



King's Academy Oakwood

Dare to be Remarkable



Head of Primary News:

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so heart-warming to watch the Christmas Productions that have taken place throughout this week. As a staff, we feel hugely proud of our students and how engaged and enthusiastic they have been when rehearsing and performing. After a challenging couple of years, we have just been so pleased to be able to share these special moments with you and have everything crossed that in the New Year we will be able to get you into school even more often! We are very fortunate that we are not yet full at either KAB or KAO so this means we have lots of space and can organise smaller productions with less parents watching; we know other local schools have not been this fortunate. I would like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to our teachers and staff who have worked hard on these wonderful performances. Your kind words at the door or via email means so much to them.

I am really looking forward to the Reception Class productions on Monday 13th followed by Christmas Lunch and Jumper day on Tuesday 14th and class parties on Thursday 16th. Christmas Jumpers are to be worn with uniform instead of a cardigan or school jumper. Also our after school 'Sleepy Storytime Event' with the PTA - staff have their pyjamas at the ready!

Please remember your donation for Christmas Jumper Day as we are hoping to raise as much money as possible for our wonderful charities: Alexander Devine Children's Hospice and Cancer Research UK. Children can bring a donation in with them or you can donate through Schoolcomms. Please do give as much as you are able; these two charities are very close to our hearts and have directly supported our families.

A huge thank you must be said to the members of the PTA who have provided refreshments for parents at 8 productions so far with 2 more next week. Thank you for making the productions feel extra special!

This is the last newsletter of the term so I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Best wishes

Jacqueline Tate
Head of Primary

Useful Dates:

Monday 13th December - Reception Class Performance at KAB and KAO

Tuesday 14th December - Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day (charity donations)

Thursday 16th December - Class Parties at KAB and KAO (bring party clothes in a bag)

Friday 17th December - End of term at 12:15pm

Wednesday 5th January - Return to school

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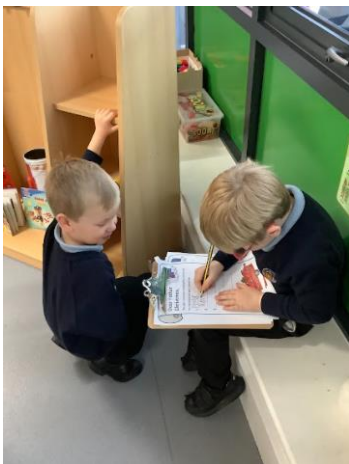
Willow Class

What a super, festive time it's been in Willow Class! The children have done such a fantastic job of learning Christmas songs, learning lines and learning to move around the stage and act out their parts. We have only been practising for a few weeks and to say that they are nearly ready for the big performance is quite an achievement! The children have been working really hard to perfect their nativity performance. Whenever the music comes on they can't help but have a little dance!

The children have made their own Christmas tree that currently brightens up the classroom. They have been counting objects to go on the Christmas tree and independently writing letters and lists in Santa's workshop! Super work! Willow Class have been enjoying a range of Christmas related stories, including the Nativity Story. The children had the opportunity to understand why we celebrate Christmas. Next week will be our Christmas performance, the costumes have been checked and we are all ready!

Word of the week (last week): Festive

Word of the week: Ecstatic



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Ash Class

Wow! I have been so proud of the children these past couple weeks. They have worked incredibly hard on their christmas productions and have absolutely loved being able to put on a show for all the parents. What amazing children!

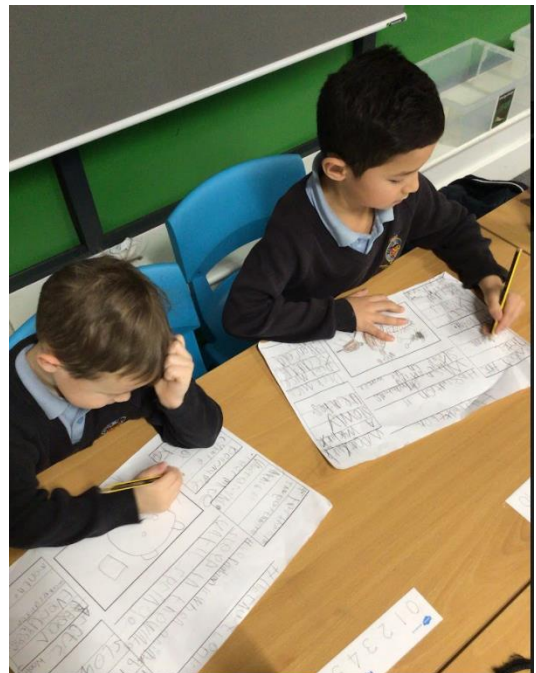
In English we have been focusing on non-fiction texts where the children have shown such enthusiasm for our book 'A Winter's Sleep'. We have had lots of in depth discussions about hibernation and studied the different animals which hibernate through Winter. It has been lovely to have so many children contribute such wonderful facts they know about animals. A particular favourite was the Everest Jumping Spider!

In Science we have all become news weather reporters! We have been studying the weather and looking for signs of Winter this half term. The children have written, rehearsed and filmed their news weather reports against our green screen to make our reports. In addition to this, we made our own wind vanes which most certainly came in handy with Storm Arwen!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Word of the week (last week): Compassionate

Word of the week: Respectful



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Birch Class

What a busy and exciting past few weeks for the children. They have all worked so hard, learning their lines and songs for the Christmas production and what a show it was! They were so excited to perform for all their families and they did a tremendous job. I am so proud of them all!

Between all the rehearsals we have been writing newspaper reports, reporting on the Great Fire of London. We have also been tea-staining paper to write our own diary as if we were a child in the Great Fire.

As well as lots of History, the children have completed some science experiments, testing out how different balls bounce and what would be the best material for absorbing water. The children were so excited and surprised by the results!

We are so excited for Christmas and have begun making some Christmas crafts. We have started off by making some snowmen decorations. They can't wait to take them home and show all their parents.

Word of the week (last week): engulf

Word of the week: rehearsal



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Chestnut Class

Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed rehearsing for their Christmas performance these last few weeks, we really hope you enjoyed your around the World trip with us!

In Maths these last couple of weeks, we have been focusing on Multiplication and Division. The children have loved using Times Tables Rock Stars, as well as Numicon to recall their multiplication and division facts. We have been really trying to apply our knowledge to problem solving questions too. I have been really impressed with the level of determination I have seen during Maths lessons.

In RE, we have been exploring religious and non-religious symbols and traditions related to Christmas. The children thoroughly enjoyed making Christingles with Mrs Grindley. During PE, we have been working on our fitness through circuit activities, it has been wonderful to see the children being so supportive and encouraging towards one another.

In English, we have been writing balanced arguments about whether or not dogs should have to remain on leads in public places. I was really impressed with the way the children have understood the tone and structure of this style of writing. In relation to our Geography topic of deforestation, we are now moving on to explore arguments for and against deforestation as well as the implications of deforestation.

Word of the week: Incredulous



Pine Class

What a wonderful start to December we've had in Pine Class with the highlight being able to have the parents in for our Christmas production. We received a letter last week from Wallace and Gromit informing us that they'd had a disaster and lost all their amazing inventions and explanations so Year 4s wasted no time in getting designing new contraptions and then writing the explanation texts to explain how their machine's worked.

While in maths, we continued with multiplication and division including investing multiplying by 0 and 1 and dividing by 1 and itself.

In Science, Year 4 have been investigating methods for melting ice. Each group used a different method to free a Lego minifigure frozen in an ice cube, including salt and warm hands. Warm water proved to be the winner, even though most of us predicted that the hairdryer would be the quickest!

In RE, we have been exploring Christian symbolism of Christmas so we had great fun making Christingles while learning about the history of them. We also had some fantastic conversations about relationships and all the different people in our lives in PSHE.

Word of the week (last week): Fundamental

Word of the week: Nostalgic



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Outside Achievements and Wonderful Things

We would like to say huge congratulations to Olivia for completing her 25m swimming badge this week after being promoted at swimming.

We are so very proud of you Olivia. Keep up the good work.



And a massive thank you to one of our KAO Parents for capturing this wonderful rainbow over KAO. What a delight to see!

