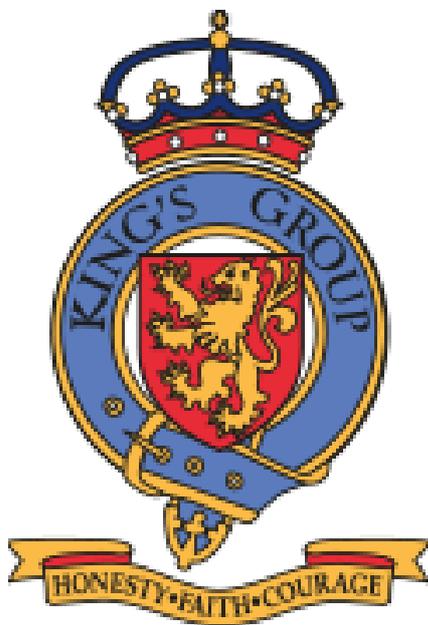


KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another busy week in which Year 10 students have completed the first week of their formal assessments. Students have coped well with these more formal in class assessments, we wish them luck with their remaining exams next week.

As the weather gets colder and the evenings are dark earlier, it is important that students are supported to stay healthy and well so that they can keep up their excellent attendance. Taking part in physical activity, like the Year 3 to 6 cross country that took place on Thursday, and eating a healthy diet can go a long way to maintaining good physical and mental health. PSHE activities in school and clubs after school can really help with this as well and it is great to see so many students participating.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that next Friday, 1st December, there is an INSET day for all staff so school will be closed to students in both the primary and secondary phases.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Moore

COULD YOU BE THE NEXT KABKAO NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR?

We are looking for a new person to take over the coordination of our weekly newsletter. The role involves using Canva to bring together all the articles submitted by the Binfield and Oakwood team, and uploading the finished newsletter to the KABKAO website ready for the team to circulate it to parents and carers. This is a paid role, so if you have experience of using Canva and can help for 4-6 hours a week during term time, please contact Mrs Moore via admin.bi@kingsacademies.uk to find out more.



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THE BIG AMBITION SURVEY – PLEASE TAKE PART

The Children’s Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition which is a national survey aimed at ensuring the voices of children and young people are heard on what’s important to them in the run up to the next general election.

Children and young people are invited to take part in the online survey (parents & carers can help them complete it if needed) so that the Children’s Commissioner can ensure the Government hears what children and young people think.

Please visit [The Big Ambition](#) website to find out more and to complete the survey.



CHILDREN IN NEED FUNDRAISING SO FAR!

Thank you to our King’s Community! What a wonderful contribution we will be able to make to Children in Need!

We will be closing the donation on SchoolComms on Friday 1st December, so there is still time to contribute!

We will share the final total soon!

Thank you!

To everyone that made a donation!

We are delighted to share that our community have raised

£1,878

KAO £273.00
KAB Primary £360
KAB Secondary £1,245





SUPPORT YOUR FAMILY WORKSHOPS

Please see the posters on **page 7** for details of the latest family support workshops being offered through Bracknell Forest Council.

GEMS & KOOTH ONLINE EVENT

Please see **page 7** for a flyer about an online information session that GEMS and Kooth are running for parents & carers about the services offered by Kooth for 10-25 year olds in the local area.

‘WHO’S IN CHARGE’ COURSE FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED VIOLENT BEHAVIOUR IN CHILDREN

Please see **page 7** for details of a support course being offered by Bracknell Forest Council for families who are affected by children in their household who are exhibiting violent behaviours. If you would like to be referred for this course, please contact safeguarding.bi@kingsacademies.uk.



KABKAO UPDATES

MARLEY, JOSHUA & BUDDY MAKE THEIR MARKS AS MASCOTS!

On Saturday 18th November, Marley W (Reception), Joshua W (Year 3) and Buddy Q (Year 3) from KAO, had the opportunity to be mascots for Bracknell Football Club's match. Their appearance was featured in the local paper, and the boys all loved being mascots and getting to go onto pitch with the team and playing during half time.

Well done to all three boys for being part of such a big public event, and what a fantastic experience!



Youngsters from FC Bracknell were mascots for the Robins in last Saturday's FA Trophy tie. Picture: John Leakey

REMARKABLE READING UPDATE

Please see the graphic below for an update on the secondary phase Remarkable Reading programme.

Remarkable Reading at King's Academy
Our readers are really getting the hang of Sparx Reader. Readers should be aiming for 600 points per week. This reflects 60 minutes of accurate reading.

Did you know?
The act of daily reading matters. Students that read every day can learn up to a million more words than their peers!

Top Tip There is a dictionary tool to support students with their understanding.

Sparx Reader Points
Lead student in 8D has 11,138 SRP | 19 hours!
Reading History - We Were Wolves & Goodnight, Bay
Currently Reading - The Siege of Castlebrook

What are students reading this week?
Crater Lake | The First Martian | The Sky is Everywhere | Home | Marcus Rashford: Unofficial Story | Wilde | The Song That Sings Us | The Cats We Meet Along the Way

WINTER SHOWCASE TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Tickets for the Secondary Winter Showcase on **Tuesday 12th December at 6:30pm** are now available to purchase by completing the Google Form request and paying via Schoolcomms. We look forward to welcoming you and are very excited to showcase the talents of our students across the Performing Arts disciplines. See poster on **page 6** for details.

For further information please contact Mrs Roberts - Head of Performing Arts.

ZACHARY'S YOUNG SPORTS PERSON AWARD!

On Tuesday 7th November, Zachary (Yr 8) attended a mentoring session, provided by Everyone Active. Zachary was nominated for two awards which is why he was invited to the mentoring session. There were a number of mentors, including Colin Jackson. The mentors were speaking about race day preparations, social media training and sports psychology.

After the mentoring sessions were followed by an award ceremony. Zachary was nominated for two awards. There were more than 1,500 applicants for the young sports person award in which Zachary won. The award was presented by Maisie Summers-Newton.

Following on from Zachary's success he has done an interview with BBC Berkshire (It starts at 1.19 - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0gnfkr3>)

This is a massive achievement and we wish him all the best in his future swimming competitions.



KABKAO UPDATES

GASTRONOMIC JOURNEY: YEAR 12 STUDENTS INDULGE IN THE DELIGHTS OF FRENCH CUISINE

As part of our topic on Artistic Culture in the French Speaking-world, our Year 12 French students recently embarked upon an exciting culinary adventure - a delectable tasting of French food and delights from French-speaking countries. The event was a delightful celebration of cultural diversity and a fantastic opportunity to invite the whole of the Y12 cohort to explore with us the rich tapestry of flavors that French cuisine has to offer.

The tasting session was a feast for the senses, featuring an array of exquisite French and Swiss cheeses paired with customary baguettes and succulent grapes. As our students savored the flavors of each cheese, they were almost transported to the rolling hills of the French countryside and the picturesque landscapes of Switzerland.

The taste buds continued their journey with Madeleines from Commercy, offering a sweet and nostalgic bite of these traditional French sponge cakes. We continued our journey with Belgian chocolate, a true delicacy that captivated the students' palates and showcased the artistry of European chocolate craftsmanship.

A highlight of the tasting was the exploration of the popular French Carambar sweets - a classic among French schoolchildren as each wrapper features a witty joke in French. It prompted our students to engage in a playful linguistic exercise to unravel the punchlines.

No French culinary experience would be complete without the classic crème brûlée, a velvety and decadent dessert. We paired it with the buttery goodness of creme fraiche brioche and the sweet nostalgia of custard pains au raisin. The tasting also featured the beloved pain au chocolat (or

chocolatine?) a buttery and flaky pastry filled with rich chocolate, which provided the perfect ending to an exquisite gastronomic journey.

This experience was not just about sampling delicious treats (although that was a major bonus!). It allowed our Year 12 students to expand their culinary horizons and served as a celebration of cultural diversity and appreciation. It provided them with a unique opportunity to explore the richness of French and French-speaking countries' culinary traditions, fostering a deeper understanding and connection to the global community.

Bon appétit!

Madame Bassou Raso
Lead Teacher in French



KAB SECONDARY PHASE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

King's Academy Binfield Secondary entered two teams into the Bracknell Forest Secondary Schools Cross Country Championship. The teams are made up of 1 male and 1 female from Year 7, 8 and 9. It is then completed in a relay. Each leg of the relay was roughly 1km. The terrain was tricky, due to the amount of rain we had had in the days before and on that morning. Luckily while the runners were running, it did not rain. So they just needed to get to grips with the amount of mud everywhere. In total, there were 15 teams that entered the competition and KAB had a team that came 1st and 6th. A massive congratulations to these runners as the conditions were not the easiest.



CHRISTMAS TENNIS CAMPS

Please see the poster on **page 8** for details of a Christmas tennis camp being offered by Latika



CHRISTMAS TENNIS CAMPS

Berkshire Junior Badminton Association are holding an Open Day at Sandhurst on 25th Nov 2023. Please see the poster on **page 8** for further details.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| 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 hall - 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) |

The Performing Arts Department At King's
Academy Presents...



THE

WINTER SHOWCASE

Tuesday 12th
December 2023

Main Hall

Refreshments will be served
from 6pm with the show
commencing at 6.30pm.

Ticket Options-

£5-Adults

£3 Concessions

Online event

What is Kooth?

Kooth is a free, safe, online, anonymous counselling and emotional support service for young people aged 10 - 25 in East Berkshire.



Find out more about Kooth

Join Kooth on this 1 hour information session for parents and carers. The session will cover the following:

- Information about the Kooth service
- How to support young people to register
- Kooth support features
- Live website tour
- Q&A

Online event timings

1pm, Thursday 7th December, 2023, online.

Please email GEMS.4Health@nhs.net to book your space.

Please kindly be punctual for a smooth and timely start. To prevent disturbance to fellow participants, unfortunately, we will not be able to accept latecomers past 1.05pm.

Who's in Charge?

Do you feel threatened or intimidated by your child?
Do you feel you are losing control?
Want to better handle conflict?



Reclaim respect and your family!

The *Who's in Charge?* group is an 8-week program for parents or carers of young people (10 to 17) who are struggling to manage behaviours that seem beyond control.

The group aims to

- Provide a supportive environment to share experiences and ideas
- Reduce the guilt and shame which parents can feel
- Offer ideas to help you develop individual strategies for managing your child's behaviour
- Explore ways of increasing safety and well-being
- Help parents feel more in control and less stressed

Groups run on regular basis, please contact facilitators for details on next start date. .

Enquires: Phone Kirstie Richardson on 07879 668642 or Jill Hope-Jefferson on 07788 744955
Email us at Kirstie.richardson@bracknell-forest.gov.uk jill.hope-jefferson@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Supporting Your Children Workshops

To book a space please email your full name to 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



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| Thursday 16 th November 2023 (2 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre. | 6.30 - 8.30 pm |
| Wednesday 10 th January 2024 (12 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre. | 9.30 - 11.30 am |
| Monday 5 th 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



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| Wednesday 8 th November 2023 (1 space remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre | 6.30 - 8.30 pm |
| Monday 15 th January 2024 (12 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre | 9.30 - 11.30 am |
| Thursday 22 nd 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



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| Monday 11 th December 2023 (8 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre | 9.30 - 11.30 am |
| Monday 26 th 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



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| Monday 20 th November 2023 (7 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre | 6.30 - 8.30 |
| Friday 1 st 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



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| Wednesday 1 st 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



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| Thursday 30 th November 2023 (11 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre | 6.30 - 8.30 pm |
| Thursday 1 st 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



BJBA Badminton Open Day

9.30-11.30am Saturday 25th November 2023

Sandhurst Sports Centre, Owlsmoor Road,
Sandhurst, Berkshire GU47 0PD

Open to Players Aged 10–14

- Bring a racket and a drink
- Wear appropriate sports attire

Email: chair@berkshirejuniorbadminton.co.uk
to register interest

<http://www.berkshirejuniorbadminton.co.uk>



AT LATIKA JTC, FARLEY WOOD, BINFIELD, RG42 1FW

20TH & 21ST DECEMBER

**9:30-11:30 AM RED & ORANGE BALL (4-10 YEAR
OLDS)**

20TH & 21ST DECEMBER

11:30-13:30 GREEN & YELLOW BALL (10+ YEARS)

22ND DECEMBER

TOP SQUAD CAMP (11+ COMPETITION LEVEL)

