



King's Academy Oakwood

Dare to be Remarkable



Head of Primary News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we have had a wonderful time celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was a fantastic way to end this half term. The children enjoyed a variety of Jubilee themed activities before enjoying their snacks during a picnic.

This has been a short term but one filled with learning and achievements. Our Year 2 children worked incredibly hard throughout their Special Agent Training (SATs) and I was pleased to see them receive their Special Agent business cards and certificates. The learning will continue on after half term and, during the next half term, the students in Year 1 will complete the Phonics Screening Check and the Year 4 students will complete the Multiplication Check.

We will be undertaking our final trips next half term! So far the children who have visited London Zoo and Windsor Castle have had the most wonderful days whilst being beautifully behaved.

Open Afternoon

We would like to invite you to our Open Afternoon on Tuesday 21st June for KAO and Thursday 23rd June for KAB. You will get the chance to look through your child's books and see inside their classroom. You can also go to the other classes to see what your children will be learning next year and beyond! The open event will run from 3:45 - 4:45pm. Please collect your child as normal and wait 15 minutes on the playground for teachers to ensure their rooms are ready. We will open the doors back up to you as soon as possible.

Summer Safety

As the weather gets warmer, please watch this short video clip from the NHS about water and window safety around young children.

[NHS urges summer safety awareness to keep children out of danger \(frimleyccg.nhs.uk\)](https://www.frimleyccg.nhs.uk)

Have a wonderful half term and see you back on Monday 6th June!

Kind regards,

J Tate

Mrs Tate
Head of Primary

Diary Dates

Monday 30th May: 3rd June: Half Term Break
Wednesday 8th June: Year 2 STEM Day
Thursday 9th June - EYFS Planetarium Visit (at KAO)
Tuesday 14th June: Year 3 trip to Pizza Express
Tuesday 21st June: KAO open afternoon 3:45pm - 4:45pm (more info to follow)
Wednesday 22nd June - Year 2 Trip to Milestones Museum (more info to follow)
Thursday 23rd June: KAB open afternoon 3:45pm - 4:45pm (more info to follow)
Monday 4th July: KAO Sports Day (more info to follow)
Tuesday 5th July: KAB Sports Day (more info to follow)
Wednesday 6th July: INSET Day
Thursday 7th July: Transition Day
Saturday 9th July: PTA Summer Fair for KAB and KAO at KAO
Thursday 14th July: Year R Theatre Trip (more information to follow)
Tuesday 19th - Thursday 21st July: Year 4 residential to Runway's End

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Willow

Word of the week (last week): free range

Word of the week: Coronation

Willow class had a wonderful last week getting to know their brood of chicks before they returned to live a free-range life at Row Farm. The children came up with some great names for our chicks such as Cuddles, Wobbly and Spotty. The farmer loved the names we chose! The children cared for them so well and although we are missing them we have been pleased to hear from the farmer that they had settled well with their new mum. The children wrote some lovely cards for the chicks to take with them to their new home.

We weren't without feathery friends for long though as on Wednesday, Lizzie from the British Hen Welfare Trust came to run a special workshop to help the children learn even more about eggs and chickens. She brought two of her rescue hens, Tinsel and Pocket. Willow Class loved being able to stroke them and were fascinated to find out that chickens have 3 eyelids and to find out how a chick grows inside an egg. Lizzie also helped us understand the difference between caged and free range eggs and reminded us how important it is to buy free range eggs. The children enjoyed trying to break eggs by squeezing them- we discovered just how strong eggs really are!

This week our learning has focused around the Queen's platinum jubilee. We have learnt lots about our Queen and her family. We've been preparing for our street party on Friday by making Union Jack flags, bunting and making some grenadiers puppets! We have also learnt the national anthem so we can sing it at our street party. The children have been absolutely flabbergasted that our Queen has reigned for 70 years- we all think it is an amazing achievement.

We also looked at the results of an 'egg-speriment' we have been doing in class to see how different drinks affect eggshells which is a bit like the enamel on our teeth. We discovered that milk and orange juice did the most damage to the shells and that water was the best!

We also said goodbye to our butterflies that hatched last week. The children enjoyed watching them flutter away as they clumsily spread their wings for the first time. Some butterflies needed a little extra nudge and cheers which the children were happy to provide!

Have a fabulous half term everyone, I can't quite believe next term is Willow Class' last term of Reception but what incredible Year 1s they will be!



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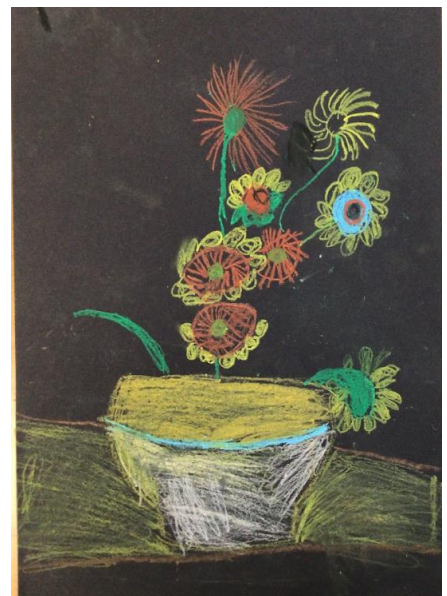
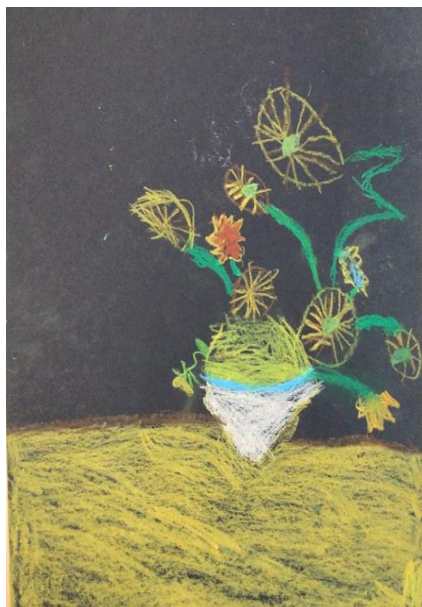
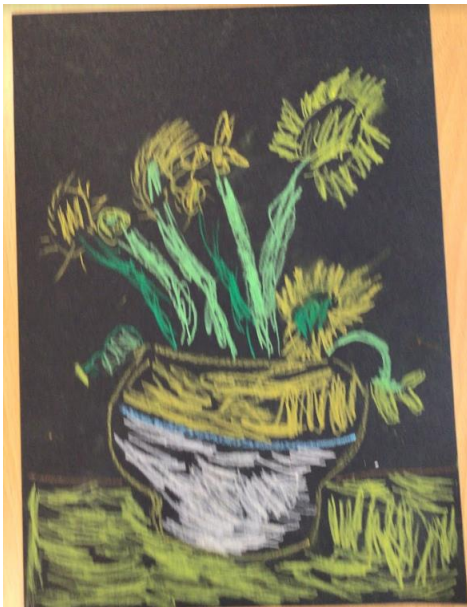
In English, Ash class have been working on writing the story of 'Handa's Surprise'. The children changed the fruit and animals in the story and wrote some incredible adjectives to describe them. I have been so impressed with how hard they have worked on these stories and how proud they are of themselves for achieving their own personal goals within the lesson.

The children's art work has been coming along wonderfully. They show such care when working on their final pieces and have loved experimenting in the style of Van Gogh! In science, the children have finished their unit on 'seasons' and have compared different events that occur in Spring and Summer.

The children had such a wonderful time celebrating the Queen's Jubilee where they decorated biscuits, sang and played games. The children were having a lovely time eating their snack and chatting with their friends on the field at the end of the day. I hope everyone has a wonderful and well-deserved rest over half term!

Word of the week (last week): temperature

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Birch

Birch class have worked so hard these past two weeks. They officially finished their Special Agent Training (SATs) and received their well-earned business cards and certificates. We are so proud of the work they have done and they should be so proud of themselves! They finished off their special projects, painted their fish of the sea they have been researching and placed them in the correct layer of the ocean for our display. They are truly fantastic pictures!

In art the children have been learning about 3 different artists Monet, Van Gogh and Metzinger and painting in the style of each of them. Last week they started to paint a landscape in the style of one of those artists. The children took such care over the methods of the painters and tried hard to replicate them in their paintings with beautiful results.

This term the children have been enjoying gymnastics and they have been really extending their skills with everyone improving after each session. They have been able to use the apparatus in the hall practising their key skills.



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Chestnut

Word of the week: Optimistic

Chestnut class has had a busy final couple of weeks of term. In Maths, we have been comparing and ordering Fractions as well as learning to add and subtract fractions too. In English, we have been busy writing persuasive letters regarding playtimes to Mrs Tate, Mrs Fitzgibbon and Mrs Howells. We will be sending these after half term. I have been impressed with the persuasive language the children have been using. In Science, we have been continuing our topic of plants and have been exploring the different stages in the life cycle of a plant and have explored various ways seeds are dispersed. We enjoyed hunting for different examples of seed dispersal on the school field.

The highlight of our week has certainly been our School Trip to London Zoo. I must firstly say that I was very proud of Chestnut Class for the mature and sensible manner in which they behaved throughout the day. They represented the school wonderfully! The children thoroughly enjoyed spotting the animals in the different enclosures and finding out facts about them all by reading the signs in the zoo. It was wonderful to see the children spotting things in the zoo that related to their learning throughout the year.



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Pine

Word of the week (last week): unison

Word of the week: paramount

In maths, we have been learning time. We revisited telling the time to 5 minutes and then moved on to telling the time to 1 minute as well as looking at units of time: seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, years, decades... Please continue to talk to your children about time, especially getting them to tell you the time on analogue clocks. This is a very important skill but is difficult to teach in just a couple of weeks at school.

In English, the children have had great fun designing and building their own robots. Using persuasive devices, the children wrote a script for a TV advert in groups and then filmed and edited their adverts.



At the beginning of last week, our Buddhist community celebrated Vesak (Buddha's birthday). This linked perfectly with our RE so we held our own celebration by making lamps and origami lotus flowers. We also did a lantern parade in the school grounds.



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In Art, we have been learning about flags and how they can provoke, entertain and represent people. The sunshine was just too good to miss, so we headed outside to create our own flags that represent us! We can't wait to see their finished pieces of art.



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Sports News

Year 3 and 4 Tennis Tournament



Last week, a team of Year 3 and 4's represented King's Academy Oakwood at a Bracknell Primary Schools Tennis Tournament. The team showed great sportsmanship and supported one another fantastically throughout the day! Well done!

Year 3 Commonwealth Multisports Afternoon

A team of Year 3 children from King's Academy Oakwood attended a multisports afternoon hosted for Bracknell Schools this week. The children took part in a variety of sports and activities throughout the afternoon and thoroughly enjoyed the experience! Well done!



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Special Educational Needs

We are very proud to be taking part in the Umbrella Project in the local area. The Umbrella Project helps to raise awareness and understanding of neurodiversity.

Colourful umbrellas have been strung together over public spaces, in schools, and in company buildings around the nation. Each display is designed to represent the one in five of us who have a neurodevelopmental condition, such as ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia or Tourette's syndrome. These conditions fall under the umbrella term of neurodiversity.



Watch out for our Umbrella display!
You can find out more here:

<https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/what-we-do/umbrella-project/>

Outside Achievements

We would like to say a big Well Done to Matilda and her team for winning the Cup Game last Saturday.

We are all super proud of you!



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