

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS TATE AND MRS PHILLIPS

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back after the half term break, we hope you are all feeling rested.

This week, Year 11 students started their PPE examinations, this is the first set of formally sat assessments for them for this academic year and we have been so impressed with the Determination and Aspiration they have shown in their approach to these. The PPEs are a vital tool in informing students about their current levels of attainment and progress and support teachers in planning next steps in terms of curriculum time and interventions. Students will receive reports at the end of these exams and this is followed by a vital parents evening on Thursday 7th December.

Our Year 5 and 6 girls football team won their away match against Harman's Water this week. The girls played excellently and worked really well together as a team. Thank you to the parents who came along to support the team.

In terms of parental engagement, we have hosted parents information evenings this week as well as our PTA meeting at KAB. Parental engagement with activities in the school is a vital way of helping our young people to achieve, so please do get involved where you can.

Our primary students explored mental health this week in our assembly which looked at ways to keep your mind healthy. Children listed that our enrichment sessions are one of the ways they maintain good mental health. We look forward to inviting parents to join us with our enrichment sessions later this academic year.

We have launched our Work Experience programme for Year 10 this

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week, students are starting to think about the wider world of work, and actively looking for placements in their chosen fields. If you think you may be able to help with this, please do get in touch on admin.bi@kingsacademies.uk

Look out for the articles later in the newsletter about our upcoming fundraising and raising awareness events for Children in Need and Anti-bullying week - it would be great to see as many students as possible getting involved across all phases.

Mrs Tate (Head of Primary) and Mrs Phillips (Vice Principal Secondary)

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM KINGS GROUP ACADEMIES

As you know, King's Academy Binfield is part of King's Group Academies (KGA), a multi-academy trust.



For some time, our colleagues in the central team have been talking to and working with Gosport and Fareham Multi-Academy Trust (GFM). GFM is a 5 school multi-academy trust. It comprises two junior schools, two secondary schools and one special school. The Department for Education has given formal approval for GFM to join King's Group Academies. This is a very important and exciting development. We look forward to working together to build a larger more mature multi-academy trust.

Whilst you may see little immediate change, there will be long term benefits. The sharing of expertise and the benefits of educational and financial economies of scale will mean that the quality of education will further improve over time. This will have a positive impact on all children in the new, larger KGA.

It is expected that GFM will formally join KGA in April 2024.

Kind regards
Nick Cross, CEO KGA

ODD SOCKS FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

We are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance by raising awareness of bullying and supporting inclusivity and diversity.

Anti-Bullying week starts on Monday 13th November and we encourage all members of our community to wear odd socks on this day. There will also be assemblies and tutor activities that promote and raise awareness of Anti-Bullying throughout the week.

For more details about Anti-Bullying week, see the banner on **page 8** or visit the [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#) website.



NURSERY & RECEPTION UPDATES

RUBY CLASS

Ruby class were very excited about Halloween this week and enjoyed discussing their halloween experiences with each other. In class we have been exploring pumpkins and scooping out the seeds and counting them. We have also been learning a new song called '5 little pumpkins' which has supported our learning about the number 5. The children have been very imaginative and developed their own play to include themes such as being witches and making spells and potions. A magical first week back after half term, well done Ruby Class!



EMERALD CLASS

It has been wonderful to see Emerald Class back at school and raring to go after half term. They loved sharing their holiday news with their friends and enjoyed talking about all the fantastic scarecrows lots of us spotted on the Binfield Scarecrow Hunt! Many of us were excited to spot Harry and Betty from 'The Scarecrows' wedding' as we looked at this book in Drawing club before half term! We all loved this book and enjoyed performing the 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' we had been practising to the rest of the school in our Harvest Festival Assembly at the end of last term.

This week, our drawing club text has been 'Room on the Broom'. The children have designed some magnificent new brooms for the witch and written wonderful codes that make the broom do such magical things!

We've had lots of spook-tacular fun in the class- including hammering pegs into pumpkins and making skeletons and witches hats. The children have been doing some amazing maths whilst conjuring up potions in our potion lab. They've been counting out the ingredients and working out what one more would be.

Last week's words of the week: Memorable, Magnificent, Quest, Exhausted

This week's words of the week: Passenger, extraordinary, disaster, despicable



JADE CLASS

Words of the Week: Despicable, Disaster, Extraordinary, Passenger

Last Week's Words of the Week: Exhausted, Magnificent, Memorable, Quest

It has been a fantastic start to the new term and it has been so wonderful to see all of the superstars again! This week, the class has been filled with lots of fun Halloween themed activities. Some our highlights have included: using toy hammers to put pegs into pumpkins, completing skeleton puzzles hidden in Halloween coloured rice and making a variety

NURSERY & RECEPTION UPDATES

JADE CLASS (CONTINUED)

of magical Halloween potions. Within Drawing Club, we have been focusing on the brilliant Julia Donaldson book 'Room on the Broom' where we have been discovering lots of fantastic rhyming words. The children have recently designed a new home for the witch and have been very creative in their 'special codes' (one even caused the witches toilet to fire out flying fish!). Within Maths, we have been focusing on the numbers 1, 2 and 3. The children have loved using their subitising skills to quickly recognise each number, alongside practising their abilities to write each numeral.

We cannot wait to see what the rest of the term has in store for us and we hope you all have a fabulous Bonfire Night!



phonics, the children have really enjoyed 'Drawing Club', a new style towards teaching writing pioneered by Greg Bottrill. After reading a new book each week, the children are given the task of drawing pictures and writing special letter and number codes which make their pictures do wild and magical things! We have been blown away by the creativity that transpired during this week's lesson when we focused on the Julia Donaldson classic: 'Room on the Broom'.

We have also been loving our weekly Spanish lessons with Senora Ellis who has been focusing on teaching us numbers and colours. In maths we enjoyed exploring with numbers to 3. Willow class are fantastic number detectives and are developing a great understanding of what one more or one less than a number up to 5 is.



WILLOW CLASS

Words of the Week: passenger, extraordinary, despicable, disaster

We had another fun-filled week in Willow Class! We shared our memorable Halloween adventures and created salt dough monsters and other scary creatures that looked perfect in our potion shop where our little wizards and witches worked really hard reading the ingredients needed to make their potion and having a go at writing them too!

Alongside making great progress in their



YEAR 1-6 LEARNING JOURNEYS

	Binfield	Oakwood
Year 1	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History - Sorting old and new toys as part of our new topic 'Toys' • PSHE - How to be a good friend. • English - Describing a character's feelings from the story Can't You Sleep Little Bear? <p><u>Opal Class Learning Journey</u></p> <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSHE - How to be a good friend. • English - Describing a character's feelings from the story Can't You Sleep Little Bear? <p><u>Moonstone Class Learning Journey</u></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths - number bonds to and within 10. • English- describing settings and Characters. • Science - Features of Autumn <p><u>Ash Learning Journey</u></p>
Year 2	<p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography - The UK • English - Autumn 2 - Imperative Verbs • Maths - Addition and Subtraction <p><u>Topaz Class Learning Journey</u></p>	<p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music • English- Imperative verbs • RE- Hanukkah <p><u>Birch Class Learning Journey</u></p>
Year 3	<p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography - We have been learning where rainforests are in the world. • DT - We have begun researching hand puppets. <p><u>Quartz Class</u></p>	<p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French - We began learning the alphabet in French. • Music - We learnt to play a song on the guitar. • PSHE - We learnt about healthy relationships. <p>Science - We identified the forces acting on a magnet and investigated what causes an object to move faster or slower.</p> <p><u>Chestnut Class</u></p>

YEAR 1-6 LEARNING JOURNEYS

	Binfield	Oakwood
Year 4	<p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English- SBAD and description of a setting. • Maths - Area. • French - Cognates and dates • Geography - Rivers <p>Amethyst Class</p>	<p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science: Local Area Walk • Music: Rock and Roll <p>Pine Class</p>
Year 5		<p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science- Life processes • History- Who were the ancient Egyptians? <p>Sycamore Class</p>
Year 6		<p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science - Light investigation <p>Oak Class</p>

CHILDREN IN NEED

We have supported the Children in Need Charity for many years and this year we will continue to promote and raise awareness of their annual theme. This year, we're calling on schools across the UK to celebrate the power of positive relationships, and the impact of these relationships in helping to support children and young people throughout the school years. Many children and young people experience some of their first positive relationships with teachers and mentors at school, and so we want to

celebrate you!" To mark Children in Need we will be having a Non-School Uniform Day to raise money in support of their work on Friday 17th November. More information on how to donate will be published soon.



KABKAO UPDATES

NOAH & HENRY HELP OUT!

Before half term, Henry (R) and Noah (Y4) at KAB helped with selling cakes at the PTA bake sale. They demonstrated the DARE values of respect and enthusiasm by engaging with children & adults, and working out the correct change. Their help was really appreciated, so well done boys!



KAB & KAO PRIMARY CHRISTMAS DATES FOR THE DIARY

To help parents plan accordingly, please see the list of key Christmas dates below. From next week's newsletter these dates will be shown on the Dates for the Diary section of the newsletter.

- 6th Dec** - KAB KS1 Christmas production - Times TBC
- 7th Dec** - KAO KS1 Christmas production - Times TBC
- 8th Dec** - KAB reception Christmas Carols in the classroom - 2:45-3:30pm
- 12th Dec** - Nursery Christmas Carols in the classroom 2:45 - 3:30
- 12th Dec** - KAO Christmas pyjama party 5pm-6pm
- 13th Dec** - KAO reception Christmas Carols in the Classroom 2:45-3:30pm
- 13th Dec** - KS2 Christmas Show 6pm
- 14th Dec** - KAB Christmas pyjama party 5pm-6pm
- 15th Dec** - Early Finish (time TBC)

KAB SECONDARY SPORTS CAPTAINS AND HOUSE CAPTAINS

Applications are now open for students who wish to be considered for Sports or House Captain. The application forms can be found on Google Classroom for any students that are interested. If students were a Sports Captain last year, they will need to reapply this year (except year 11!).

Deadlines:

- Sports Captain applications - Friday 10th November.
- House Captain applications - Friday 17th November

Interviews will commence the week after each deadline. See below for the posters..

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES COURSE

Please see the flyer on **page 9** for details of a 6 week Positive Behaviour Support for Families course which GEMS have signposted. The course is being offered by PBS Cooperative.

NEW MENTAL HEALTH APP

Frimley Health have launched a new App for families to help support them approach the most appropriate support when they need help. Further information is attached on the webpage where the App can be [downloaded](#). There is also a flyer on **page 9** with more information.

We are looking for our new

SPORTS CAPTAINS

WE NEED YOU!

Application forms are on your PE google classroom

Apply by 10th November 2023

If you would like more information, please see Mrs Sword or Mr Patmore

#DARETOBEACTVIE

We are looking for our BRAND new

HOUSE CAPTAINS

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Apply by 17th November 2023

WE NEED YOU!

#DARETOBEREMARKABLE

If you would like more information, please see Mrs Sword

This Anti-Bullying Week, let's make a noise about bullying.

MAKE A
NOISE
ABOUT
BULLYING

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

**ANTI-BULLYING
WEEK 2023**

from Monday 13th to
Friday 17th November

**ODD SOCKS
DAY 2023**

Monday 13th November



#OddSocksDay

#MakeANoise

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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 (more details to follow)
Thursday 23rd November	Flu Vaccinations - Years 7-11
Tuesday 28th November	Year 9 Languages Play (Spanish)
Friday 1st December	Inset Day - School closed for students

Frimley Healthier Together For When Your Child is Unwell

Healthier Together App



Use when your child is unwell:

- Personalised profile to check their symptoms against Red, Amber & Green advice.
- **Red - Emergency Department & shows the nearest one to you**
- **Amber- Call 111 or links to your GP**
- **Green - Pharmacy and advises how to self-care at home**



SCAN ME

Frimley Healthier Together Website



Specialist advice and guidance for children and young people on:

- Childhood illness, mental health and wellbeing, babies, pregnancy and more!
- **Red Amber Green** advice & guidance
- Local support in your area for mental health, help with a healthy weight, cost of living and much more!
- Audio and language translation in over 100 languages



SCAN ME

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Positive Behaviour Support for Families



For further details of how to book onto this course
email: tim@pbscooperative.org.uk