

# Educational Visits & Outdoor Learning September 2017



**Welcome back to School, we have many exciting opportunities this year to enhance your learning**

## **Year 3—Trip to Banbury Museum**

As a part of their topic, Ride a cock horse to Banbury Cross, children in year 3 visited Banbury Museum to learn about the Civil War and how Banbury has changed over the years.

The children looked at model buildings and had the opportunity to handle various artefacts, including a cream maker, metal box and a mystery box containing a wooden comb.

The children also completed drama activities which they enjoyed. Alexa liked looking at the history books in the museum and Vinupa liked writing on the chalk board—trying to produce handwriting that they would have used in the olden days.

## **Year 2 Visit to Banbury Museum and Canal**

Year 2 visited Banbury Museum to learn all about canals. They learned about lock gates and that in the past horses were used to move the barges along the canal. They looked at a doll of a navie, the museum guide explained that they had to blast the canal tunnels out and then use pick axes to dig the tunnels out. They created some canal art which they were able to bring home and display in their classrooms.

They then rode on a canal boat and saw a pirate ship and a dead fish! Gracie liked completing the canal art, Olly liked going on the boat and Veronika was interested in the dead fish!

## **Year 4—Planting in the park**

4A visited Peoples Park to create some hanging baskets which will be hung around the town and around school.

They were taught to prepare the baskets by adding newspapers and soil and they then placed a plant in the middle of the basket. The children then added additional plants of their own design. These plants included: pansies, ivy and lavender.

Rose liked getting messy hands and Joshua S enjoyed putting the different plants in the basket.

## **Cross Country Festival at Banbury Academy**

Fifty eight pupils ran in the annual Banbury Family Cross Country Competition. This is a popular event and one we have won for the last four years running.

The children ran very well and supported each other in each race. They were a credit to the school.

We were very successful again, we won the KS1 girls trophy and the Upper Junior Boys and Girls Trophies. Notable achievements were Noah (Yr 2) 2<sup>nd</sup>; Samanta (Yr 4) 2<sup>nd</sup>; Julia (Yr 5) 1<sup>st</sup>; Jesse (Yr 6) 3<sup>rd</sup>. We also won the overall competition....That makes it five years in a row!

Thank you to all the parents and staff who supported the event.

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## **Year 5 visit to Batsford Arboretum**

Year 5 visited Batsford Arboretum as a part of their topic ( Where little acorns ... mighty oaks grow) They looked at and identified different types of trees and collected leaves. They then used sticks and leaves to create nature art-work inspired by the artist John Golsworthy.

Charlie found a toad in his group and enjoyed observing it. Heidi found looking at the different types of tree very interesting and Ewelina enjoyed collecting leaves from the trees.