



King's Academy Oakwood

Dare to be Remarkable



Head of Primary News

Dear Parents and Carers,

This summer term feels like a first for us! Since we opened, due to the pandemic, we haven't had a normal summer term with statutory assessments and amazing enrichment opportunities. A big well done to Year 4 this week who completed the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check. They all left the room with a big smile feeling very proud for completing the assessment.

It has been so wonderful this term to see all the additional things happening that we haven't been able to offer before. There have been multiple school trips and sporting opportunities. There are a few remaining year group trips to look forward to as well as Sports Day and our first ever summer fair which will be held at King's Academy Oakwood on 9th July - the PTA have been very busy planning for this. Please do bring the family along to support the event and to fundraise for KAB and KAO.

Transition Day

On 7th July it will be Transition Day where your children will get to meet their new teacher and enjoy a day in their new classrooms. I will be writing to you before the 7th to confirm our staffing structure but we have been very pleased to be able to recruit excellent teachers to join us at KAB and KAO.

Whilst we are enjoying the many enrichment opportunities that are on offer, we are still continuing with our learning in all classes too. We have a full summer term curriculum to teach which teachers have worked hard to plan and our students are loving!

Open Events

We are really looking forward to seeing you at our Open Evenings next week. It will give you a chance to look at your child's books and to talk with your child about the learning opportunities they have had this year. The teachers will be in the classrooms to answer any general questions you have about the learning but won't be able to talk specifically about your child. 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.

Drop off and Collection

Please can I remind all parents that children should not be using equipment such as the Trim Trails at drop off and collection. Also, the EYFS areas are usually set up for the day ahead and so we request that children stand with parents rather than run around the outside areas. Many thanks for your support with this.

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Water Safety

We have been made aware that some of our community have been playing near, and swimming in, the lakes and ponds near our school. In addition to this we have been made aware of anti-social behaviour related to these areas.

We know our primary students are very young but we would still encourage parents/carers to talk to your children about the dangers of swimming in open bodies of water, in particular the aforementioned lakes which are known to have hidden debris in them, which has unfortunately caused a serious injury (resulting in surgery) to one of the children known to a local primary school this week.

Please find below link for advice about how to stay safe around water:

<https://www.rosipa.com/leisure-water-safety/water/advice/water-safety-code>

Warmer Weather

As the weather is getting warmer, please can you ensure you are putting sunscreen on your children in the morning. There are sunscreens available that last the whole day, however if you do wish to send some in please ensure it is clearly named. We cannot apply this onto your children ourselves, but we can help guide them as best as we can.

A reminder also to send your children in with a sun hat - these need to be plain blue hats. Stevensons do have a Legionnaire style sun hat on sale that has a neck cover built into the hat for added protection from the sun.

Many children are coming in with sunglasses which are not being well looked after and are being left on the playground, getting broken and are glasses that are more fashion accessories rather than sun protection. Also, if an accident happens like a piece of equipment hits a child's face, sunglasses can often lead to a worse injury. If your child needs sunglasses as they suffer from bad hay fever please let the office know. Otherwise we would ask for children to wear caps that shade the sun from their eyes rather than bringing in sunglasses.

We keep a very close eye on the weather and will encourage children to drink water more often during hot days. If we receive a weather warning, we will follow guidance given to us by Bracknell Forest such as: staying out of the sun and keeping the school as cool as possible.

Finally, can we ask that you still send your children in with their coats, as in true British style, the weather can change at any moment!

Have a wonderfully sunny weekend.

Kind regards,

J Tate

Mrs Tate
Head of Primary

Diary Dates

Tuesday 21st June: KAO open afternoon 3:45pm - 4:45pm
Wednesday 22nd June - Year 2 Trip to Milestones Museum
Thursday 23rd June: KAB open afternoon 3:45pm - 4:45pm
Monday 4th July: KAO Sports Day - morning (more info to follow)
Tuesday 5th July: KAB Sports Day - morning (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
Tuesday 19th - Thursday 21st July: Year 4 residential to Runway's End
Friday 22nd July - Last day of summer term (finish at 12:15pm)

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Willow

Willow Class had an incredibly exciting start to the Summer term with a visit from a Mobile planetarium from the Winchester Science Museum. It was an unforgettable experience for the children who were just in total awe as we all went on an awesome space adventure to see the stars, moon and planets. The children learnt about some of the constellations of stars to look out for in the night sky and how sometimes you can spot Venus shining brightly. Willow class had a brilliant time playing with their friends from Emerald class, making new friends - and being reunited with some old friends too! Their minibus journey back to KAO with Mrs Tate was also a memorable experience and quite a treat!

Our 'Look Up' topic has ignited much awe and wonder in the children and Willow Class have shown much enthusiasm for naming and ordering the planets and have had lots of fun playing astronauts in our space station. This week, they pretended to be all 8 planets in our Solar system orbiting around the sun. They also made telescopes and searched for new planets like astronomers.

We received lots of garden plants this week. The children have enjoyed replanting them in larger pots and making sure they always have plenty of water for them to grow steadily in the hot weather. The children had lots to say about how plants grow and showed really great enthusiasm in observing how fast they are growing. We can't wait to taste our first tomatoes!

In Maths the children had been busy consolidating their understanding of odd and even numbers. They drew some fanciful aliens and gave them some space food and sweets to eat. All children could tell when the sweets could be shared evenly and checked their findings by counting in two's. Well done Willow class!

Word of the week (last week): Astronomer

Word of the week: Orbit



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Ash

What a busy couple of weeks Year 1 have had to the start of their final term! In science, we have begun our plants unit. The children will be attempting to grow their own broad beans. We did this by placing a damp piece of cotton wool in a plastic bag along with our bean. We will filling in our bean diary over the weeks and observe how it grows. Additionally, we have been looking into wild plants - the children have loved finding so many wild plants in our playground over the past few days!

In Maths, we have been working on counting forwards and backwards to 100 in various ways. Last week, we went out onto the playground and drew number tracks using chalk. The children then counted in 10s up to 100 and back down to 0 again as a nice little active maths activity. This week in PSHE, we have been discussing what we would like to be when we grow up. I have loved hearing all the different ideas and the excitement children have towards their interests. Earlier on in the week, the children got to relax and unwind with some music therapy. They listened to 'Jupiter' by our composer of the fortnight - Gustav Holst and painted what they heard in the music.

In History, we have begun our topic 'Significant Nurses'. We went back in time and looked at what life was like for nurses and doctors back in the 1800's. The children showed such wonderful enthusiasm when I had to operate on some children and they were all shocked that I wasn't washing my hands in between operations and sharing all the blood! We also looked at some old remedies doctors and nurses use to cure sickness including biting the head off a toad, rubbing an onion on your head and using leeches to cure infections. We had a discussion about how women were not allowed to be doctors in those days and therefore had to pretend to be men so they could still do the job they wanted to do. The girls in the class loved having to wear moustaches through the lesson so they could join in with curing some patients of their own too!

Word of the week (last week): predict

Word of the week: greenhouse



Birch

Birch have had a lovely start to the half term. We have been very hands-on with our learning and made the most of the glorious weather. Last week we were so lucky to have had a STEM day over at Kings Academy Binfield and were able to meet the other Year 2 Topaz class. The children made cupcakes and were microhabitat explorers for the day. They loved meeting the other children and can't wait to see them for the school trip next week.

To continue our learning of habitats, we then looked at world habitats. The children had a selection of habitats and animals and they had to organise the pictures to which habitat they believed the animals belonged to. The class were so good at discussing why they put particular animals in those habitats using words such as 'adaptations' and 'camouflage' to reason their answers. It was so lovely to hear those important scientific conversations!

In maths, we have learned all about measurements, in particular mass, capacity and volume. We took advantage of the warm weather and practised our measuring of volume outside using measuring cylinders. The class worked in groups estimating then measuring the volumes and they had great fun doing it!

Word of the week (last week): comical

Word of the week: adaptations



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Chestnut

The children have had a busy start to their final term of Year 3. We have thoroughly enjoyed our recent trips to both Pizza Express and Oakwood Climbing Centre. At the climbing centre, I was so impressed with the determination and perseverance the children showed. It was wonderful to see them outside of their comfort zones, cheering each other on and really challenging themselves. The children also thoroughly enjoyed their visit to pizza express; I think the highlight though was having a pizza picnic on the playground when we returned.

In Maths, we have been working on telling the time using both analogue and digital clocks. We will be moving on to using the 24 hour clock next week. In English, we have begun reading *The Witches* by Roald Dahl and have begun our work on character descriptions. In History, we have begun exploring Ancient Egyptian artefacts and considering what these items can tell us about life in Ancient Egypt. In Science, we have begun our new topic of Light. The children enjoyed testing different materials to see how reflective they were.

Word of the week (last week): Emboldened
Word of the week: Persevere



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Pine

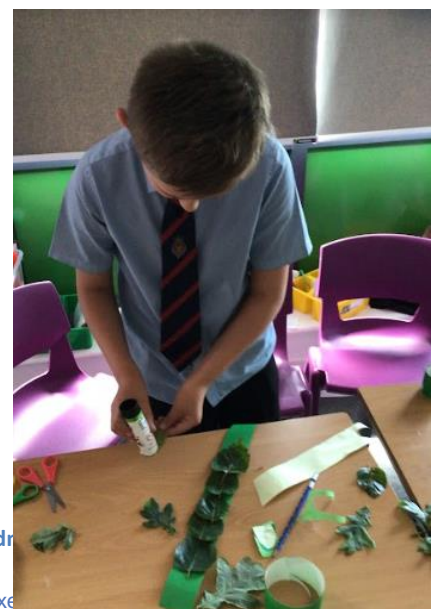
In English, we are learning about Greek myths. We have read several versions of the same stories and explained why the stories have changed over time due to the fact that for a very long time, they were told and not written down. Practising their oracy skills, children have told each other Greek myths before rewriting the story of Icarus and Daedalus. Next, children will write their own Greek myths.

Year 4 continues to amaze our Gymnastics coach, Miss Andrews. She was so impressed with their determination this week and all the children should be proud of their achievements so far. We have seen such a lot of progress, from children completing their very first forward roll, to those who have been perfecting their front flips! This week, they enjoyed finishing with a speed game of 'horses and jockeys'.

Pine class were excited to try some ancient (and modern) Greek breads this week as part of their humanities topic, Ancient Greeks. The breads were a hit all round but the olives received a very mixed response! We also located Greece on a map of Europe, sequenced Ancient Greek events on a timeline and made leaf wreaths while listening to some traditional Greek music played on the lyra.

Word of the week (last week): atonement

Word of the week: omnipotent





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Outside Achievements

On Sunday 12th June Oliver's Ascot FC team was part of the Windsor FC Youth 2022 Annual Football Tournament. After a hard year, his team won the tournament and took 1st place in their group.

Well Done Oliver (and Team) we are all very Proud of you. Massive Congratulations on your win!



On Sunday 12th June, Paris and Jack also played their Tournament. It was a mixed bag of wins, losses and draws with lots of goals scored. Paris scored an amazing Goal from the halfway line and Jack also scored a brilliant goal with his left foot.

We are extremely proud of you both! Huge Congratulations on your fantastic Goals.



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