

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS TATE AND MRS PHILLIPS

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another fantastic week at King's Academy Binfield and King's Academy Oakwood. It has been fantastic to welcome the remaining students from KAO Year 6 into the secondary phase to complete their design technology projects, there has been some excellent work achieved.

This week has also seen our first parents' evenings taking place across all phases, it is brilliant to engage in such purposeful conversations with our families ensuring that we are all working together. The students have settled into the new academic year so well and it is important to celebrate that success as well as identify areas for improvement and additional support. As a reminder, your child's first point of contact should always be the class teacher in primary and the form tutor in secondary.

Celebrations of Black History Month are in progress across all phases of the academy with assemblies, class, and tutor activities as well as competitions for the students to take part in. It is such an important event to recognise and celebrate our diversity and range of cultures across our academy and forms part of the brilliant work we are doing around Equity Diversity and Inclusion.

It has also been World Mental Health Day, this is a topic we regularly revisit in PSHE lessons, assemblies, and tutor time. Students have been considering their mental health and reminded about where they can access support including through our fantastic mental health first aiders.

We have some exciting events taking place next week, including KAB6 Open Evening for Year 11 students on Monday from 6pm, we would love to see as many people as possible there. We also have a visit

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from Sir Roger Fry taking place on Tuesday 17th October, Sir Roger is Chairman of King's Group Academies.

Finally, a reminder that Friday 20th October is a half day. Students within the primary phase will be finishing at 12:30 and students in the secondary phase will be finishing at 12:45.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes

Mrs Phillips and Mrs Tate

MEASLES/MMR REMINDER FROM BRACKNELL FOREST FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

Over 102,000 children starting primary school in England are at risk of catching measles. With millions of children across the country going back to school this week, NHS England is urging parents to check that their children are up to date with their MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccinations in the wake of measles cases rising across the country.

Childhood vaccination rates have fallen over the past ten years and this week statistics show that over 102,000 children aged four and five years old starting in reception are not protected against catching measles, mumps and rubella. Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious.

If you are unsure if you or your child are up to date, check your child's red book or GP records and make an appointment to catch up any missed doses. For more information on the NHS vaccination schedule, please [visit](#).

KAB SECONDARY UNIFORM REMINDER

Here at King's Academy Binfield we are very proud of our high expectations which is reflected in our uniform policy and how we expect students to wear their uniform on a day to day basis. The majority of our students take pride in wearing the uniform as it is meant to be worn. Now the weather is getting colder, students have been reminded that they should be wearing their blazers around the school site. Jumpers can be removed if they become too warm during the school day. From Monday 16th October the small number of students who choose to wear their uniform incorrectly will be issued with a lunchtime detention for 20 minutes, failure to attend this lunchtime detention will result in a same day BAN C3 detention being issued.

Please continue to support your child by encouraging them to take pride in their appearance and wear their uniform correctly.



NURSERY & RECEPTION UPDATES

RUBY CLASS

Ruby class have shown such enthusiasm whilst sharing the story of 'The Paper Dolls' by Julia Donaldson. They have been incredible at recalling the repeated phrases, the character names and the different events in the story. We have been busy making our own paper dolls, thinking carefully about what features to give them and a special name for them too.



EMERALD CLASS

We have had another fun-filled couple of weeks in Emerald Class!

We have been learning lots of new sounds over the last fortnight and it has been so wonderful to see the children blending these sounds to read words and even having a go at writing some words!

Alongside phonics, the children have been really enjoying 'Drawing Club' lessons. Pioneered by Greg Bottrill, this new style towards teaching writing has inspired such wonderful creativity! After reading a new book every week, the children are given the task of drawing pictures and writing special letter and number 'codes' which make the pictures do wild and wonderful things! We have been absolutely blown away by

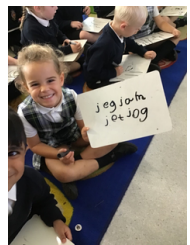
the children's creativity during our 'Drawing Club' lessons and they are all showing huge enthusiasm for these lessons.

Last week in maths we enjoyed exploring measuring weight and had lots of fun with the bucket scales. This week we are exploring patterns and Emerald Class are fantastic pattern detectives- they are spotting patterns all around them!

We have been loving our weekly Spanish lessons with Senora Ellis, we have been focusing on numbers 1-5 in these lessons.

Last week's words of the week: gigantic, ferocious, irritable, mischievous

This week's words of the week: obstacle, courageous, panic, flee



JADE CLASS

Words of the Week: Courageous, Flee, Panic.

Last Week's Words of the Week: Ferocious, Ginormous, Irritable, Mischievous

As we have been concluding our first school half-term, it has been incredible to have observed the children settling into their routines, building relationships, and taking to school life with such enthusiasm. The children have been so determined towards their phonics learning and we have almost finished covering the Set 1 Phonics Sounds! Last week, our focus story was 'Dear Zoo'. Within Drawing Club, many of the

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JADE CLASS (CONTINUED)

children drew a brand-new animal creation and their 'special code' provided an exciting superpower! This week, we have been focusing on the Michael Rosen classic: 'We are going on a bear hunt'! The children have love exploring the positional language and have used this to enhance their imaginative play, particularly with their outdoor bear cave building! Additionally, we have had the pleasure of Mrs. Ellis – one of our secondary language teachers- who has been teaching the children more wonderful Spanish vocabulary associated with colours and numbers! We cannot emphasise enough how proud we are of all of the little ones! Enjoy the half-term break and we look forward to seeing you again soon.



We introduced our challenge table last week where children can go and complete a literacy or maths challenge. I was absolutely flabbergasted to see their enthusiasm and perseverance in completing their tasks.

In Maths the children compared the mass of different sized objects using a balance scale last week. This week we learnt about repeated patterns. We made repeated patterns with natural objects and with paint in order to make collars for our pet dogs to wear.



WILLOW CLASS

Last week's words: ferocious, ginormous, mischievous, irritable.

Words for this week: courageous, obstacle, flee, panic

Last week, Willow class was elated to share pictures of their beloved pets with their peers. We opened our own veterinary surgery for the children to learn how to look after their furry friends. We enjoyed listening to some mesmerising stories read by some year 6 children who came to play in our new role play area with us.



YEAR 1-6 LEARNING JOURNEYS

	Binfield	Oakwood
Year 1	<p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using our senses of smell and taste in Science • Directional language through the story of Rosie's Walk in Geography • Using the part-part whole model in maths. • Rhyming in English <p>Opal Class Learning Journey</p> <p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using our senses of smell and taste in Science • Directional language through the story of Rosie's Walk in Geography • Using the part-part whole model in maths. • Rhyming in English • Drawing in Art • Posters in computing <p>Moonstone Class Learning Journey</p>	<p>This week's blog updates include: Part whole models in maths, using our artistic skills to draw fruit in art and tasting in science.</p> <p>Ash Learning Journey</p>
Year 2	<p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise in science • Drawing in art • Diary writing in History <p>Topaz Class Learning Journey</p>	<p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Grammar, exercise in science, drawing an abstract picture of a castle in art, the Good Samaritan in RE <p>Birch Class Learning Journey</p>
Year 3	<p>This week's blog updates include: Learning about Diwali in RE and giving instructions in English</p> <p>Quartz Class</p>	<p>This week's blog updates include: making a wormery in science, practising our dance skills in PE and computing.</p> <p>Chestnut Class</p>

YEAR 1-6 LEARNING JOURNEYS

	Binfield	Oakwood
Year 4	<p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths – Adding and Subtracting English – Non chronological report PE – Anglo Saxon dances <p><u>Amethyst Class</u></p>	<p>his week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English – Autumn1 – Non Chronological Reports <p><u>Pine Class</u></p>
Year 5		<p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <p>Maths – factors</p> <p><u>Sycamore Class</u></p>
Year 6		<p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <p>Building bird boxes at KAB</p> <p>Learning to play the clarinet in music</p> <p>Bikeability</p> <p><u>Oak Class</u></p>

YEAR 6 VISIT TO KAB SECONDARY

Over the last 2 weeks, King's Academy Oakwood Year 6s have visited the resistant materials department at KAB secondary to make bird boxes. This was a wonderful opportunity for them to visit secondary during the school day and also to learn new technology skills safely including: hammering, sawing, using a vice, measuring, drilling and constructing their model from a plan. Thank you to Mr Lamprecht, Mr Wong and the rest of the tech team for all your efforts and for making us feel so welcome. The children loved the experience and are so pleased with their bird boxes.



KABKAO UPDATES

PRIMARY PE UPDATE

It has been a busy couple of weeks in the Primary PE sector at both Binfield and Oakwood! Both schools have covered Tag Rugby, Football, Gymnastics and Dance- in their lessons and all children are really showing excitement at learning new areas of PE.

In regards to external events/tournaments, we have seen some fantastic results and progression from last year already. King's Academy Oakwood attended the first cross country race of the season at Reddam House School and 3 of the children finished in the top 10 of their races. The races are divided into 4, with a year 3/4 girls, 3/4 boys. 5/6 girls and 5/6 boys race. The school have never had a child finish in the top 10 before and to have 3 in one day come in the top 10 was an amazing achievement. In fact, 2 of those were in the top 5!

King's Academy Binfield went to the year 3/4 Cricket Skills festival which went really well and a beautiful sunny day. The children learned some new skills that can help them become better cricketers but also to really enjoy the game. Some of the coaches mentioned how impressed they were with how the children conducted themselves and their knowledge of cricket.

On Monday of this week, both schools entered into the Year 3/4 Mixed football event which had a total of 18 schools take part. Both schools really enjoyed the day and played some lovely football but it was King's Academy Oakwood that went all the way through and Won the whole tournament! What was incredible was that the final went all the way to penalties and the children held their nerve and composure to come out on top. This was the first time that either of the King's Academy primary schools had won a tournament and the children were on cloud 9. Though Binfield were unable to make the final, the children stayed and supported Oakwood all the way through.

Over the remaining days of this term, both Binfield and Oakwood children will be attending a Year 2 football festival at Lambrook School. As there aren't too many events for KS1 children, I am always on the lookout and will enter where I can so that they have the exposure of what school events are like and how important it is to show our DARE values. The last event of this term will see our Year 5/6 at Oakwood take part in a Tag Rugby competition.

The last part from me is a little Conqueror Challenge update. As you can see from the below, the children are making some headway having done over 13,000 kms. Over the last 2 weeks we have had a n extra 6 children take part for the first time and a total of 26 challenges have been completed. Keep going everyone, you're doing amazingly well! For anyone else that would like to join, please click [the link](#) to fill out the form:



Total Distance so far	13316.84 km
Challenges completed	26
Children taking part	123



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ELLA'S DANCE SHOWCASE

Ella from Year 4 at KAB took part in the Thatcham Thrives Dance Gala with her dance school last weekend. She was really excited to take part, with the Gala showcasing regional Dance Schools with a mixture of dance styles

Well done Ella on taking part in such a fantastic event!.



WILLIAM'S KARTING SUCCESS!

Earlier this half term, we shared that William T from Year 9 at KAB won the Junior British Indoor Karting Championship Local Final (Reading). and would be heading to the the next stage.

On 7th October William secured 13th place at the Karting Championships in Leicester. Sadly, no one from Reading advanced to Nationals. However, Will has now earned a tryout with a top motor sport team and a spot in next year's Rookie championship! We're extremely proud of William! What a brilliant achievement.

GIRLS RUGBY CAMP

Bracknell Rugby Club are running an RFU Girls inner Warrior Camp on Thursday 26th October 14.00-16.00.

Suitable for girls aged 10-18 (school years 6 to 13), it an opportunity for girls to come and try rugby in fun save environment with RFU qualified coaches,

- 14:00-14:30 for registration and welcome.
- 14:30-15:30 for activity
- 15:30-16:00 for socialising afterwards.

The Clubhouse bar will be open for parents to girls to use on the day.

See flyer on **page 9** for more details.

KOOTH

Please see **page 9** for some information about Kooth, which offers mental health and wellbeing support service for young people .

ENCOURAGE THEM TO GIVE IT A TRY

Kids been inspired by what's happened on the world stage?
Inner Warrior camp @Bracknell Rugby club RG12 2UG,
Thursday 26th Oct 2pm to 4pm- School Yr 7 to 13 or 11 to 18 year old girls welcome. No experience required



Bracknell Inner warrior camp is free event to introduce girl to rugby run by qualified RFU backed coaches

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 16th October	KAO Primary Parents Evening (4-6pm)
Monday 16th October	KAB6 Open Evening (6-9pm)
Wednesday 18th October	KAB Secondary Photographs - Y7, Y9 and Y11
Thursday 19th October	KAB Primary Parents Evening (4-6pm)
Friday 20th October	School closes for half term break- early finish (see page 2)
Monday 30th October	School reopens - all students in school
Tuesday 31st October	Year 9 Careers: Experience of Work Afternoon
Thursday 2nd November	Year 8 Whipsnade Trip
w/c Monday 6th November	Year 11 PPE Window 1 Commences
Tuesday 7th November	Year 9 Languages Play (French)
Tuesday 7th November	KAB Primary Prospective Parents Open Evening (5:30-7:00pm)
Wednesday 8th November	KAO Primary Prospective Parents Open Evening (5:30-7:30pm)
Thursday 9th November	Years 8/9/10 SEN Virtual Parents Evening (4:00-7:00pm)
Monday 13th November	Anti Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day
Thursday 16th November	Year 4 Residential Trip Meeting at KAB
Friday 17th November	Children in Need Mufti Day