

WEEK ENDING 3RD FEBRUARY 2023

# KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents Carers,

Thank you for your support during strike day on Wednesday. The next strike day will be on 2 March 2023. Until nearer the time, we will not know what the arrangements will be as teachers choosing to strike may be different to those taking action on 1 February 2023. I will let you know our plans as soon as possible.

We were delighted to be able to welcome Year 9 students and their parents and carers to the first face to face options evening to be held at KAB. My thanks to the year 10 students who came to help and all the teachers who spoke about their subjects as well as to Mrs Lee who organised it all. The evening was a great success. Students in year 9 now have until 24 March to make decision about their options choices.

Students will break up for half term at the end of the day on Wednesday 8th March. Staff will be involved in training on Thursday and Friday. We are pleased to be welcoming staff from all nine King's Group Academies schools to our site on Friday for the Trust wide INSET day when nearly 600 people will travel to KAB to share experiences across the trust.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards  
Mrs Moore

## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week - this is running from 6th-12th February. We will be celebrating this with our young people, this year's theme is: 'Let's Connect' all about making meaningful connections. Students will be carrying out activities during tutor times throughout the week.

Carry on these conversations at home with resources and top tips for all ages which can be found [here](#).



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## SAFER INTERNET DAY



The theme for this year is 'Together for a Better Internet'. We will be discussing at length the ways in which young people can keep themselves safe online. The UK Safer Internet Centre have produced a wealth of [information and guides](#) in order to support parents with keeping their children safe in the online world.

Let's work together to make sure our young people experience a better internet.



## ROYAL ASCOT - LOCAL SCHOOLS ART COMPETITION 2023

Ascot Race Course have once again invited Kings Academy Binfield & Oakwood students to participate in their Local Schools Art Competition. Young artists are encouraged to create pieces of work that represent The Coronation, / HM The King & his family / Pageantry / Royal Procession at Royal Ascot. The winning pieces will be displayed in the Ascot Heath Tunnel for the local community to view and enjoy during Royal Ascot and beyond. This is also a great opportunity to promote our local young people and schools whilst ensuring a colourful welcome for visitors to the course. There will be prizes for the winner and runner up of each category and the winning school.

Each entry must be completed on the attached template on **page 5** which you can print at home, and must be landscape not portrait orientation. Artwork should be returned to either Miss Heron or Mrs Furner no later than Monday 6th March to ensure that our entries are submitted in time for the competition deadline.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 8th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8th February	End of half term - normal finish time
Thursday 9th February	INSET Day (school closed to students)
Friday 10th February	INSET Day (school closed to students)
Monday 20th February	Start of new half term (all students in school)
Monday 27th February	Year 9 Parents Evening (new date)
Monday 13th March	Year 7 Parents Evening (new date)

# PRIMARY UPDATES

## LOST UNIFORM & LABELLING

A number of parents have reported missing uniform. Please can parents ensure that all uniform is named and can you check that the uniform that you have at home belongs to your child. As you can imagine, with our younger children, it is very easy to take home someone else's jumper/cardigan.

## KEY STAGE 2 BLOGS

In KS2, each class has a blog that showcases the practical learning that has been taking part in class. So far, only the Year 3 KAO blog has been available and has been accessed via Google Classroom accounts. From next Friday, all of the KS2 class blogs will be made accessible to all so that they can be linked to our website and newsletter for anyone to see. We look forward to sharing the blogs with you all.

## LENA'S FUNDRAISING HAIRCUT!

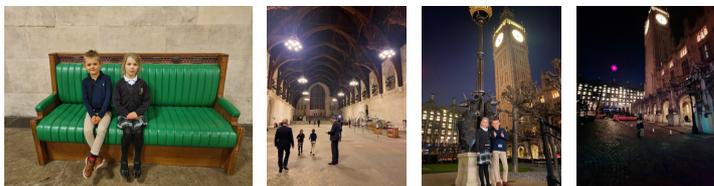
Lena P from Quartz class had her hair cut and donated just over 10 inches to The Little Princess Trust. Lena is loving her new look and we are so proud of her for doing such an amazing thing. She has also raised over £500 so far!



Please visit Lena's [JustGiving page](#) for more details of her endeavours, and if you wish to donate to her fundraising..

## FLORA POPS INTO PARLIAMENT!

Flora from Topaz class had an exciting visit to the Houses of Parliament with her mum on Monday evening and took along a friend who is visiting from Australia. She had a private tour from the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme, met lots of MPs, appeared on the news and even had her dinner with a Baroness in their restaurant!



## YEAR 3 ROMAN DAY

Our Year 3 classes from King's Academy Binfield and King's Academy Oakwood thoroughly enjoyed coming together for Roman Day on Wednesday as part of their learning about the Romans! They spent the day making Roman Shields, Mosaics and Roman Bread. To end the day, the children had their very own Roman Banquet where they ate the bread they'd baked with a feast of olives, sun dried tomatoes, cheese and honey, oil and vinegar, dates and grape juice!



## YEAR 3 PIZZA EXPRESS VISIT

Year 3 from King's Academy Oakwood visited Pizza Express on Tuesday where they all got to make their own pizza! This was a great experience and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Year 3 from King's Academy Binfield look forward to their visit next week!



## RUBY CLASS GARDENING JOY

Ruby class are excited to share that they have achieved Level 2 in the Royal Horticultural Society's School Gardening awards!



They received their Level 1 and 2 certificates alongside some herbs, a gardening calendar, a gardening book and lots of other fantastic goodies to help with their outdoor learning. Thank you RHS!

# PRIMARY/SECONDARY UPDATES

## PRIMARY PE UPDATE

Another week done and another week of events! Last Thursday I took Oakwood children to another Cross Country race at Braywick for the children in year 3,4 & 5. The Cross Country race was a MOB event which contains schools from division 1 & 2. Nearly 700 children were in attendance for this event with 150 - 200 children per race. A special shout out to Ronnie Bunker who came 30th out of 200 children in his year 5/6 boys race.

On Tuesday this week, a selection of year 5 children from Oakwood took part in a Dance Festival where they got to experience 3 types of dance which were Theatre, Street Dance and Cheerleading.



The theatre brought back memories for me as they did their dance to the song 'Bad Guys' from Bugsy Malone. Way back when, when I was a secondary pupil doing Drama, I played the small part of Bronx Charlie in Dandy Dan's gang. It certainly made me smile and brought back memories. The children who took part had a great time and loved getting involved and experience something new.

## The CONQUEROR *Virtual Challenges*

This weekend marks the official start of the Conqueror Challenge for both primary schools. All parents should have received an email about how the challenge works and what is required. I hope you are all as excited about the

challenge as the kids are and myself! I have already had a couple of parents come back to me with some positive feedback so thank you. If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to ask me. Starting next week I will be adding our 'Conqueror of the Week' and the total distances to date in the newsletters.

Have a great and active weekend.

Regards

Mr J Fisher

## YEAR 7 SCIENCE

Cells are the building block of life and central to students' understanding of the living world. Our Year 7s have been getting creative making plant and animal cells to consolidate their learning at home. It was great to see them share their creations with their classmates and lots of DARE points were awarded for effort and enthusiasm.





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