YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

Our driving question for 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. We will focus on independent writing of both stories and non-fiction, refining the children's core skills and using high-quality author texts 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 problem solving challenges, working as a team and explaining how we know this term. We will also be looking at some shape and completing themed projects based on problem solving.
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 Timetables Rock Stars or visit: www.topmarks.co.uk www.bbcbitesize.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. We will also be playing team games such as rounders and even quidditch! Please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing as the weather is warming up. 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 'Treachery at Traitors Quay'. This is always a great time for Year 6 pupils as they love to join in with the performance on 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! Please support your child as they prepare for this performance by helping them to learn their lines and helping them source a costume and relevant props (a separate letter will follow!)

A final note

It has been a real privilege teaching the Class of 2026 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 –

Monday 1st June – Start of Term 6
Friday 5th June – World Environment Day
Tuesday 9th June – Junior Citizens trip
Friday 19th June – Special Man in your life market
Tuesday 23rd June - Year 6 Sports Day
Friday 26th June – Inset Day
Monday 29th June and Tuesday 30th June – Transition days for: Wykham Park Academy and Futures Academy, North Oxfordshire Academy and The Warriner
Monday 29th June – Thursday 2nd July – Transition days for Blessed George Napier
Friday 3rd July – Year 6 Fest – 3:15-5:45pm
Monday 6th July and Tuesday 7th July – Transition days for Chenderit
Thursday 9th July – KS2 Dashwood's Got Talent – afternoon – timings TBC
Monday 13th July – Forest school reward session
Tuesday 14th July – Year 6 play performance
Friday 17th July – Graduation Assembly, Last day of term (1.45 finish)
Monday 20th July – Inset Day