



King's Academy Binfield

Dare to be Remarkable

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Head of Primary News

At both King's Academy Binfield and King's Academy Oakwood the staff have been blown away by how wonderfully our new children have settled into school and life and how well our existing children have coped with the new changes!

As I walk around both academies, everything is calm with lots of fun and engaging learning happening; you would never know we are at the start of the Autumn Term. It has been so wonderful to see all children having the opportunity to mix with others outside of their classrooms. The return of assemblies in the hall has been a favourite of mine and our first assembly all together was a very special moment. The children have been enjoying their singing assemblies with Miss Begbie and have started learning harvest songs with 'Cauliflowers Fluffy' being a favourite for them all!

We were pleased that our after school sports coach returned this week for KS2 children offering tag rugby and basketball. A full range of teacher led sports clubs will be released next week with you able to sign up for a club for your child. We will be offering a range of clubs from Disney singalong to fitness. This year we will be offering some of these clubs during the lunch hour as staying after school until 4:15pm can be a challenge for some of our youngest students whilst they get used to the long school day.

If you have a child in Year R or Year 1 and you haven't yet signed up for the phonics talk, please do if you are able to! Miss Kenney, Miss Mederson and myself are really looking forward to meeting you and talking about how you can support your children at home.

See below for information about the wonderful start to term had by all of our students.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Jacqueline Tate
Head of Primary

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Reminders:

Thank you for sending your children to school looking so smart. We know that some of our uniform rules are stricter than other local primary schools, but we are also preparing these children to enter the secondary phase at KAB and do not want to allow something in the primary phase only for it to change as they enter the secondary phase. Clear consistent rules are easiest for all and the children look incredibly smart. Just a reminder about some of our important uniform policy points:

- No bows or other adornments in hair
- Hair to be tied back if longer than shoulder length
- Only one small plain gold or plain silver stud to be worn in the ears (no sparkles, hoops etc)
- Trousers, socks and tights to be plain black with the winter uniform
- White socks to be worn with plain white trainers for PE
- No branded/logo items
- Shoes should be plain black, flat and logo free (no trainers or boots)
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If you have any questions regarding our uniform policy, please email our admin address and your email will be forwarded to the most appropriate person to help. **Our PTA has a wonderful selection of pre-loved uniforms for anyone needing any extra!**

I know that at both sites, parking has been a challenge at the start and end of the day. We are extremely lucky to have any parking onsite as many other local schools do not, however it can be extremely frustrating as a parent to be stuck trying to get your child to and from school. Please remember that your child can arrive anytime between 08:30 - 08:45 and so you do not need to be at the academy for exactly 08:30. Once you have dropped your child into class, please move off straight away to allow another parent to have the space. At KAB please be mindful of the secondary students entering and leaving the academy. At KAO the building work is causing a slight headache for parents, please rest assured that Miss Scully and I are in constant communication with the site manager to try and make things easier for everyone. If you would like to email the site manager directly, please ask Miss Scully for the email address.

Children and adults must not ride scooters or bikes anywhere on site. Please ensure that all toddlers and students disembark before entering the academy grounds.

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KAB

Ruby Class

Ruby class have had an excellent couple of weeks settling into their new school. They have enjoyed exploring all of the resources both inside and outside and it has been wonderful to see so many friendships developing already. The dressing up costumes have been a particular favourite and encouraged lots of fantastic imaginative play!

This week we have been talking all about our emotions as we explored the story of 'The colour monster'. The children have been really creative, making a large scale colour monster and sorting his emotions into different jars. They have also thoroughly enjoyed their first PE lesson in the hall and really impressed us with some of their ball skills. Well done Ruby Class.



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Emerald Class

The children in Emerald Class have made a remarkable start to school life and we are so proud of every single one of them! They have really been enjoying getting to know each other through our first topic 'We're all Wonders!' and have loved exploring their new surroundings. Lots of fun has been had on the pirate ship already!

Last week, we were very excited to welcome Year 2 to our classroom for the afternoon. Each child in Emerald Class has been paired up with a Year 2 'buddy' who came to read them a story and have a play. It was such a wonderful experience for both classes.

This week, the children particularly enjoyed their first yoga lesson with Miss Pike. They listened to her instructions beautifully and did some great yoga poses. Namaste!

Word of the week: Unique



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Opal Class

What a wonderful first 2 weeks back at school! I have been so impressed at how quickly Opal Class have settled into life in Year 1 and it has been lovely getting to know all of the children.

In Geography, our current topic is 'Our Local Area' and the children have been getting to know our classroom and school by using photographs and maps to locate different features and landmarks. In Art, we have been learning about the colour wheel and have even had a go at painting our own which look fantastic. The children really enjoyed mixing the paint and working out what colour was going to be made. The class had a very special yoga lesson this week for PE. They were all so sensible and really enjoyed it! We have also had great fun in Science thinking about how we have grown up and also learning the parts of our bodies. Well done to all the children for such a fabulous start to the year!

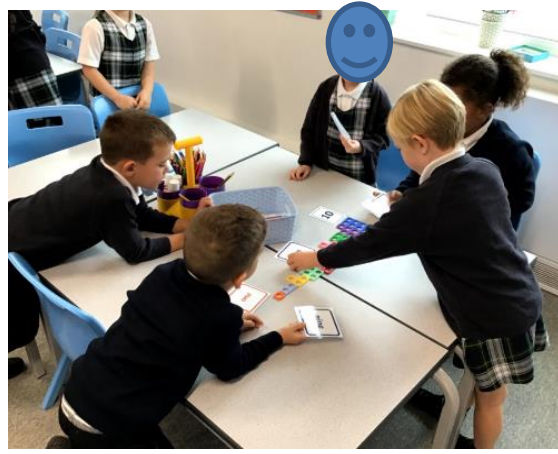
Word of the week: thrilled



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Topaz Class

Topaz class have settled back into the new school year and they are already working hard. Our first week back ended with a wonderful playdate in Emerald Class. The children all now have a buddy in Reception and they went to read them a story and stayed to play for a little while, it was fantastic to see them interacting with children outside of their classroom. I was so proud of the way they responded to having responsibility for younger children, they read their books beautifully and engaged with the Reception children so well.

In class, the children have been creating their own superheroes after reading *Traction Man!* By Mini Grey. They have worked on developing their characters, thinking about their appearance, super powers and personality. The children will write a mini-adventure for their character next week and I can't wait to see what they write!

Word of the week: noble

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