inayah: 'We got to write our names on chocolate too!'

Riley: 'We got to make our own hot chocolate; it was very refreshing from all of the walking we had done on the trip!'







Year 5 have been learning about Space

Year 5 have been learning all about space, earthquakes and volcanoes!

For the space topic, we created a beautiful piece of artwork of all the planets using acrylic paints. We created a powerpoint, Scratch project, demonstration or a poster to share all of our learning.

For our earthquakes and volcanoes learning, we have been focusing on why, where and when these natural phenomena occur and have been making

iMovies to again, demonstrate all of our learning.







Year 6 have been learning about Micro-organisms









Year 6 have had a super term learning all about microorganisms! They have been studying the features of a virus, of bacteria and of fungi.

They were incredibly fortunate to have a visit from one of our parents who has worked on a parasite called Schistosoma Mansoni, which is a worm that lives in the blood vessels around the intestine in humans and causes disease. Pupils learnt about microscopy and the images it creates. They then had another amazing day working with teachers from Wykham Park Academy on creating their own micro-organism art. Pupils loved the individual and large-scale pieces that they created! You can see their fantastic creations in the school office and on the large glass windows at the end of 'Learning Lane' by the Year 1 - 3 classrooms!



Some Year 6 pupils visit The Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford, for an author presentation

Year 6 pupils travelled to Oxford to The Sheldonian Theatre to listen to a presentation by Joseph Coelho - a British poet and children's book author who was elected Children's Laureate in 2022.

We learned that Coelho grew up in a tower block in Roehampton, London, where he was the son of a single parent. He became interested in poetry and used life around his home as his inspiration: the building he lived in the, the view from his flat and the people he saw.

Kaiden: 'I enjoyed the experience because we got to meet a new author. I learned about the 'one word poems' where you create a piece of poetry with one powerful descriptive word and give it a long title!'

Daniel: 'I really enjoyed the day because Joseph's speech was really inspiring and he got us involved - we even got to create our own poems!'









Sporting News

Swimming

This term, we have seen more amazing progress in the swimming pool. So many of our Year 5 and 6 pupils are working towards their 25 metres and every child is making excellent progress because of their resilience. Now our Year 4 pupils are starting to go to swimming sessions and we have already seen some super progress.

Charlotte (Year 4) has already achieved her 100 metres which is a phenomenal achievement! Charlotte swims outside of school as well which shows that practise really does make all the difference!

Spiceball swimming pool is nearby, open to the public daily and offers swimming lessons too.

Please contact Spiceball on: 01295 257522 for more information.

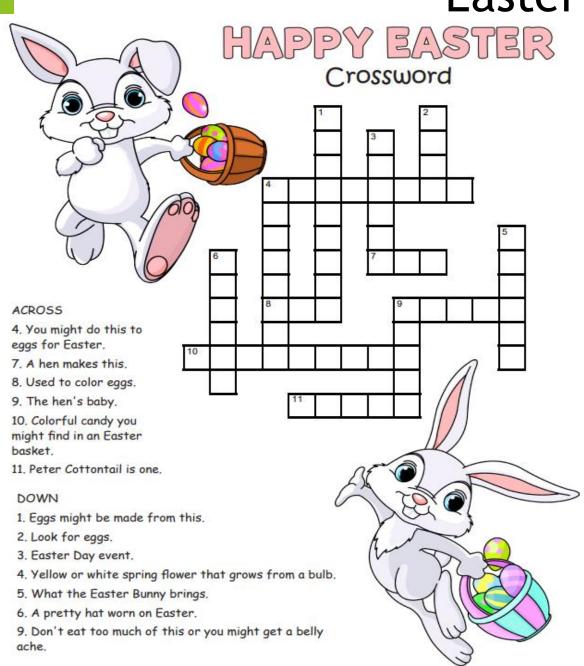
Football

This term, both of our boys' and girls' football teams have begun their league matches against other Banbury primary schools. Supported by Mr Shaw, Miss Brown and Mrs Galloway, both teams have played matches with the following results:

Dashwood Girls' Team	Dashwood Boys' Team
Dashwood V's Harriers - 4 - 1 (home match)	Dashwood V's Harriers - 4 - 4 (away match)
Dashwood V's St. Mary's 0 - 0 (away match)	Dashwood V's St. Mary's 11 - 0 (home match)

Both teams play with passion and super teamwork - supporting and cheering one another along. They have also showed a key characteristic of team sport which is fair play; always congratulating the other team. We are very proud of all the players! Well done to Kacper and Martyna who were both awarded 'Player of the Match' in their second matches! We wish both teams all the best for their final few matches of the league before the semi-finals!

Easter Time fun!



DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



Easter Day Word Hunt

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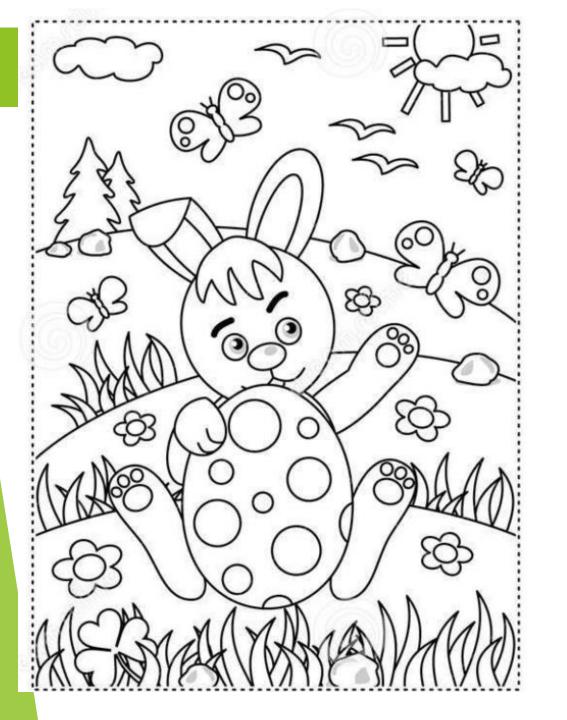
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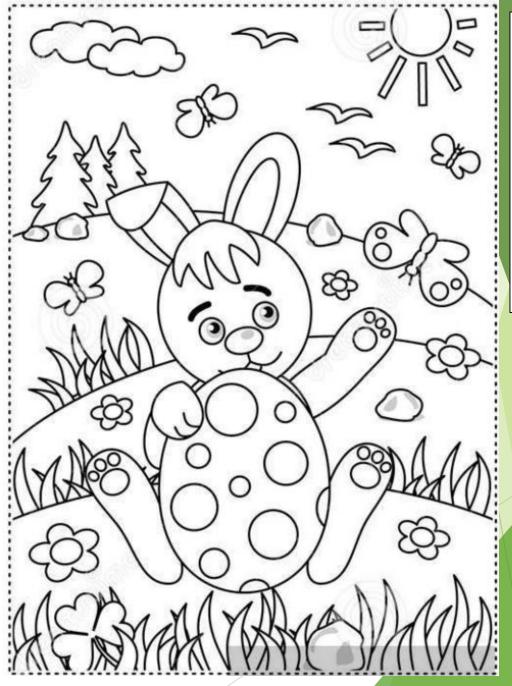
PARADE

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'Spot the difference' and colour me in!

Can you spot the 10 differences between the two pictures?

Free or cheap things to do over the Easter break

Make your own 'Play-Doh' salt dough to save on the branded cost

Branded Play-Doh usually costs about £4 for a pack of four 112g tubs, but you can easily save money by making your own playdough. You only need four common household ingredients (vegetable oil, plain flour, table salt and food colouring, plus warm water), which should cost about £3 total, and you'll be able to make more than four small tubs, so you'll save money in the long run. You can use an online recipe, such as BBC Good Food's playdough recipe.







Remember to store it in plastic wrap or an airtight container if you want to reuse your dough, but dough-n't eat it!

TOP TIPS: Use less food colouring to make a lighter shade, for example, make pink playdough with a small drop of red food colouring. It's probably best to make lighter colours anyway, as the salt dough can stain clothes and other soft furnishings.

Source:

https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/team-blog/2020/04/free-or-cheap-kids-easter-activities/

Chocolate nests – cheap and simple to make, and good if you've no flour

There are a number of ways you can customise a chocolate nest recipe, such as the one at <u>BBC Food</u>. You can use shredded wheat, popped rice or cornflake breakfast cereals if your usual choice is sold out. You can also use whatever chocolate you have, and replace the butter with margarine or even oil if need be. As long as an adult melts the chocolate, kids can get involved with every other stage quite easily.

TOP TIP: If you've an egg-shaped chocolate mould, you can make your chocolate 'nests' into egg shapes directly – good if you can't get shredded wheat or cornflakes for some tasty rice krispie chocolate 'eggs'.



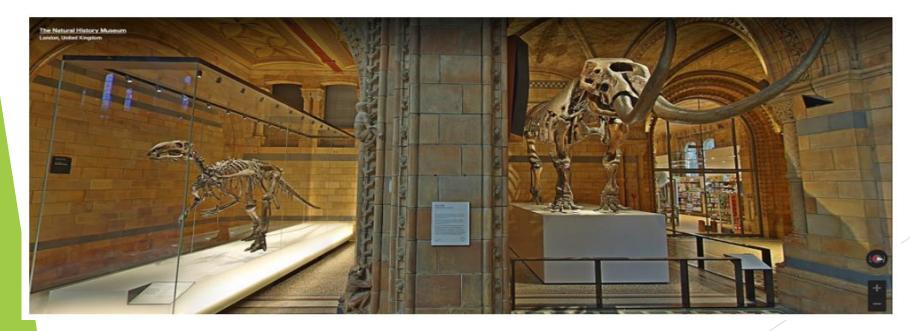
Free or cheap things to do over the Easter break continued...

Free virtual museum tours including the Natural History Museum and Anne Frank House

Some of the most famous museums in the world offer free online tours, where you can take a virtual 'walk' around the exhibits, as if you were actually there. Here are a few of the top tours...

Natural History Museum

You don't need to be in London to enjoy one of its most popular museums. The National History Museum has several virtual tours online including <u>The Fantastic Beasts Wonder of Nature exhibition</u>, an audio-guided <u>tour from Sir David Attenborough</u>, or take a <u>virtual walk</u> around at your own pace and zoom in on the museum's thousands of specimens.



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Compare the meerkats and more animals at Chester Zoo with free virtual video tours

For more exotic animals, you can find virtual tours around Chester Zoo introducing its red pandas, Asian elephants, tigers and more. Check out all the past virtual zoo days at the Check out all the past virtual zoo days at the Chester Zoo YouTube channel:

- <u>Day 1</u> red pandas, giraffes, Asian elephants, Sumatran tiger and penguins
- <u>Day 2</u> meerkats, rhinos, frogs, jaguars, okapi and more
- <u>Day 3</u> tree kangaroo, lions, komodo dragons, chameleon and penguin chicks
- <u>Day 4</u> otters, elephants, aardvarks and more
- <u>Day 5</u> red river hogs, chimpanzees, cassowary and python snake
- <u>Day 6</u> red panda, Asian elephants, crocodiles, orangutans and more
- <u>Day 7</u> bears, otters, bugs and sloths
- <u>Day 8</u> penguins, giraffes, tiger and aquarium life
- <u>Day 9</u> marsupials, okapi and meerkats

Jokes from the Dashwood pupils

- Q. Why was the Easter Bunny so upset?
- A. He was having a bad hare day!
- Q. Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a good joke?
- A. It might crack up!
- Q. What did one coloured egg say to the other?
- A. Heard any good yolks lately?
- Q. How many chocolate bunnies can you put into an empty Easter basket?
- A. Only one because after that, it's not empty!
- Q. What kind of beans never grow in a garden?
- A. Jelly beans!
- Q. How did the soggy Easter Bunny dry himself?
- A. With a hare dryer!
- Q. How does the Easter bunny stay in shape?
- A. Lots of eggs-ercise!
- Q: What do you call a chocolate bunny that is a comedian?
- A: A malteaser



DBA News needs you!





Thank you so much to all those who have written and sent in an articles for one of our DBA Newspapers! We love hearing from you and sharing your news!

- 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!

Wishing all of our pupils and families a very happy and safe break!

