

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

**We have two driving questions this term:
What practical strategies can I use to manage times of change and transition?**

Literacy

This term our focus will be on speaking, listening and performance through our writing topic where we will look at the poem 'The Door', and lead on from this idea to write portal stories. We will use our imagination to describe what worlds could be behind mysterious doors. The Talk for Reading book we are studying this term is 'Tuesday' by David Weisner. We will focus on independent writing of both stories and non-fiction inspired by the strange events in this story, refining the children's core skills and using high-quality author text to improve our own writing identity.

At home you could: share your favourite play or plays you have been to see. Read a play script together, focusing on the intonation of the voice when reading. This will help for our own performance!

Maths

Children love active maths sessions and we will make the most of the (fingers crossed!) summer weather to fit more of these sessions in. These games support the children in a range of number skills, including all areas of fractions, place value, multiplication, division, addition and subtraction, helping them to become secondary school ready. We will have a focus on the link between fractions, decimals and percentages this term. It is important that children can solve problems including all three and use the connection between them to support this.

Reminder: A sound knowledge of Times Tables is necessary for all areas of Maths and all children should be encouraged to learn them 'inside out.' This will be especially useful as your child transfers to secondary school and ensures that they will start the next phase of their education as confident as possible.

At home you could: Use the Pixa Times table App and visit: www.topmarks.co.uk
www.bbcbite-size.co.uk – great for transition to secondary school level work

Physical Education

This term children will continue their athletics skills preparing for our Summer Term sports days. This will include building up accurate control and aim when throwing and appropriate speed and stamina when running and jumping. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing as the weather is warming up. We will also be competing in rounders games. **PE Kit is white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers. For your child's safety, earrings must be removed before any PE lesson.** As the weather is now warm, your child should be wearing high factor sun-cream and a sun hat where appropriate.

Transition to Secondary School

We will be completing lots of PSHE lessons around transition this term, making the children's move to secondary school as smooth as possible for them. We will ensure that we answer any questions the children have and address any worries or concerns. Please see below for key dates of transition days this year, where children will spend some time at their new schools.

The Year 6 Performance

Pupils will be taking part in a production of 'Bugsy Malone'. This is always a great time for year 6 pupils as they love to join in with the performance of different levels. Most pupils will have a performing role, but some will find themselves stage managers and sound technicians! We're excited to see the end result.

A final note

It has been a real privilege teaching the Class of 2023 at Dashwood Banbury Academy. Each of them is now a confident young person, ready for the next stage of their education. We wish them luck in their new adventures and although it is sad to see them go, we know they will flourish with all the opportunities secondary education has to offer. Enjoy your final term at Dashwood Year 6. Enjoy each day as you reflect on your happy memories of primary school life.

Dates for your diary –

As term 6 is busy we will send out a separate letter with dates on for you to follow and send out text reminders.

Monday 5th June – Term 6 starts

Wednesday 7th June - Junior Citizens trip

Monday 12th June – Sports day – 2pm – parents and carers invited to watch

Tuesday 13th – Thursday 15th June – Chenderit Transition

Friday 23rd June – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 3rd – Tuesday 4th July – Wykham Park Transition Days

Monday 3rd – Wednesday 5th July - North Oxfordshire Academy Transition Days

Monday 3rd – Thursday 6th July – BGN Transition Days

Monday 10th – Tuesday 11th July – Warrinor Transition Days

Thursday 13th July – Performance to parents – 5pm

Friday 22nd July - Last day of term/End of school year (1.45pm finish) – Including Graduation Assembly at 9am