

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I come to the end of my first week back at work, I am really pleased to say that it is great to be back! Reconnecting with colleagues and students has been wonderful and I would like to thank everyone for their support. Students have been so helpful, holding doors, carrying bags for me and protecting me as I move through the corridors. This has served to remind me what a special community we have here at KAB/KAO and how everyone goes the extra mile to help one another.

It seems particularly apt to reflect on this as we finish the week with Children in Need day. Students have raised money for Children in Need through non uniform day on Friday and we also had odd socks day for Anti Bullying week on Monday.

We have been delighted to welcome parents into KAO and KAB primary to find out more about our schools as they go through the application process for reception class for September 2024. We have had open evenings this week and some of our open mornings which will continue over the next few weeks. It was a pleasure to see so many parents visiting us.

Year 11 have done really well during their first set of PPEs this year. Their attitude and approach to the exams has been excellent. They have made a really good start to the journey towards their GCSE exams in the summer. Well done to all our Year 11 students.

The autumn weather has not been kind to us this week. I hope that you can stay dry and warm and enjoy a good weekend and that the forecast is better next week!

Kind regards
Mrs Moore



CONTACT INFO:

King's Academy Binfield

St. George's Park , Binfield,
Bracknell, Berkshire
RG42 4FS

Telephone: 01344 306983

Email:
admin.bi@kingsacademies.uk

King's Academy Oakwood

Address:
Chiltern View, Binfield,
Berkshire, RG42 4FY

Telephone: 01344 586399

Email:
admin.oakwood@kingsacademies.uk



KAB6 ADMISSIONS 2024

The application process is OPEN! We encourage all Year 11 students to submit an application so they have the opportunity to attend an interview about their post 16 options with a member of the KAB6 and Senior Team. We are so proud of our KAB6 community and look forward to receiving applications from both internal and external candidates.

We encourage all Year 11 students and families to follow us on Instagram (use QR code) to receive updates and learn more about our offer!

Click here for our [KAB6 Prospectus](#)

Click here for our [KAB6 Application Form](#)



King's Academy Binfield

SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS 2024



BE REMARKABLE



be Remarkal

APPLICATIONS OPEN

For more information about our Sixth Form offer visit KAB6 on our website

Got a question?
Get in touch with the KAB6 team
lauren.newhouse@kingsacademies.uk

KAB6 Administrator | Lauren Newhouse

#beremarkable



www.kgabfield.uk KAB6 01344 306983 King's Academy Binfield, Wood Lane, Binfield, RG42 4FS

REMINDER – DOGS ON SITE AT KAB AND KAO

We would like to remind parents and carers that KAB and KAO are dog free sites. Please do not bring your dogs onto the premises when you are dropping off or picking up your children.

NURSERY & RECEPTION UPDATES

RUBY CLASS

Ruby Class have been very enthusiastic about their new 'Traditional Tales' theme. Last week we started with the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and had lots of fun building our own houses with straw, sticks and bricks outside. We have also been making collage houses, sequencing the story, making our own story maps and using masks to retell the story. This week we have been learning about 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and have enjoyed sensory play with oats and look forward to making and eating our own porridge too. We hope it tastes "just right".



EMERALD CLASS

Last week we learnt all about Bonfire Night. We enjoyed sharing news of Firework displays we went to and learnt all about the story of Guy Fawkes. In our Drawing Club lessons, Emerald class thought of some incredibly creative ways for Guy Fawkes to escape the dungeon he was imprisoned in! The children enjoyed lots of firework crafts and had great fun in our Bonfire Night food stall role play area. In maths, we looked at circles and triangles and the children did a brilliant job describing the properties of these shapes and making creative pictures out of them.

Sunday 12th November marked the beginning of Diwali so this week our learning is revolving around this special festival. We were very excited to have a special visit from Mrs Aggarwal who came to help us learn more about Diwali and

shared how her family celebrates it with us. She read us the story of Rama and Sita, showed us how to do some Indian dancing and answered lots of our questions. Thank you Mrs A! We have also enjoyed moulding our very own clay diyas this week. Happy Diwali to all of those who are celebrating!

Last week's words of the week: detonate, onomatopoeia, blaze, imprisoned

This week's words of the week: alluring, festival celebration, catastrophe



JADE CLASS

Words of the Week: Alluring, Catastrophe, Celebration, Festival

Last Week's Words of the Week: Blaze, Detonate, Imprisoned, Onomatopoeia.

We have had such wonderful past few weeks in Jade Class. Last week, the children learned all about The Gunpowder Plot, including how Guy Fawkes attempted to detonate the Houses of Parliament. Within Drawing Club, the children were presented with a scenario in which Guy Fawkes was looking for a new person to join his

NURSERY & RECEPTION UPDATES

JADE CLASS (CONTINUED)

crew. Many drew a robot to assist Guy Fawkes in his scheme, and one special code transformed the robot into a ginormous rocket! In Maths, the children have been exploring shapes. Together, we looked at the art work from Kandinsky who is renowned for his creative use of shapes. Following this, the children had a go at making their own Kandinsky inspired collages with using nothing more than circles and triangles! This week, we have been celebrating Diwali! The children have been learning all about the important 'Festival of Lights' and have listened to the fascinating Hindu tale of 'Rama and Sita'. A hit in Jade Class this week has been making rangoli patterns out of different materials – with rice being the most popular choice! To deepen the children's understanding, the wonderful Mrs A came down to explain to the children how she and her family celebrate Diwali.



WILLOW CLASS

Words of the Week: celebration, festival, alluring, catastrophe

Last week's words of the week: detonate, imprisoned, blaze, onomatopoeia

Last week, Willow class enjoyed learning all about Bonfire Night. They had great fun learning how Guy Fawkes tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament. We commemorated his failed attempt by making our own scrumptious breadstick sparklers and fruit kebabs which we devoured while watching fireworks altogether!

In Maths the children learnt about the properties of circles and triangles, how many sides and corners they have in particular. They spotted lots of shapes in paintings by artist Kandinsky before creating their own Kandinsky inspired collages.

This week we loved learning about Diwali with Advait and his family. The children adored listening to the story of Rama and Sita; how Rama defeated the evil demon Ravana with the help of the Monkey King Hanuman. We chalked alluring Rangoli patterns by our entrance door, learned a dance routine, created gorgeous Mehndi patterns and even made our own diva lamps with clay. Happy Diwali everyone!



YEAR 1-6 LEARNING JOURNEYS

	Binfield	Oakwood
Year 1	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE: Learning about Hannukah • Science: Learning about Autumn • English: 'Can't you sleep little bear' and 'Owl babies' • Maths: Addition and subtraction <p><u>Opal Class Learning Journey</u></p> <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE: Learning about Hannukah • Science: Learning about Autumn • Maths: Addition and subtraction • History: Timeline • PE: Dancing <p><u>Moonstone Class Learning Journey</u></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English: 'Can't you Sleep Little Bear' and 'Owl babies'. • Maths: Subtraction • History: Time line of Toys <p><u>Ash Learning Journey</u></p>
Year 2	<p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE - Yoga • PSHE - Zones of Regulation • History - The Great Fire of London <p><u>Topaz Class Learning Journey</u></p>	<p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths adding and subtracting two digit numbers, • RE learning about how Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah • Geography learning about the UK • DT practising making different pop up card mechanisms <p><u>Birch Class Learning Journey</u></p>
Year 3	<p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science learning about magnets. • English starting balanced arguments • Geography, learning about the layers of the rainforest. <p><u>Quartz Class</u></p>	<p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English: Planning and writing our own twisted fairytale. • Music: Learning to play a reggae and heavy metal style of song on the guitar. • Science: Learning about magnets. <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: Description of a setting. Walking Gallery • Maths: Multiplication and Division • Science - changing states <p>Amethyst Class</p>	<p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science: States of Matter • DT: Waterwheels • Music: Rivers • Other Activities: Autumn <p>Pine Class</p>
Year 5		<p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computing- different shots in filming • Reading- using description in Roald Dahl's 'Boy' to draw a picture. <p>Sycamore Class</p>
Year 6		<p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science - learning about refraction • Music - clarinet progress • Computing - designing a webpage <p>Oak Class</p>

LOGAN MAKES THE GRADE!

Logan from Year 1 at KAO has received his 2nd stripe at Brazilian Jiu Jitsu on Saturday. He has been working really hard and has started learning some technical moves. Well done Logan on such a great achievement!



HARRY LEAPS TO SUCCESS!

Harry in Year 4 at KAB recently competed in his first ever gymnastic competition at the weekend and managed to win a silver medals for both his vault and floor routine. Congratulations Harry on a brilliant result!



KABKAO TEACHING STAFF LEARN FROM TOM SHERRINGTON

This week, the teachers from KABKAO were delighted to have professional development time with Tom Sherrington who is a prominent education consultant. You can read more about his visit on [page 9](#).

YEAR 12 TRIP TO OXFORD

On Tuesday, some of our year 12 students visited Oxford University. They visited Brasenose college and had a talk from Joe about the University and the admissions process, followed by a student led tour of the college. The day was



KABKAO UPDATES

OUTDOOR EDUCATION DAY AT WELLINGTON COLLEGE

Thrilling, tricky and wet! This is how nine of our secondary students described their day of adventurous activities at Wellington College with Outdoor Education Experts Simon and Ollie, learning both team-building skills and how to take risks. They completed the V Challenge, with 2 students walking along a wire holding hands across a drop that was 2 stories high. The wire got further and further apart and they had to keep holding on for as long as possible until they dropped - luckily they were clipped into harnesses!. They also worked in teams to get through a spider web of ropes... all in the pouring rain. These students showed determination and resilience all day long and the journey home was full of stories and laughter. Thanks to Mrs Yates for staying with the students and joining in!

REMARKABLE READING UPDATE

Please see the graphic below for more information about the secondary phase Remarkable Reading programme.

Remarkable Reading at King's Academy

Sparx Reader
Did you know?

Students can change the settings in their Sparx Reader!
They can change:

- the font of their book
- the size of the font
- the page colour
- they can add a line tracker

7E are at the top of the leader board this week!

Sparx Reader Points
Lead student in 7E has 1,899 SRP
They are reading I, Ada by Julia Gray

What are students reading?

Treasure Island | Sherlock Holmes | The Sky is Everywhere | The War of the Worlds | Breathe | A Long Walk to Water | The Boy Who Drew the Future

ADVIZA CAREERS WEBINAR

Adviza are hosting a Sector Webinar on Pathways to Property on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 from 6-7pm. Bookings are free and can be made via the [Events](#) page on the Adviza Careers Portal now. More information can be found on **page 9**.



SEND YOUTH FORUM LAUNCHES

Bracknell Forest Council have launched a SEND Youth Forum aimed ensuring the voices of children and young people with SEND in Bracknell Forest are heard in relation to co-production on policy and practice at BFC and to establish a neurodiversity-affirming community. The SEND Youth Forum's inaugural sessions are scheduled before Christmas 2023. The aim is to provide a safe space for young people to meet each other and the SEND Participation Officer with the agenda focused on hobbies, special interests and activities young people would like to see in Bracknell Forest.

For ages 11-17:

- Monday, 20th November 4pm-6pm:** First meeting face-to-face at Braccan Walk
- Wednesday, 22nd November 4pm-5pm:** First meeting online on Teams

For ages 18-25:

- Monday, 4th December 4pm-6pm:** First meeting face-to-face at Braccan Walk
- Wednesday, 8th November 4pm-5pm:** First meeting online on Teams

See poster on **page 9** for full details.

If your child is interested in taking part, then please complete the form [here](#).

DATES FOR THE DIARY

w/c Monday 20th November	Year 10 Assessment Window Starts
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
w/c Monday 4th December	Year 9 Assessment Window Starts
Monday 4th December	Primary Panto (during school hours)
Wednesday 6th December	KAB KS1 Christmas Production – 10am and 2pm
Thursday 7th December	KAO Reception & KS1 Christmas Production – 10am and 2pm
Thursday 7th December	Year 12 Performing Arts Trip
Thursday 7th December	Year 11 Parents Evening
Friday 8th December	KAB reception Christmas Carols in the classroom – 2:45-3:30pm
Tuesday 12th December	Nursery Christmas Carols in the classroom 2:45 – 3:30pm
Tuesday 12th December	KAB Secondary Phase Winter Showcase 4-8pm
Tuesday 12th December	KAO Christmas Pyjama Party 5-6pm
Wednesday 13th December	KAB KS2 Christmas Show 6pm at KAB Secondary
Thursday 14th December	KAO KS2 Christmas Show 6pm at KAB Secondary
Thursday 14th December	KAB Christmas Pyjama Party 5-6pm
Friday 15th December	End of Term – students finish early (time TBC)



TOM SHERRINGTON PROJECT

Teaching & Learning at King's



At King's Academy Binfield and Oakwood we 'Dare to be Remarkable' in all areas of academy life. This includes providing high quality professional development for our staff so they can 'do whatever it takes' to improve their practice and provide the best learning opportunities for our students.

This week all teaching staff across KAB & KAO took part in professional development led by Tom Sherrington and Flo Weir.

Tom Sherrington is one of the UK's most prominent education consultants and has developed an internationally adopted WalkThru programme. His work is innovative and inspirational. He was an engaging practitioner and we look forward to working with him and his team throughout the year.

This project has enabled us to reflect and celebrate excellent teaching practice and take pride in our remarkable students and their attitude to learning!

Mrs West | Assistant Principal

"The academy is impressive, with highly engaged and articulate students"
Tom Sherrington



Careers in Property

Are you interested in real estate? Would you like to help people find their dream home? Perhaps you would like to know more about property development? Come and find out more about this exciting industry and the range of opportunities within it.

Hosted by: Tom Woolmer, Pathways2Property
Programme Delivery Manager, Henley Business School,
University of Reading

Wednesday 22nd November 2023
6 - 7pm

Please book via the Adviza Portal under 'Events'
Cost: FREE | Suitable for all ages

For more information please email
careersguidance@adviza.org.uk



0118 402 7050 | www.adviza.org.uk



- Acceptance and inclusion of all
- Integrity and honesty
- Amplifying the lived experiences, skills and expertise of children and young people with SEND

If you are interested in joining, get in touch to receive a membership form!

Scan: the QR code

Click [here](#) to register

Email: Naomi.Bontrone@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

We have scheduled our first ever meetings!

Braccan Walk Youth Centre
Ground Floor, Braccan Walk Carpark,
The Ring
Bracknell
RG12 1HD

If you are **11-17** years old:

Monday, 20th November
4pm-6pm: in person meeting at Braccan Walk
Wednesday, 22nd November
4pm-5pm: online meeting on MS Teams

If you are **18-25** years old:

Monday, 4th December
4pm-6pm: in person meeting at Braccan Walk
Wednesday, 6th December
4pm-5pm: online meeting on MS Teams

