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Welcoming the 2023/2024 DBA News Team!

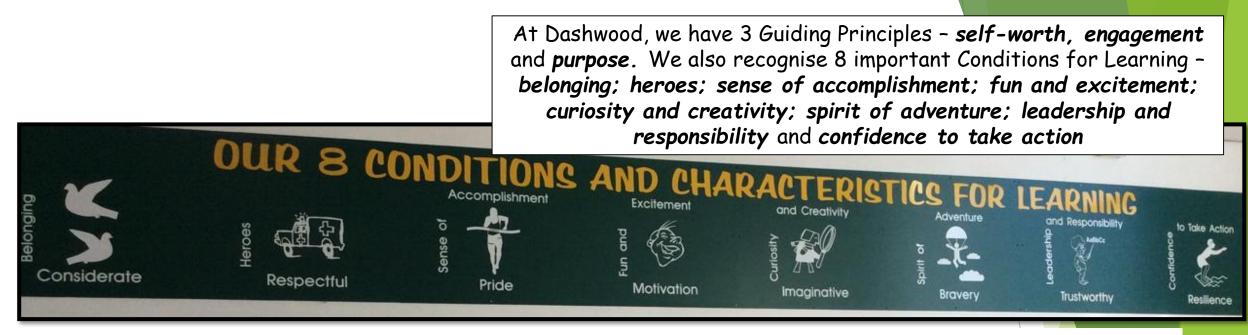
A note from the Lead Editor - Amber Hardcastle

I am so happy to know that there are some new fresh faces and minds in our newspaper team.

I am delighted to be the new editor of the DBA News. I can already see so much effort going into the newspaper and when I read it, I know I will go 'WOW! Such good reporters this year!'.

I can't wait to see the reporting team grow in confidence every term as they gain more experience.





We are delighted that so many Dashwood pupils share their interests and successes in our **DBA News** newspaper. They show many of our Conditions for Learning and really live our 3 Guiding Principles showcasing their sense of **self-worth**, **engagement** and **purpose**. Look out for how all the articles in the DBA News link to our 8 Conditions for Learning!

We hope that you enjoy reading all about life at Dashwood and what our pupils enjoy in their free time. Thank you so much for supporting our pupil-led newspaper last year, in it's first year! Let's make 2023/2024 an even better year.

The DBA News Team

Leadership Roles - Meet our Head Pupils 2023/2024



Noah Head Pupil 'I am so proud to be a Head Pupil because I like helping others and our Dashwood Community'

Grace 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!'





Elena Head Pupil 'Being a head pupil gives me a sense of accomplishment'

Trustworthy



Eric 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: Michael

Yellow: Aaidah

Blue: Naail

Green: David

Our Sports Leaders: Aaidah, David, Rameen, Kelsey, Laurie, Oliver, Noah C, Michael, Alfie, Lexi D, Rosie

Our Sports Leaders are looking forward to some training in November 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!

What is great about being a Junior Leader?

Maja: I love playing games with the younger children. I wanted to be a leader because I love supporting them.

Lexi: I joined because it is so enjoyable to support our younger pupils. Our Anti-Bullying Action Group:

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors -Action Group

Year 6 Leads: Grace, Pola

Year 6: Naail, Rameen, Lacey, Nikita, Lexi D, Tilca, Sabrina, Rosie, Mya,Ella, Sophia

Year 5: Tomasz, Eesha-Bela, Riley



We are pleased to announce that we have new librarians helping to run our fantastic library: **Year 4:** Crystal, Clodagh, Maham, Dora, **Year 5:** Carmen, Ajsli, Inayah, **Year 6:** Lacey, Sofia, Ignacy, Amber

Dashwood's Cultural Day 2023

Dashwood's Celebration of Culture, Diversity and Heritage

It was so wonderful to share and celebrate our uniqueness, differences and similarities on our Dashwood Cultural Day.

The day celebrated our diversity as a school: different religions, cultures, heritage and what makes us unique as individuals.

Thank you for your generosity in donating food to our Dashwood Foodbank which is there to support all of our families should they need it.





Creative Cultural Day...

During our Cultural Day, we spent time in our classrooms discussing what makes us unique, what makes us different and the similarities that we share.

Every pupil in our school made a butterfly to celebrating differences and being accepting of other people's choices. We are going to make a beautiful display in our reception area as a reminder to this celebration of our uniqueness and individuality.









Cultural Day 2023 - Celebrating our culture, heritage, individuality and uniqueness!











Olivia, Year 2, has written this wonderful story about the flower Daisy who initially feels sad about being different but eventually finds happiness in her uniqueness.

Thank you for sharing your creativity with us Olivia!

Daisy's spark!

Once upon a time there lived a little flower called <u>Daisy</u>, she had four other flowers living next to her who were called Rose, Lavender, Sunflower, & Buttercup. Rose was always the "Boss-Teaser", she would tease Daisy all the time. It goes like this "You are very tiny and just White". This made Daisy very sad, and she would worry all the time.

One day, four children came to the park to play. When they were all playing together in the park, Daisy noticed something different -- "None of them looked Alike". One had red hair, the other one had a different skin colour, one was short and one was tall. Daisy thought to herself:

"Although they looked different, they were still friends and playing together!".

This came as a sudden SPARK – "Never to feel sad about being different". She told the other flowers what she felt inside, then in a stern voice, she said "I can be different, yet UNIQUE in own way". Rose, Lavender, Sunflower, & Buttercup agreed and became friends.

So, friends, never feel sad about being different,



"EVERYONE IS UNIQUE IN THEIR OWN WAY"

The end by

Olivia



and Creativity

Nikita, Year 6, tells us all about being a Sea Cadet

In September, Nikita took part in the Battle of Britain parade in Banbury with the Sea Cadets.



In cadet I do lots of activities: kayaking, sailing, rowing and sometime swimming (water activities).

I like cadet because it is fun; I love the activities and being part of a parade (as you can see in my photo).

For more information of how you can join Banbury Sea Cadets you can visit their website at: <u>www.banburyseacadets.org.uk</u> or email them at: <u>info@banburyseacadets.org.uk</u>



Dashwood's Leema Galloway tells us why she feels a sense of purpose and achievement joining the Banbury United women's team



Dashwood's very own Mrs Galloway has recently gained a well—deserved place on the Banbury United Women's team.

This is Leema's first season stepping into Division 1! Leema is passionate about football because it gives her focus and helps keeps her fit and healthy. She has been playing since she was -years old. She started off just playing for fun with her friends but loved it so much, she joined a team! Leema has also been inspired by the England Women's' Team.



Advice from Leema:

If you are thinking of taking up football and do not feel that you are good enough give it a try and believe in yourself. Be positive! You can achieve anything if you work for it!



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Gardening Club - what have we been up to so far in Term 1?

Gardening Club have had a fantastic start to the new academic year and have already made a real difference to our Dashwood environment. So far this term we have:

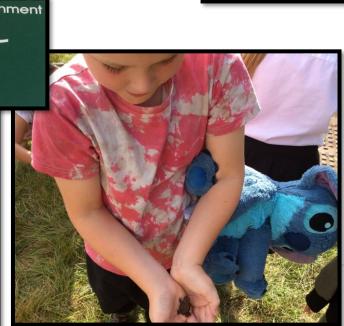
- Weeded all the beds and planters
- Trimmed the bushes that were over-grown

In our Forest School area, we have growing: corn, ginger, mint, rosemary, sage and even sunflowers!

We have even found some new friends in our forest school area... a toad and baby frog!









Eco-Warriors - Meet the team for 2023 - 2024

Eco Warriors Lead: Noah Perry-Newman, Mya Netten-Evans

Year 1: Jesse, Hadiya

Year 2: Brenna, Charlotte

Year 3: Jensen, Etta, Lydia

Year 4: Arlo, Layla

Year 5: Jakub, Nathan

Year 6: David, Eric

Our Eco-Warriors Team had their first meeting of the new academic year on Thursday 14th September 2023.

Led by our Lead Eco-Warrior, Noah Perry-Newman, they discussed ideas for campaigns we could run this academic year.

Noah led a presentation to introduce himself and open up a team discussion about ideas for change.

2023/2024 Campaign Ideas:

• Community Litter Picks

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- Indoor plants in classrooms to support staff/pupil mental well-being
 - Additional scooter rack to keep encouraging pupils to scoot/bike to school instead of travelling by car
- In-school litter picks every Thursday lunch time by the Eco-Warriors team



Noah has been incredibly proactive and emailed the Cherwell District Council Recycling Centre to arrange another visit to learn more about the processes they use:

Noah's email:

Hi lan,

You may remember me, I am Noah, Lead Eco-Warrior at Dashwood Banbury Academy.

The Dashwood Eco - Warriors came to the food waste and recycling centre on 16th January 2023 to have an eco trip to learn about recycling and we were wondering if we could organise another one for this year's team of Warriors?

We all found the visit really helpful and it inspired us to spread the word about recycling among our friends and family and made sure we educated them in doing it correctly.

If this is possible, please let either myself or Miss Gooch at Dashwood know and if so, some dates for us to work on.

Hope you are able to let us return,

Noah Perry Lead Eco - Warrior

Hopefully we will hear back Cherwell District Council Recycling Centre and set a date to visit!



Noah (Year 6), an Eco-Warrior Lead, tells us how we can support the care of our community...

Are you interested in improving our community?

Did you know that three separate councils serve Banbury and each of them does something different?

Banbury Town Council: Civic Events, Litter, Parks, Recreation etc
Cherwell District Council: Food Safety, Housing, Refuse, etc
Oxfordshire County Council: Libraries, Education, Traffic, Lighting, etc
[For a full list see https://www.Banbury.gov.uk/council_responsibilities_16399.aspx]

Banbury citizens are elected to each council by votes so if there is something you support then why not start a discussion with your adults on who to vote for. I spoke to Rebecca Biegel, councillor for Banbury, Grimsbury and Hightown about being a councillor. She told me she has been interested in politics and how it affects local people and wanted to do something for her community.

You can become a Councillor by being selected by your political party or independently to stand for election. Then, you try to get support from residents and the person who wins most votes in the community is elected.



I wondered how much time the role takes up - that depends how much time your representative wants to put in, there are meetings, projects and community events where a councillor can engage with local people and find out how things are going. People will also write, ring and email. The idea is "To represent the local people and campaign for funding and services that they need as well as improve things for the people in Grimsbury and Hightown." This can include improving air quality, working with the police, and campaigning for funding and services for things we need.

Among achievements so far are litter picking and monitor of fly tipping; having a food poverty emergency state declared; passing a motion at town council for more fruit trees around Banbury to create an edible canopy and increased interest in cycling and walking. Why not get active and report street issues and of course don't drop litter!

When you are old enough to vote, make sure your voice is heard or why not become a councillor yourself!



Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

On Wednesday 4th October, our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors received their first training session from the **Diana Award** which was focused on anti-racist bullying behaviour. We learned that racist bullying behaviour is when some repeatedly, verbally or indirectly targets another person based on their skin colour, their actual or assumed culture, ethnicity, nationality or race. We discussed 'exclusion' in the training: leaving someone out or treating them unfairly because of the colour of their skin.

All of the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors approached their first training session with maturity and incredible reflection - exploring how we can ensure Anti-Racist Bullying Behaviour does not happen at Dashwood, but if it should, how we deal with it and educate others to ensure that it does not continue.

Sofia, who attended the training told us that she learned all about anti-racist bullying and that race should not be a barrier to anyone achieving their goals and no one should be judged by the colour of their skin.

Rosie and Grace told us about their Zoom virtual training with the Diana Award where they completed a booklet of all their learning about racism and how to tackle it.



Our Ambassadors: Year 6 Leads: Grace, Pola Year 6: Naail, Rameen, Lacey, Nikita, Lexi D, Tilca, Sabrina, Rosie, Mya, Ella, Sofia Year 5: Tomasz, Eesha-Bela, Riley



Year 5/6 Girls' Football Club

Regan and Taniah, two of a new members to the DBA News Reporting Team, wanted to find out more about our Girls' Football Club and why so many year 5/6 pupils wanted to join this year. The club practices lots of different football and fitness skills and drills preparing the team for matches against other local primary schools in the summer term.

Taniah herself reported, 'I joined the club because I want to try new things and I like sports. I also train sometimes so have some football experience' and Regan, who loves sports, wanted to try something new.

Ajsli and Lucy both joined the club because they love football!

Inayah loves football and the entertainment of it.

Charlotte joined the club because she does lots of clubs and wanted to try something new and football was a sport she has not done before.

Pippa told us that she joined the club because she is energetic and loves to use her energy up!

Husna joined the club to have fun and Roseanne joined to make new friends and have fun along the way!

Renae, who is very sporty, joined because she has a love of sport!

Maybe you would like to join a sporting club in school or the football teams when you are in Year 5 and 6?



Care for Care Homes - A Teddy Bears' Picnic

On 25th September 2023, 14 of our Year 3 and 4 pupils were invited to The Ridings Care Home for a Teddy Bears' picnic with the residents! The event brought the two generations together to share a picnic style lunch and chat about the teddy bear they had brought along to join the fun. Some of The Ridings residents had bears from when they were little; one ladies bear was over 60 years old!

It was wonderful for two different generations to come together and there were a lot of smiles and laughter from all.







Levi (Year 4): We had a really nice time; we had juice and everyone was so kind and all the teddies were really cute!

Agata (Year 4): I got to speak to lots of people. It was really interesting to talk to the people that live there!

Smaya (Year 3): I loved visiting The Ridings! The residents were so kind and I loved making them smile!





Nursery - Cherry Class

Cherry class children have been busy being creative as part of their transport topic. They have had fun making some marble prints and used 2D shapes to design some rocket pictures. They have practiced mark making and developing fine motor movements with paintbrushes.







Nursery - Plum Class

Our pupils in **Plum nursery** have been focusing on looking after themselves, their friends, and our classroom. As part of literacy they have been sharing some traditional tales and taking some of the rich story language they have learnt into their play.





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Reception

Our Reception classes have enjoyed our term 1 topic of traditional tales. They have tried different types of bread baked by the Little Red Hen, been left building materials from The Three Little Pigs and been transported into different lands during our fairytale story times.

We have begun our phonics lessons and the children are doing well learning to read and write the first set of sounds. We have been applying our skills by drawing and labelling story maps and writing letters to story characters and signing our names at the end.



Year 1 have loved learning about Banbury and Oxford over the last few weeks. We especially enjoyed a walk around our local area identifying all our physical features such as the shop, church, mosque and sorting office.

In addition to this, we have been working hard on our numbers to 10 and learning to compare them using the vocabulary less than, more than and equal to.

Ibrahim told the DBA News that he has loved exploring with the Beebots in his computing sessions and can now write 1 - 10. He was also so happy to tell us that he has loved making new friends this year! I like my new teacher and my classroom! When I am older I would love to be a dentist!







Year 2 have loved geography this term, they are passionate about continents and have even learnt the continents song! They have learnt lots of new facts about landmarks in London too - ready to help Paddington give Aunt Lucy a tour around London.

They have enjoyed creating their own instructions in literacy, including how to play a board game. They have worked really hard learning about different word classes.

Hibah told the DBA News that she loves reading. I love the Paddington books and enjoy them most in out comfy, calm, relaxing reading area in class on the pillows.

Dylan: 'I like the book Paddington; reading is nice and calm.



Year 3 had a WOW start to their new academic year and term with a visit to the Natural History Museum in Oxford. Linked to their dinosaurs and fossils topic of learning, they found out all about different types of dinosaurs that once roamed the Earth and what you could tell from their bones!

Year 3 pupils have also been demonstrating their sketching skills by drawing dinosaurs! There were some super sketches that showed how shading can be used to create different outcomes! Pupils in Ash and Silver Birch then used their skills to compile museum curator fact files about the dinosaurs that they had researched. Well done Year 3!

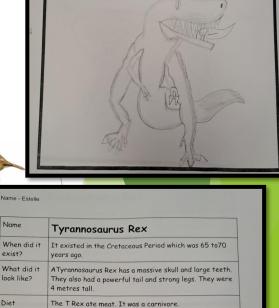
Year 3 also enjoyed their trips to Horley to learn about the differences between a village and a town. Nina said that she loved the walk through the village and Smaya, David and Rebecca really enjoyed the church and the sketching!



Name	Stegosaurus.					
When did it exist?	Jurassic period - 150 million years ago					
What did it look like?	Stegosaurus could grow up to about nine metres long and four metres tall.					
Diet	Herbivore. This means they ate plants.					
Fun fact	Scientists are not sure what the body plates on stegosaurus were for.					



Name	Tyrannosaurus Rex
When did it exist?	The T-rex lived in the Cretaceous period)between 145 and 65 Million years ago).
What did it look like?	The T-rex had powerful legs.
Diet	The T-rex ate dinosaurs like Triceratops (it was a carnivore).
Fun fact	The arms of a T-rex were too short to reach its mouth





The Tyrannosaurus-Rex is so popular it is put into

Fun fact

Report by: Lucy Greatbatch

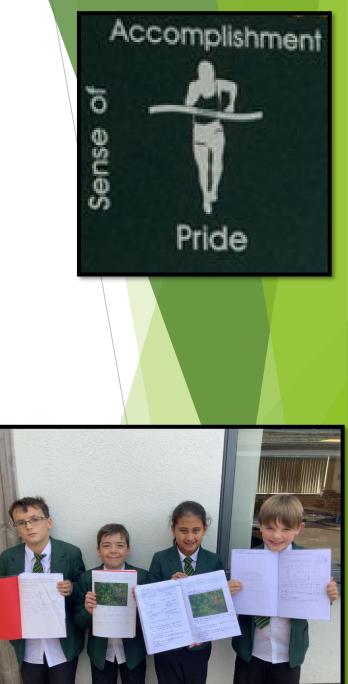
Hannah and Reuben in Year 4 tell us all about what Year 4 have been up to in Term 1...

Year 4 have been learning all about European countries in their 'Destination Europe' project-based learning. The Year 4 pupils have really enjoyed their learning and settled into their new classes. Some of the countries that they have been learning about are: Greece, Ireland and Spain. Their projects aim to tell others about their chosen destination and really 'sell' the location to anyone wanting to visit. They used their persuasive techniques and vocabulary to create documentaries using 'green-screen' technology which they presented to two very special visitors - Mrs Bunn and Mrs Taylor!

Year 4 also enjoyed their class novel 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. This book is suitable for pupils aged 8 years and over if you fancy a good read!



In Year 5 we have been learning all about deforestation in the Amazon rainforest during our geography lessons and have just started work on our own 'Newsround style' presentations to report on the impact this is having. In maths, we are putting our place value knowledge to use by working on rounding large numbers and solving problems using rounding. We have also just started looking at our new book in literacy called 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell and are excited to continue working on this. Finally, we would like to celebrate all of the success we have had in the swimming pool so far this term with multiple pupils earning themselves certificates for 5m, 10m, 25m and even one 50m certificate. We are well on our way to achieving our target of getting as many pupils as possible to swim 25m before they leave Dashwood!



Year 6's have enjoyed a busy start to Term 1. They loved their I.M.P.S experience. The Injury Minimisation Programme helps our Year 6 pupils learn basic first aid skills. They took part in 2 sessions during the morning. One was a practical, hands on activity where they discussed DRS ABCs and learned how to response in an emergency scenario - including how to give CPR. The second session showed different videos, which results in injuries. The children discussed how best to respond to these and how to minimise any injuries in the future.

Some of the Year 6 took part in a creative STEM challenge at Futures Institute - Banbury. They learnt all about problems in the Fashion industry - too many clothes being thrown away, the vast distance clothes travel and the pollution that is caused by their production.

The pupils then came up with some fantastic ways that technology and science could fix the fashion industry. There were ideas for apps to sell unwanted clothes and upcycle them, ideas for cleaning the water from clothes production and reusing the dye and ideas about clothes that would stretch as you grow. They all had a great time and may think more carefully when buying clothes in the future.











Year 6 residential to ROCK UK

Year 6 have had an AMAZING time on their residential at Rock UK! We threw ourselves into all of the activities and had a go at: raft building, archery, canoeing, the zip line, the adventure pits and so much more! We showed a real Spirit of Adventure and all of us returned home feeling tired but with a real sense of Self Worth. We formed bonds that will hold us together in Year 6 and beyond!



Lacey told us that everyone had a great time! The zip line was terrifying but most people overcame their fears and whizzed down. A lot of pupils' favourite activity was archery!

Noah P found the canoeing the best activity because while they were waiting for the other team to catch up, they had to go into a bush and camouflage themselves to hide!

Sofia also loved canoeing and got really good at it! A huge achievement!





Amber will report more about the adventures at Rock UK in the next issue!









Sporting News

Swimming

Swimming in Year 5 has got off to a great start with already, a few of our pupils achieving their 25 metres in the first week! Jake, in Year 5, has been swimming regularly with his family and it has really paid off! He, and many other pupils, are now competently swimming 25 metres (and more!) and will be moving on to swimming further distances and life-saving skills!

The holidays are an excellent time to go swimming and learn to/improve swimming. If you can go swimming this October halt-term, with an adult at home, it really helps you gain confidence in the water and make good progress too!

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 and netball league

Excitingly, for our Year 5 and 6 pupils, there will yet again be a football league to compete in this year and also, new for this year, a netball league too!

Do you play for a sporting club outside of school? Why not tell the DBA News all about it and inspire others to give sport a try?!

Accomplishment

Dashwood's Recipe Corner

Ingredients

Serves 2, takes only 10 minutes!

- 250 g self-raising flour , plus extra for dusting
- olive oil
- 1 red onion
- $\frac{1}{2}$ a red pepper
- ¹/₂ × 400g tin of chopped tomatoes
- 50 g mature Cheddar cheese
- $\frac{1}{2}$ a butterhead or round lettuce
- 1 carrot
- red wine vinegar (optional)

Why not bring a slice in your

lunchbox?



What You Need to Do: Make sure you have an adult to help you!

Place the flour in a bowl with a pinch of sea salt, and gradually pour in up to 150ml of cold water, using a fork to stir as you go so it comes together into a ball of dough.

Knead for just 1 minute on a clean flour-dusted surface, and put aside.

Make sure an adult is close by here! Put a 30cm frying pan on a medium-high heat with 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Peel and finely slice the onion and deseed and finely slice the pepper, adding to the pan as you go, then season with a pinch of sea salt and black pepper. Place a lid on top and fry for 2 minutes, or until golden, tossing occasionally.

Meanwhile, roll out the dough into a round the size of the pan (just under $\frac{1}{2}$ cm thick). When the time's up on the veg, tip them onto your board, then gently transfer the dough to the dry pan, gently pressing in your fingertips into the dough to create dimples. Cover with a lid and cook for 3 minutes on one side, then carefully flip over. Drain away some of the liquid from the tomatoes, then mash lightly with a fork and spread over the dough, leaving a 1cm gap around the edges.

Scatter over the cooked veg and coarsely grate over the cheese (it's nice to get a little over the edge, because as the cheese melts you'll get a gorgeous gnarly crust). Turn the heat down to medium, put the lid on and cook for a final 3 to 4 minutes, or until the cheese has melted and the base is crispy.

Meanwhile, shred the outer leaves of the lettuce, finely slice the stalk, and click apart the inner leaves. Trim and speed-peel the carrot, dress with 1 tablespoon each of red wine vinegar and olive oil, and toss together. Slide the pizza on to a board, then slice and serve with the salad.

No-Oven Pizza Taken from jamieoliver.com

Fruity Dessert (only 3 Ingredients!)

Ingredients:

140g strawberries
½ × 405g can light condensed milk
500g tub 0%-fat Greek yogurt

Notes: *Can use Greek Yoghurt instead

Instructions:

STEP 1

Roughly chop half the strawberries and whizz the rest in a food processor or with a stick blender to a purée.

STEP 2

In a big bowl, stir the condensed milk into the puréed strawberries then gently stir in the yogurt until well mixed. Fold through the chopped strawberries.

STEP 3

Scrape the mixture into a loaf tin or container, pop on the lid or wrap well in cling film and freeze overnight, until solid. Remove from the freezer about 10-15 mins before you want to serve the frozen yogurt. Can be frozen for up to 1 month.



Autumn-themed wordsearch

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autumn	leaves	wattle	season
crow	plant	web	seeds
frost	rake	windy	tractor
harvest	rain	scarecrow	tree



Can you spot the four autumnthemed pictures hidden in the pages of the DBA News? 'Spot the difference'Can you spot the 10 differencesbetween the two pictures?



Pupil Jokes

What do you call an apple playing a trumpet?

Tooty-Fruity!



Which letter of the alphabet has the most water?

The 'c'!

Why did the teacher wear sunglasses to school?

Because his pupils were so bright!



Why did the egg get thrown out of school?

Because she kept telling yolks!

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?
- A recipe that you want to share and inspire others?
- Do you know someone with an interesting career that you can interview to inspire others?
- 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?
- Got a good book review to share and inspire others?
- 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 Amber Hardcastle (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 October half-term!