



King's Academy Binfield



Dare to be Remarkable

18/03/22

Head of Primary News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wellbeing Day was a great success on Tuesday and it was really lovely to see the children so actively engaged with all of the activities that the staff provided. Drumba was a big hit at both academies with great feedback from the children.

Coming up we have the Fantastic Fred Experience, which is an interactive theatre show to inform, equip and build resilience in our students. It delivers simple, memorable and practical ways that young children can look after their mental health and explains the link between our physical and mental health. To find out more, please follow this link to a parent [video](#).

It was wonderful to be part of the Year 1 trip to Windsor Castle last week. The children had an amazing time (even the coach journey created huge excitement) and it has really helped to bring to life their current topic of 'Kings and Queens' and will support the Year 2 topic of 'Castles'. Key Stage leaders are in the process of confirming trips for all year groups and will be in touch soon regarding a school trip for your child if they have not yet had this experience. We are very excited to have launched the Year 4 2 night Residential to Runway's End this week as are the Year 4 class themselves!

Thank you to the 120 parents (across primary and secondary) who have completed the parent survey we shared last week. Whilst this is a great start, there are over 800 children whose parents haven't yet given feedback. Please do take a few minutes (it really is that quick!) to complete it so we can have a true picture of what we are doing well, and the areas we need to give greater priority to. If you have more than one child, especially if they are in different phases, please do complete one per child. The link can be found [here](#). Thank you.

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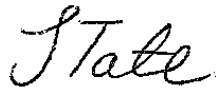
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Finally, I am really pleased to say that on Tuesday across KAB and KAO we raised a huge **£1,284.15!** This money will be split between Comic Relief and the Ukraine Humanitarian Fund organised by the Disasters Emergency Committee. Thank you for your generous donations.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Tate". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jacqui Tate

Head of Primary

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Important Dates:

Tuesday 22nd March: Mothers and others shop at KAO (PTA event)
Wednesday 23rd March: Mothers and others shop at KAB (PTA event)
Monday 28th March: Second school report out to parents
Tuesday 29th March: Fantastic Fred NHS Theatre Show KAO
Wednesday 30th March: Parents Evening
Thursday 31st March: Fantastic Fred NHS Theatre Show KAB/Parents Evening
Friday 1st April: Last day of Term and Easter Hat competition (PTA event)
4th - 18th April: Easter Holidays
Tuesday 19th April: Start of Term
Monday 2nd May: Academies closed (bank holiday)
Monday 30th May - 3rd June: Half Term Break
Tuesday 19th - 21st July: Year 4 residential to Runway's End
Friday 22nd July: Last day of Term



Resources for Support:

YOUNGMINDS

[Young Minds - Mental Health Support](#)



[Safer Internet Centre - Resources for parents/carers](#)



[Kooth - Free online counselling support](#)

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Ruby

Last week we planted some seed potatoes in a large pot outside. We have to look out for the flowers that will grow above the soil to let us know when the potatoes are ready for harvesting. We are already looking forward to seeing how many potatoes we produce!

Our focus stories have both been about spiders, reading 'Spinderella' and 'Aaaarrgghh Spider!' We have been creating lots of spider themed artwork as we learn about spiders and even had a real spider in our classroom for us to study before we safely released it into our bug hotel.

On Wellbeing Day, we had discussions around gratitude and spent time talking about people in our lives we are thankful for and those who we love. We also discussed how important it is to love ourselves! We made cards for people who are special to us and drew rainbows to make each other happy. We also each made a delicious fruit salad, being very careful as we used knives to chop the fruit ourselves. We enjoyed the rainbow of colours on our plates and learnt about how important it is to eat healthy food.

Word of the week (last week): Scurry

Word of the week: Lonely



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Emerald

Emerald class are having an absolutely ROAR-some time learning about dinosaurs at the moment! We kicked off our new topic with the discovery of some very intriguing CCTV footage of a Stegosaurus in our garden! We were absolutely flabbergasted and the children asked lots of great questions about how and why it was there. They discovered lots of clues in the garden such as footprints, eggs and even Stegosaurus poo!

Emerald Class have been enjoying learning about the different types of dinosaurs, their features and whether they were herbivores, carnivores or omnivores. I was really impressed with the wonderful writing they did about dinosaurs and in maths they've used dinosaurs to further their counting skills and help them find different ways to make numbers to 10. Lots of fun has been had in our 'Dinosaur museum' role play area where fossil hunting has been very popular!

This week, the children have been particularly fascinated to learn about the wonderful Mary Anning and her amazing contribution to our knowledge of dinosaurs. I've seen lots of children digging outside in the hope of discovering fossils like Mary did!

We all really enjoyed our special 'Wellbeing' day on Tuesday. We talked about the importance of keeping ourselves healthy and happy and enjoyed activities such as painting and dancing. We had a trip to our big field where a highlight for many was rolling down the hills! We finished the day with a fabulous 'Drumba' session!

Word of the week (last week): Palaeontologist

Word of the week: Prehistoric



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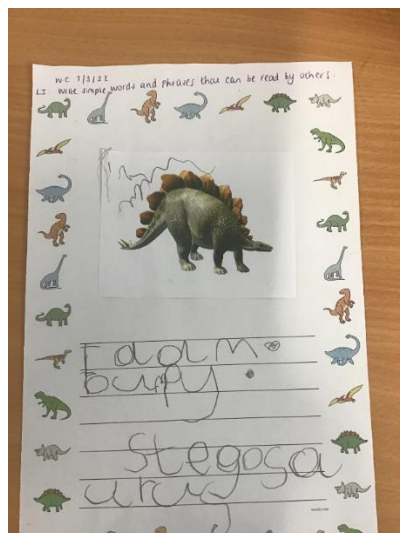
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Opal

Opal class had such a wonderful time on their school trip to Windsor Castle last week. We all learnt about the history of the castle and even saw the Royal Standard flying so we knew that the Queen was in residence which everyone was very excited about! Everyone's favourite part of the school trip was seeing the famous doll's house. The whole class was so well behaved and I was extremely proud of them.

In English last week, the children impressed me so much with their writing. After learning the story, the children then wrote 'The Stinky Cheese Man'. This week, we read a new story; 'Oi! Frog!'. We have then practised using rhyming words throughout the week.

In Science this week, we investigated the properties of different materials. The children had lots of fun experimenting!

In DT last week, the class practised their cutting skills and made their own fruit kebabs which looked delicious. They then designed fruit smoothies this week ready to make them in their next lesson.

On Tuesday, the school celebrated Wellbeing Day by joining in with lots of different activities such as yoga, mindful colouring and we even had a Drumba session which was so much fun!

Word of the week (last week): properties

Word of the week: opaque



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Topaz

The children have been amazing writers and they got into the character of a dragon to write diary entries, giving a different point of view to the main events in a story. We are now imagining our own dragons and writing information texts about their appearance, habitat and diet, and any other fascinating facts.

In maths, the children have started learning about fractions and finding halves and quarters of shapes and amounts, linking this to our understanding of division and dividing by 2 and by 4 to find the answer.

In science the children have begun a new experiment planting bulbs in different conditions to see how they grow. On Tuesday they had a wonderful wellbeing day that ended with a Drumba session, the children had the most exciting time and were a credit to the school in the way that they behaved and engaged with the session.

Word of the week (last week): germination

Word of the week: fraction



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Outside of School Achievements



Congratulations to Joshua who won the Star of the Week trophy at his Playball club for showing beautiful listening, trying his best and having lots of fun! He even had the added excitement of losing his third tooth in his session!

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