

Dare to be Remarkable



Head of Primary News

Dear parents and carers,

It is hard to believe that another term has gone by. As usual, the students have shown the most amazing resilience in regards to catch up work, staff absence, student absence and illness. We are so proud of our students and all that they have achieved and I hope that you were pleased with your child's report and the parents meeting with your class teacher.

Please do know that whilst we have three reports and two parents' evenings per year, the teachers are always happy to speak to you about any concerns or queries you may have outside of those times. Our doors are always open and whilst a teacher may not be able to speak at the start or end of the day, they will happily arrange a meeting with you for a more suitable time.

Cricket Skills

We are so proud of all of the primary students from KAB and KAO who took part in the cricket skills tournaments. We sent two teams to the initial competition at Great Hollands Recreation Ground and were invited to send a team to the Berkshire Winter School Games. I am so pleased to say that our team returned as bronze medallists! There are a range of competitions that run through Bracknell Forest for a variety of age groups so all students will have the opportunity, through their time in the primary phase, to represent the Academies.



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Term Time Holidays

Students have missed out on so much in school learning over the past two years that it is really alarming to see children being removed from school for a second, or in some cases, third term time holiday! Whilst I completely understand that holidays are important for you as families and that some learning can take place during holidays, taking children during term time has a hugely detrimental effect on their learning. Some families take their children out of school at the end of each term which means key assessments are not completed, the children do not get the opportunity to consolidate their learning and they miss the end of key topics and learning.

Term time holidays will never be approved for this reason and I ask that you book holidays within the 13 weeks school holidays. Some parents have even asked staff to set work for their children to complete on holiday; this is a completely unreasonable demand and unfair to expect teachers to add to their workload by organising additional work.

We keep regular track of attendance with our minimum expectation being 97%. I completely understand that small children get ill and need time off, however I do have a duty to invite parents in next term and arrange for attendance plans to be put into place to support students with low attendance.

Have a wonderful two week break and we will see you on Tuesday 19th April.

Kind regards,

Mrs Tate

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Head of Primary

Diary Dates

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

Top DARE Point Scorers for Spring Term

Ruby

Name	House
Ryan	Churchill
Jasmine	Mandela
Olivia	Nightingale
Charlie G	Curie

Emerald

Name	House
Teddy C	Churchill
Ollie	Mandela
Amelia C	Nightingale
Freya	Curie

Opal

Name	House
Theo H	Churchill
Ben	Mandela
Amelia	Nightingale
Leah	Curie

Topaz

Name	House
Lena	Churchill
Joshua S	Mandela
Alfie	Nightingale
Hollie	Curie

DARE Students of the Spring Term - Stand out students who have embodied our values of determination, aspiration, respect and enthusiasm this term!

Ruby- Sienna

Sienna consistently demonstrates our DARE values at school. She is an enthusiastic learner who always shows such kindness and consideration towards others. Well done Sienna!

Emerald - Olivia G

Olivia demonstrates our school DARE values in abundance. She shows such kindness to others and works her absolute socks off every day. Well done Oliva, you are a superstar student!

Opal - Blake

Blake is always demonstrating the school's DARE values. He shows such enthusiasm and is constantly trying his best with all of his learning. Well done Blake!

Topaz - Hollie

Hollie always epitomises our DARE values, whether she is playing or working. Hollie will always make the kind choice in any given situation.

Ruby

Ruby class thoroughly enjoyed the spring sunshine last week and spent lots of time outside watering our plants, developing our bug hotel and exploring our new water wall. We have been learning all about the signs of spring; looking closely at daffodils and talking about baby animals. We are very excited that one of the bird boxes in our garden is being used by Blue Tits. We have been watching two blue tits flying back and forth with sticks as they build their nest inside.

This week we have been learning about Easter and how some families might celebrate Easter. The children showed great curiosity as we got creative with marble ink and made beautiful patterns on eggs and flowers for our Easter cards. We loved making chocolate nest cakes on Friday too and using our word of the week to describe them...truly scrumptious!

Well done for another wonderful term Ruby Class, enjoy your Easter break and I look forward to all of the fantastic learning we will do next term!

Word of the Week Last week: Antenna This week: Scrumptious











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Emerald

Word of the Week: Last week: Omnivore This week: Flabbergasted

Emerald have had a brilliant end to our Spring term and I am so proud of how hard they have all worked this term. We all thoroughly enjoyed the treat of Spring sunshine last week and spent lots of time having fun learning in our garden and loved spotting the Bluetits who are nesting in the Nursery garden. The beautiful daffodils that have bloomed are making us all very happy and the children have done some wonderful observational drawings and paintings of them this week.

Last week, the children enjoyed learning about Mother's day and made some beautiful cards and pattern bracelets to give to their mummies. They all thought of some great ways to treat their mummies on Mother's day so we hope you mummies were all thoroughly spoilt!

We also had a special visit from Mrs Baker last week who brought in her amazing collection of fossils to share with the children. We also made some of our very own salt dough fossils!

This week, our learning has revolved around Easter and why and how Christians celebrate it. We have learnt the Easter story and enjoyed lots of Easter activities, including painting and eggs and having an egg rolling competition!

I hope you all have a very well deserved Easter break and see you all in the Summer Term!













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Opal

Word of the Week: crinkle

Opal class have had a fantastic end of the term and I am so proud of all of the children! We have had such a fun few days with our Fantastic FRED show and Easter egg hunt on Thursday. The children absolutely loved the Fantastic FRED show and learnt a lot about how to stay healthy.

In English, we have been writing some poetry this week. The children have been using their senses to describe Spring. They have written some wonderful poetry! In Maths, we have been exploring volume and capacity, having fun with water and measuring.

We have come to the end of our Kings and Queens History unit. The children have learnt a lot of facts about Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II which they have really enjoyed and so were able to compare the two Queens.

In Science, we have now ended our unit on 'materials'. We used all of our knowledge on different materials and their properties to sort different materials. The children really impressed me by using lots of scientific vocabulary such as transparent, opaque and flexible. In DT we made fruit smoothies last week and they looked delicious! The children were so good at cutting the fruit carefully.

I hope that everyone has a lovely and relaxing Easter holiday and I will see all of you in the Summer term!









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Topaz

Topaz class children have had a wonderful end to this term enjoying all the lovely Easter activities in school. They started the week with lots to finish off, and completed the most incredible reports on the dragons that they had invented and the artwork to go with their writing was spectacular.

In maths, we did some 'showing off' of all our learning this term with our assessments and consolidated some of the trickier areas with some Easter themed mathematics focusing on fractions of shapes.

The children enjoyed the culmination of our castle topic, learning about how to attack and defend castles. We also completed our linked design and technology project, to make their own catapults, firstly on their own lolly stick catapults and then using a more complicated pyramid design in groups of three.

In science, we have completed experiments planting seeds and bulbs in different conditions and seeing what they needed to grow. I hope the children all have a wonderful Easter break and come back raring to go in the Summer Term!

Word of the Week: trebuchet









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