



King's Academy Binfield

17/06/22

## 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

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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.

### **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.rospa.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 hayfever 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.

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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.



Jacqueline Tate  
Head of Primary

**Important 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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## Ruby

**Word of the week (last week):** Anemone

**Word of the week:** Luggage

Ruby Class have had such a busy and exciting couple of weeks. Last week we were blown away by our visit from the planetarium. It was magical to see the constellations of stars projected onto the ceiling above us and we enjoyed seeing the different animals and pictures they are named after.

Our hard work in the nursery garden has paid off and we have been able to pick our garden peas, broad beans and potatoes. We could not believe how many potatoes we had grown! We used lots of mathematical language to talk about the size of the vegetables and counted how many peas were in the different pods. The children have shown such wonderful curiosity over the planting and growing process and have taken such enjoyment out of picking the vegetables, preparing them to eat and tasting them. We made a yummy potato salad with the potatoes and have been eating the peas for snack



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On Wednesday we were very lucky and had Iris' mummy visiting our class to support our learning about aeroplanes, airports and holidays. We heard all about Carrie's job as cabin crew on an aeroplane and learned about the different jobs involved in preparing and flying a plane, from the engineers and the ground staff to the cabin crew and pilot. We had the opportunity to try on different pieces of uniform and imaginatively act out the roles, including learning the safety instruction demo! We needed boarding passes to board the flight and we were so excited to fly to Orlando to go and see Mickey Mouse. Thank you very much Carrie, it was a wonderful learning experience.



## Emerald

**Word of the week (last week):** Astronomer

**Word of the week:** Orbit

Emerald Class had an incredibly exciting start to the Summer term and our 'Look up' topic 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 from KAO came to join us for this fun morning. Both classes had great fun playing together and loved making new friends- and being reunited with some old friends too!

Our 'Look Up' topic has ignited much awe and wonder in the children and Emerald Class have shown much enthusiasm for naming and ordering the planets and have had lots of fun playing astronauts in our space station. The children made some aliens out of playdough this week and did some fabulous writing about their new extra-terrestrial friends! The children have been particularly fascinated to learn more about the sun so it has been very apt that the sun has been shining so brightly for us this week!

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It was wonderful to hear that lots of Emerald Class went to the Row Farm open day last weekend and we were thrilled to hear how healthy and happy the chicks we hatched are. We were flabbergasted to hear much they have grown!

We have welcomed some new pets in Emerald Class over the last fortnight- we now have four stick insects who Sienna's family kindly gave us.



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## Opal

Year 1 have started our new topic looking at Nurses in history and started with an introduction to Victorian medicine. Members of the class mysteriously came down with a whole host of maladies and had to be treated by Victorian doctors in training (all of whom were definitely grown men and not small girls with fake moustaches). We learned how to treat a cold with newspapers, applied leeches to deal with an earache, used dandelion coffee to improve Mrs Watson's mood and poor Mr Rumble even had to lick a frog for his sore throat.



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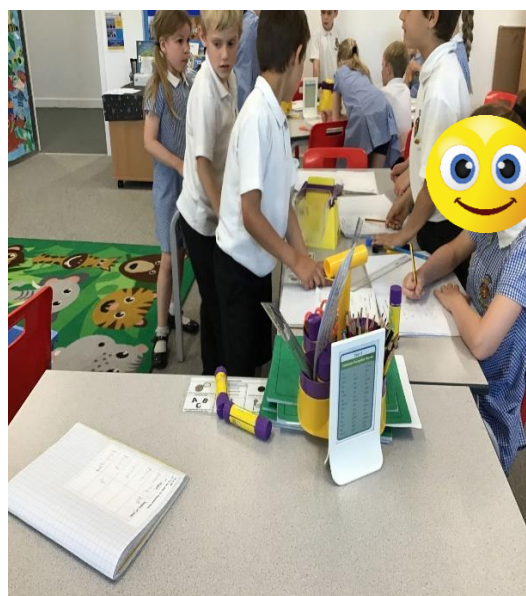
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## Topaz

The children in Topaz class have had a lovely week doing some follow up work from our very successful STEM Day last week. The children all learned how to bake a batch of fairy cakes and went hunting for different habitats in our school grounds. In English the children have learned how to write a book review and had a go using our class reader - The Diary of a Killer Cat. They are now choosing their own book to write about more independently. They can bring a book from home on Monday if they wish to. If not, our classroom and school library are very well stocked with books! The children are working on a unit of maths on mass, capacity and temperature and the photos below show some practical weighing in class. The children have really engaged with our new history unit on Explorers and Adventurers and we are all very excited for our class trip next week!



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## SEND

Please see below the workshops and support for families offered in the local area for June

**GEMS**  
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East Berkshire

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### What's coming Up in June & July 2022

GEMS offers information and support to parents and carers of children with autism and ADHD within East Berkshire. We offer workshops and courses for parents, carers, and children. We also run regular activities for children aged 5 upwards. **To book onto any of the below workshops please contact GEMS on: 0800 999 1342 or [gems.4health@nhs.net](mailto:gems.4health@nhs.net)**

-  **Girls & Autism - Maidenhead - Thursday 9th June - 10am to 12pm**
-  **Pre & Post Assessment workshops - Sleep - Virtual - Mon 13th June 7pm to 9pm**
-  **Pre & Post Assessment workshops - ADHD - Bracknell - Tuesdays 14th, 21st & 28th June 7pm to 9pm all sessions to be attended**
-  **Managing Anxiety - Virtual - Thursday 23rd June 10am to 11.30am**
-  **Autism & Food - Virtual - Tuesday 5th July - 10am to 12pm**
-  **Supporting Siblings - Bracknell - Thursday 7th July 10am to 12pm**
-  **Pre & Post Assessment workshops - ADHD - Virtual - Tuesdays 5th, 12th & 19th July 7pm to 8.30pm all sessions to be attended**
-  **Adolescence- Virtual - Thursday 14th July - 10 - 11.30 am.**



## Autism & Food Workshop

Online Delivery  
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