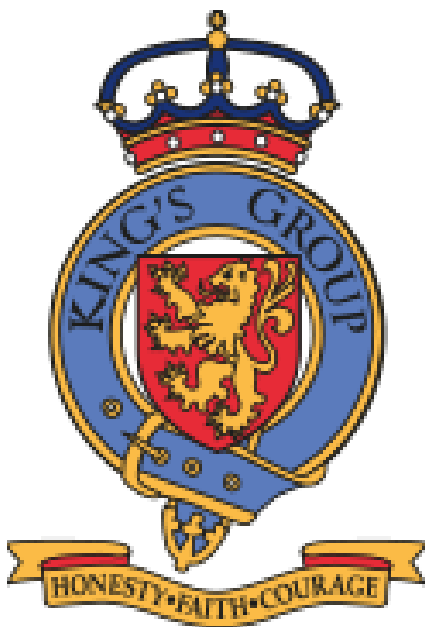


KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by thanking all the students and staff who made the KAB open evening this week such a special event. Students were kind, thoughtful, supportive, exciting and charismatic as they spoke to groups of parents and carers and their children visiting KAB to make decisions about their secondary school education next year. Our students were brilliant and really epitomised the King's Academies vision of "DARE to be remarkable". It was also lovely to welcome students, parents, and carers from our very own Year 6 at Kings Academy Oakwood to look round. Another first for our academies!

KAB Secondary Open mornings start on Monday next week and we look forward to welcoming visitors to see what a school day looks like at KAB. Next week, open mornings will run from 9.15 to 10.30am on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday.

Year 11 have started participating in KAB6 taster sessions giving them insight into some of the 27 A' Level options available to them in KAB6. The open evening will take place on Monday 16 October. We look forward to seeing students' parents and carers to find out more about our sixth form where students can make excellent academic progress in a supportive environment that provides that little bit extra so that KAB6 students really can stand out from the crowd and "Be Remarkable"!

Students in the Year 1 have been taking part in local area walks this week. We were very lucky with the weather and the children were really excited. They enjoyed ticking off what they saw whilst walking round the local area.

Students in Years 3-6 have also been participating in cross country running, showing us all their skills, and living the DARE values of determination, aspiration, respect and enthusiasm. Well done to all the students who were involved.

Kind regards
Mrs Moore

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NURSERY & RECEPTION UPDATES

RUBY CLASS

Ruby Class have been enjoying our 'It's Good to be Me' topic and learning all about ourselves and each other. This week we have been talking all about our families, looking at family photos and drawing family portraits. We have also been developing our independence around the classroom, including putting on our puddle suits and pouring our own milk.

Well done Ruby Class!



EMERALD CLASS

What a wonderful start to school life we have had in Emerald Class! We are so incredibly proud of the children. They have begun their school journey with bundles of enthusiasm and are enjoying exploring their new surroundings and making lots of new friends. They have been demonstrating our school DARE values in abundance and have been enjoying all the new experiences.

There was great excitement during our very first week when a hedgehog in need was found in our garden. A huge thank you to Freddie and Tate who noticed the poor hedgehog who was stuck in the fence and alerted the adults. Mr Irwin came to the rescue and helped the

hedgehog out of the sticky situation and released it back into a safe spot in the wild for us!

On the subject of animals, Emerald Class have also enjoyed getting to know our class stick insects- Chase, Marshall and Skye and their new tiny stick insect babies who hatched over the summer holidays- Mario, Luigi and Peach! Thank you to Henry H in Year 1 and his family who looked after the stick insects over the summer and welcomed the new babies into the world for us!

Last week words of the week: intelligent, absurd, illustration, hysterical

This week words of the week: discombobulated, elated, sobbing, enraged



JADE CLASS

Words of the Week: Absurd, Intelligent, Illustration, Hysterical

Our past few weeks of school have consisted of more fun-filled, busy exciting learning opportunities. As the weeks have been developing, the children have been busy learning lots of new phonics sounds. It has been such a joy to see how enthusiastic the children have been towards their new learning!

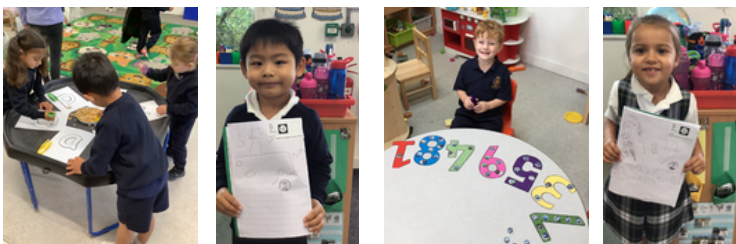
NURSERY & RECEPTION UPDATES

JADE CLASS (CONTINUED)

Alongside phonics, this week the children have begun their first 'Drawing Club' lessons. Pioneered by Greg Bottrill, this new style towards teaching writing has inspired such wonderful creativity! Within Drawing Club, the children have been focusing on 'The Book with No Pictures'.

After reading the book, the children have been given the task of making new characters and writing 'special codes' to make them come to life. Many have decided to create a character with a blueberry pizza face with a code that makes the blueberries explode!

In maths, we have been playing lots of matching games. The children have loved spotting things which are the same and using their hands to make snapping actions! It truly has been such a pleasure getting to know all of your little ones. We cannot wait to continue learning so much more exciting things!



WILLOW CLASS

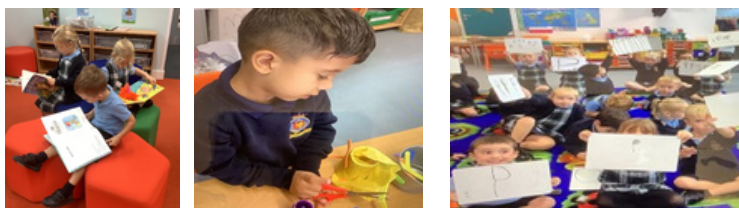
Words of the week: discombobulated, elated, enraged, sobbing

After settling beautifully into their class routine, Willow class has now embarked onto their earning journey and I am super proud of the progress they are making in all areas of their learning and especially with their phonics. All

children have shown great enthusiasm in recognising their sounds and using the special rhymes to help them form their letter sounds!

Our Special book this week was The Colour Monster by Anna Llenas. It sparked lots of interest from the children who were keen to explore and discuss their own emotions after sharing the story of a confused Colour monster who wakes up one day feeling very confused as his emotions are all over the place.

Tuesday afternoons are surely becoming the children's favourite time of the week. They just adore visiting the school library, browsing at leisure through inspiring stories books with their friends and taking home their favourite books to share with their loved ones.



YEAR 1 – 6 LEARNING JOURNEYS

	Binfield	Oakwood
Year 1	<p>This week we really enjoyed going on a walk around our local area as part of our Geography learning! We saw lots of houses, road signs, the new medical centre and Golf Plex. We have also been using our senses of sight and hearing in our science lessons as part of our learning about the human body; we went outside and made a list of all the things we could see and hear.</p> <p><u>Opal Class</u> <u>Moonstone Class</u></p>	<p>This week we have been using our senses of sight and hearing to learn about the world around us in the classroom and outside. In English we have continued to develop our use of adjectives. This week we have been on a local area walk to support our learning in geography.</p> <p><u>Ash Class</u></p>
Year 2	<p>We have been comparing firefighters this week and looking at how they fought fires during the period of the Great Fire of London. In Maths, we have been comparing two digits numbers and ensuring we look at the tens digit first. We have also had a go at exploring different media when drawing on different materials.</p> <p><u>Topaz Class</u></p>	<p>We have been comparing firefighters today with how to fight fires in the Great Fire of London. We have also started our new book in English and have been learning a non-chronological text on Orcas. We will use this to write our own non-chronological reports on Emperor Penguins. See our learning at:</p> <p><u>Birch Class</u></p>
Year 3	<p>Our Learning journey updates include some of our setting description writing in English, as well as our Art work on Surrealism.</p> <p><u>Quartz Class</u></p>	<p>Learning journey updates this week include our work in maths on using and estimating on a number line to 1,000, recognising anti-social behaviour in PSHE, digital art in computing and learning all about the process of fossilisation and what fossils are in science. Check our learning journey to see all the wonderful work we have been doing this week at:</p> <p><u>Chestnut Class</u></p>

YEAR 1 – 6 LEARNING JOURNEYS

	Binfield	Oakwood
Year 4	<p>Learning journey updates this week include our work in maths on learning about Roman Numerals and our previous topic which was Place Value. In English, we have completed our topic on character description of the Lost Thing. Also check out our Anglo-Saxon battle in history and the start of our new topic, Buddhism, in RE.</p> <p><u>Amethyst Class</u></p>	<p>Over the past week, we have been busy developing our knowledge of animal classification in Science and in History have been learning about how Britain changed when the Anglo-Saxons settled here. We have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the origins of Buddhism during our RE lessons too. To see some photos from our Science, History and RE lessons please visit our class learning journey.</p> <p><u>Pine Class</u></p>
Year 5		<p>Over the last week in Sycamore, we have been creating some gymnastic routine work in PE, investigating thermal conductors and insulators in science, and developing our understanding of systems in computing. Check our learning journey to see more at:</p> <p><u>Sycamore Class</u></p>
Year 6		<p>Over the past week we have been busy in science learning about evolution and inheritance. In DT, we have been testing out materials in preparation to build our bird boxes next week. Check out our learning journey where you can also see some photos from our recent trip to Baylab, Reading.</p> <p><u>Oak Class</u></p>



KABKAO UPDATES

SECONDARY STUDENT SUCCESS – LIAM’S COUNTY NEWS

This week KAB Secondary Phase found out that Liam C in Year 10 has been selected to be part of the U16 Boys Berkshire Football Squad.

This a huge achievement, as nearly 150 students were nominated to take part in the trials across the county. Congratulations Liam, we look forward to hearing how you get on!

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS WEEK

From 2nd – 8th October, it’s Dyslexia Awareness Week which is aimed at raising awareness of dyslexia and challenging some of the common misconceptions around what it’s like to be affected by it. If you would like to find out more, please click [here](#). There’s also a useful graphic below which shares some insight into how children feel their dyslexia affects them.

PRIMARY PARENTS EVENING – SEN APPOINTMENTS

Mrs Jones, our SENDCO, will be available at the Primary Parents Evenings. Please book in the usual way.

- **KAB** – 11th October
- **KAO** – 12th October
- **KAO** – 16th October
- **KAB** – 19th October

The Mental Health Support Team will also be available on these two dates, so do pop along to talk with them if you have any concerns about your primary age child.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILIES

Brighter Futures have launched a new support group based in Marlow. While these in person sessions are a little out of area, they are open to anyone who is happy to travel. Please see the leaflet on **page 8** for more details.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

w/c Monday 2nd October	KAB6 Taster Lessons for Year 11
Monday 2nd October	Secondary Phase Open Morning (9:15:30am)
Tuesday 3rd October	Year 6 Visit to KAB (Group A) – Birdbox Making
Tuesday 3rd October	Secondary Phase Open Morning (9:15am–10:30am)
Wednesday 4th October	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 5th October	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 5th October	Year 5 & 6 Netball Tournament
Thursday 5th October	Secondary Phase Parent Event – Behaviour Policy (5–9pm)
Thursday 5th October	KS4 Drama Trip (6:30–11pm)
Friday 6th October	Secondary Phase Open Morning (9:15–10:30am)
Monday 9th October	Secondary Phase Open Morning (9:15–10:30am)
Tuesday 10th October	Year 6 Visit to KAB (Group B) – Birdbox Making
Tuesday 10th October	KAB Primary Photos
Tuesday 10th October	Secondary Phase Open Morning (9:15am–10:30am)
Wednesday 11th October	KAB Primary Parents Evening (4–7pm)
Thursday 12th October	KAO Primary Parents Evening (4–7pm)
Thursday 12th October	Year 12 visit to Newbury College Careers Fair
Thursday 12th October	Year 7 & 12 Meet the Tutor Evening (4–7pm)
Friday 13th October	Year 7, 9 & 11 School Photos
Monday 6th October	KAO Primary Parents Evening (4–6pm)
Monday 16th October	KAB6 Open Evening (6–9pm)
Wednesday 18th October	KAO Primary Photographs
Thursday 19th October	KAB Primary Parents Evening (4–6pm)
Friday 20th October	School closes for half term – early finish (TBC)



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