

# KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM MRS TATE AND MRS PHILLIPS

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week with the primary and secondary phases at King's Academy Binfield and King's Academy Oakwood which rounds off our first half-term. It is hard to believe that the students have been back to school for 7 weeks but so much learning has taken place during this time.

In the primary phase, there have been further parents evening appointments taking place. It has been really great to share with our primary parents how wonderfully students have settled into their new classes. The next parents evenings for primary will take place in March with parents invited to look at books during our open afternoons in February - more information to follow in the coming weeks.

Many of our students within Year 5 and Year 6 took part in a Tag Rugby tournament on Thursday at Great Hollands. Mr Fisher will be in touch shortly with an update from the competition!

Don't forget to enter our Black History Month competition: The theme of Black History month 2023 is 'Saluting our Sisters' highlighting the role Black women have played in shaping history and inspiring change. In honour of this, we are running an optional competition in each of the primaries. On a A4 piece of paper your child can draw and write about a historical woman who they find inspirational. This could be a picture and sentences or for older children, they could make a more complicated poster design. Completed entries need to be given to class teachers before the 30th October with your child's full name and class on the back.

In our secondary phase, Year 7 have been involved in team building activities across Monday and Tuesday with members of the Army

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education department. It was wonderful to see the students engaging in these activities to support building positive relationships.

We were delighted to host our first KAB6 open event since we launched in September. We held very well attended talks and a positive buzz was created for all. The application portal is now open and we look forward to starting the interview process.

King's Group Academies Chairman of the Trustees Sir Roger Fry toured both King's Academy Binfield and King's Academy Oakwood on Tuesday. Our students represented themselves brilliantly when talking with Sir Roger and were a real credit to the academies.

We hope you have a restful half-term break and we look forward to welcoming all of our students back on Monday 30th October.

Best Wishes  
Mrs Phillips and Mrs Tate



## STEVENSON'S NEW READING BRANCH

Please see the poster on page X for details of the new Reading branch of Stevenson's who supply the Kings Academy Binfield and Oakwood uniform.



## FUNTASTIC KIDS – KABKAO BREAKFAST CLUB PLAYWORKER VACANCIES

Funtastic Kids are recruiting Playworkers to join our brilliant Breakfast Club team at King's Academy Binfield!

- Do you have experience working with children?
- Are you looking for a fun and rewarding way to boost your income?
- Could you spare 1 or 2 mornings a week?

Visit the [website](#) to find full job descriptions and application details.

Playworkers earn £9 – £12 an hour.

Why work for Funtastic Kids?

- Employees are entitled to one free child place for each day they are working.
- Our supportive management team is committed to promoting opportunities for professional development.
- We create a positive working environment where everyone is valued.

Please see the advert on **page 6** for full details.



# KABKAO UPDATES

## IDA MAKES A SPLASH!

Ida's from Reception at KAB has recently been awarded her 5 metre swimming badge and she also moved up to level 3. As you can see, she's very excited by this achievement, and we're also very proud. Well done Ida!



## JAMES G MAKES THE TEAM!

We are pleased to announce James G, in Year 9 at KAB has been selected to be in the U14s Berkshire Schools County Football squad for this season.

This is a huge achievement for James and is very well earned!

## KABKAO PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Kings Academy Binfield and Oakwood PTA will be holding their AGM on Thursday 2nd November at 7:30pm. Please see the flyer on **page 6** for more details. Everyone is welcome, and we'd be delighted to see you there.



## SHAKESPEARE'S CREATURES – FAMILY EVENT AT ETON COLLEGE

The Eton College Collection are running a free half term family event at their Natural History Museum site in Eton on Wednesday 25th October. Please see the flyer on **page 7** for more details, or visit the Eton College Collection [website](#).

## WINDSOR GREAT PARK BAT TRAIL

Please see **page 7** for details of a Bewitching Bat Trail at Windsor Great Park taking place from Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th October. The trail is great for anyone aged 4-12 and fun for all the family. They are open from 10am – 2pm each day, and you must book a ticket in advance. You can book [here](#):

## FAMILY SUPPORT WORKSHOPS

Please see the information on **page 6** for details of family support workshops being run by Bracknell Forest Council that may be of interest.



## BRACKNELL COBRAS HALLOWEEN BASKETBALL CAMP

Please see the flyer on **page 5** for details of a 2 day Halloween Basketball Camp that Bracknell Cobras are running during half term. If you would like to book please click [here](#).

## CTC HALF TERM TENNIS CAMP

Please see the flyers on **page 5** for details of a half term tennis camp being run by CTC Tennis Coaching and a Halloween family event at Shinfield Tennis Club, which anyone is welcome to attend.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

<b>Monday 30th October</b>	School reopens - all students in school
<b>w/c Monday 30th October</b>	Year 11 PPE Window Commences
<b>Tuesday 31st October</b>	Year 9 Careers: Experience of Work Afternoon
<b>Wednesday 1st November</b>	DofE Parent Information Evening (6:00-7:00pm)
<b>Thursday 2nd November</b>	Year 8 Whipsnade Trip
<b>Thursday 2nd November</b>	KABKAO PTA Annual General Meeting
<b>Thursday 2nd November</b>	Work Experience - Online Parents Meeting (6:00-7:00pm)
<b>Tuesday 7th November</b>	Year 9 Languages Play (French)
<b>Tuesday 7th November</b>	KAB Primary Prospective Parents Open Evening (5:30-7:00pm)
<b>Wednesday 8th November</b>	KAO Primary Prospective Parents Open Evening (5:30-7:30pm)
<b>Thursday 9th November</b>	Years 8/9/10 SEN Virtual Parents Evening (4:00-7:00pm)
<b>Monday 13th November</b>	Anti Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day
<b>Thursday 16th November</b>	Year 4 Residential Trip Meeting at KAB
<b>Friday 17th November</b>	Children in Need Mufti Day
<b>Thursday 23rd November</b>	Flu Vaccinations - Years 7-11
<b>Tuesday 28th November</b>	Year 9 Languages Play (Spanish)
<b>Friday 1st December</b>	Inset Day - School closed for students




# HALLOWEEN HALF TERM BASKETBALL CAMP 2023

**10AM - 4PM**

**October Half Term**  
**Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th October**

**£30 A DAY**  
 NON-MEMBERS WELCOME

Ages 8 - 14 years

**SPECIAL GUEST COACHES**      **PLEASE BRING SNACK, LUNCH & WATER**

Bracknell & Wokingham College, RG12 1DJ

TO BOOK PLEASE VISIT: [www.bracknell-cobras.co.uk](http://www.bracknell-cobras.co.uk)

# OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMPS!

**5 - 16 YEARS**

**COME ALONG TO SHINFIELD TENNIS CLUB - RG2 9JN**



**ALL COACHES ARE LTA ACCREDITED**

Week 1: Tuesday 24th → Thursday 26th October

**What to expect:**

9:30 - 10:00	Arrival / Warm Up Games
10:00 - 11:00	Fun Based Technical Drills
11:00 - 11:15	Drink / Snack Break
11:15 - 13:00	Points / Fun Games
13:00	Home Time For Morning Children
13:00 - 13:45	Lunch
13:45 - 15:00	Games / Tournament / Multi Sports / Collection



**Prices:**  
 9:30 - 13:00 £25.00 Per Morning  
 9:30 - 15:00 £35.00 Per Full Day



\*Early Drop off is also available from 8:30 for an additional charge of £10/child  
 \*\*Late collection is available until 16:00 for an additional charge of £10/child  
 Sibling discount of 10% for 2nd / 3rd child

To secure your place on the camp please book via our website  
 Or contact [tony@ctc-tennis.co.uk](mailto:tony@ctc-tennis.co.uk)

## YOU ARE INVITED

COME AND JOIN SHINFIELD TENNIS CLUB FOR HALLOWEEN



**SIGN UP ONLINE FOR 50% OFF**  
 OR ITS £6.00 PP AT THE GATE

**KIDS/FAMILY TOURNAMENT**  
 4:00-6:00



**ADULTS TOURNAMENT**  
 6:00-8:30



**FRIDAY 27TH OCT**  
[COURSTENNISCOACHING@SKY.COM](mailto:COURSTENNISCOACHING@SKY.COM)

# Notice of Annual General Meeting



 **02 November 2023**

 **7:30 PM**

 **Main Hall  
KAB Secondary  
Wood Lane  
Bracknell  
RG42 4FS**

All parents, teachers & carers welcome

 Refreshments will be served

Join us to learn about our progress over the last year, as well as a sneak peek of what's in store for the future.

**RSVP: [pta@kingsacademies.uk](mailto:pta@kingsacademies.uk) by 31 October 23**

Please see email from school with nomination form or email us for a copy

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## Wrap Around Care Playworkers Needed!

[www.funtastickids.co.uk](http://www.funtastickids.co.uk)

**We're recruiting Playworkers to join our team and ensure children and families have an excellent service while attending our Breakfast Club at King's Academy Binfield Primary School.**

**Hourly Rate:** £9 - £12\*, dependent on qualifications and experience.  
\*Pay range for applicants aged 17+.

**Hours for work:** Breakfast Club, Tuesday and Thursday 7:30am - 8:45am. Additional Breakfast Club and After School Club shifts may be available.

Positions offered as **Term Time Only** or **All Year Round\***.

\*Your contract will run 52 weeks of the year, with 5.6 weeks of paid annual leave (including public and bank holidays) given on a pro-rata basis. Outside of term time, the equivalent of your contracted weekly hours will need to be worked at one of our Holiday Camp locations.

**Start Date:** As soon as possible.

We are looking for nurturing, enthusiastic and reliable individuals who enjoy working with children in a relaxed environment promoting social skills and learning through play.



### We can offer:

- A workplace pension.
- A supportive management team committed to promoting opportunities for professional development.
- A positive working environment where everyone is valued.

**Employees are entitled to one free child place for each day they are working.**

For more information and to download an application pack, visit: [funtastickids.co.uk/vacancies](http://funtastickids.co.uk/vacancies)

Completed applications should be emailed to [hr@funtastickids.co.uk](mailto:hr@funtastickids.co.uk)

Please apply with the application form to indicate how your skills and experience are relevant to the post. Please ensure any gaps in employment are fully explained.

**Applications considered upon receipt.**



Funtastic Kids is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. All staff involved in the organisation must be aware that an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will be undertaken.

### Supporting Children Workshops

To book a space please email your full name to [Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk)

These courses are universal (not specific for SEND or particular ages) and for adults supporting children **not** the children themselves so please arrange childcare if needed. Each course is a **standalone 2-hour session** - please be aware that spaces are offered on a **first come first served basis** and parents should not just turn up. Once you have completed an enrolment form your space will be confirmed.

Please only book onto the sessions if you are **going to be able to attend** to avoid other parents missing out on the opportunity to have a place or let me know if you can no longer attend.

#### Helping children to overcome anxious thoughts and worries

**A 2-hour session looking at:**

- What happens when children become anxious?
- Impact current events have had on children's mental health.
- Techniques for helping children deal with their fears / worries



Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 (2 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre.	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 (12 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre.	9.30 – 11.30 am
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 (12 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre.	6.30 – 8.30 pm

#### Managing Behaviour in a Positive Way

**A 2-hour session looking at:**

- Gain insight into your parenting style / relationship with your child.
- Learn or revisit positive ways of managing behaviour!
- Strategies to deal with unacceptable behaviours



Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 (1 space remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 (12 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	9.30 – 11.30 am
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024 (12 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	6.30 – 8.30 pm

#### Supporting Children to get a Healthy Night's Sleep

**A 2-hour session looking at:**

- The different sleep issues facing our families.
- Tips on how to get a good night's sleep.
- Help children develop good sleeping habits



Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 (8 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	9.30 – 11.30 am
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	6.30 – 8.30 pm

#### Parenting pre / early-teens in a Positive Way (aged 10 – 13)

**A 2-hour session looking at:**

- Gain insight into the impact of your parenting style!
- Positive techniques for managing older children's behaviour.
- Boosting your relationship and communication with your child



Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 (7 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	6.30 – 8.30
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 (12 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	9.30 – 11.30

#### Reducing Sibling Rivalry

**A 2-hour session looking at:**

- Encouraging a more harmonious sibling relationship
- Learn / revisit techniques for children to cope with being a sibling.
- Boosting children's emotional literacy



Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2023 (7 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	9.30 – 11.30 am
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#### Single Parent, Separated and Blended families – supporting children to cope with different family dynamics.

**A 2-hour session looking at:**

- Different family dynamics and how they can work
- Parental conflict resolutions
- Being the best parent that you can be for your child



Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 (11 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2024 (15 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	9.30 – 11.30 am

#### Supporting a smooth transition to secondary school (YR 5/6 parents)

**A 2-hour session looking at:**

- What the transition involves
- The positives and concerns of transitioning to a new setting
- Boosting your child's ability to have a smooth transition

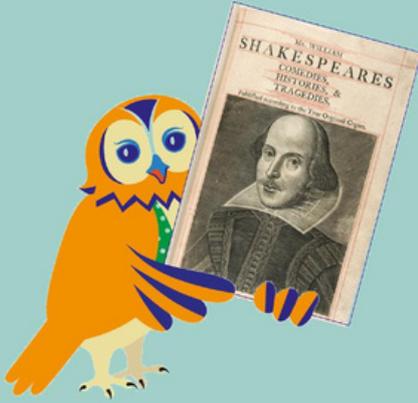


Let me know if you would like to add your name to the waiting list for next year

# Shakespeare's Creatures

Wednesday 25 October, 1-4pm

Natural History Museum, South Meadow Lane



From characters with donkey heads to naughty dogs, plays set in enchanted forests or out in the heathland, nature is all around in Shakespeare's plays and poems.

Join us for a free drop-in themed activity session inspired by the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of Shakespeare's First Folio and the nature found in its pages.

Take part in free activities including:

- \* Write with a quill pen
- \* Make donkey ears inspired by Nick Bottom from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- \* Spot Shakespeare's creatures in a trail of our Natural History Museum
- \* Create a bear as featured in the famous stage direction; 'Exit, pursued by a bear'

More information at [collections.etoncollege.com](https://collections.etoncollege.com)



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Berkshire  
Buckinghamshire  
& Oxfordshire  
Wildlife Trust

THE CROWN  
ESTATE

## BEWITCHING

## BAT TRAIL

Join us at Windsor Great Park for a self-led trail and travel into the "bat cave", through the dark forest and around the eerie pasture and become bewitched by brilliant, bewildering bats.



Scan here to book or visit  
[bbowt.org.uk/events](https://bbowt.org.uk/events)



Windsor Great Park Environmental Centre

Windsor Great Park, SL4 2BY

Tues 24th, Weds 25th and Thurs 26th October; 10am–2pm (last entry 1pm)

Booking necessary!



## New Reading Store.

We are thrilled to introduce our new Reading Store, set to open on January 2nd, 2024, after undergoing a full refurbishment.

Our new store is located at:  
Chatham Place, Reading, RG1 7AZ

The new store will provide us with double the space compared to our current location. Additionally, there will be better and closer parking facilities available if visiting by car.

Our current location will close its doors fully on the 30th October. We apologise for any inconvenience whilst we get our new premises ready but we will, in the interim, be offering freepost on checkout for all online orders.

For the latest trading hours, please visit our website.

# Future.