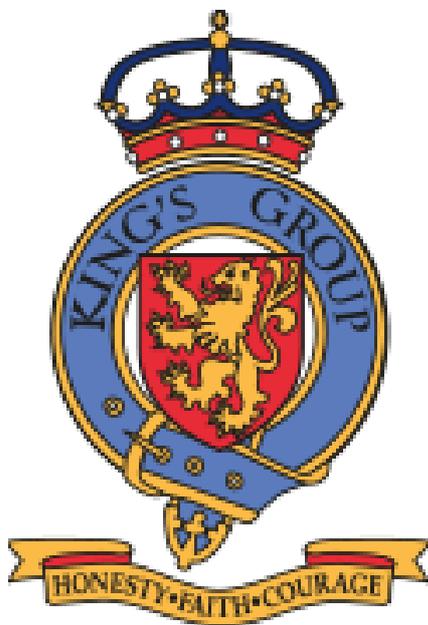


WEEK ENDING 11TH NOVEMBER 2022

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another busy week, today, 11th November, at 11am we all took a moment to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who gave their lives or have been affected by war. We have had assemblies this week to help us all understand this better and observed the two minute silence today. Everyone has shown great respect in this in order to honour all those now and in the past, who have suffered. The newsletter this week highlights some important information, next week will be the two separate newsletters for Primary and Secondary.

I hope you have a peaceful weekend.

Mrs Moore

GOVERNOR OPPORTUNITIES

The Governing Board is seeking two enthusiastic and committed individuals to join our effective cohesive team of people to hold the school to account, to shape the vision of the school and to set the strategic direction. We are particularly interested in anyone who has the appropriate skills and knowledge or enthusiasm to join the team as governors responsible for [Health and Safety](#) and [Safeguarding](#). If you are interested there is more information here . Please contact the clerk to the Governors, Carrie Bendix via carrie.bendix@judicium.com to express interest, or for further information. Please note, these positions will be co-opted governors, not parent governors as the parent governor roles are currently all filled.

WOOD LANE GAS WORKS – BINFIELD SITE

You will be aware that works began this week in Wood Lane. We were not informed of this. We have enquired and been told that this work will progress in sections along the whole of Wood Lane for at least three weeks. Following this they will work on the pathway next to the school field. Access to drop off and pick up on Wood Lane will be very difficult during this time. Wherever possible, if your child can walk or cycle to school, this will help to reduce the traffic congestion. Please do not use St Georges Park as this will cause risk to primary students. I you have to use Wood Lane please give right of way to cars leaving the school site.

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ANTI-BULLYING WEEK AND CHILDREN IN NEED NON-UNIFORM DAY – FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2022

Anti-bullying week is taking place during the week of the 14th - 18th November and students will be participating in a variety of activities throughout the week that will raise the profile of our newly appointed anti-bullying ambassadors as well as reiterating our zero-tolerance approach to bullying at King's Academy Binfield and Oakwood. The week will start with students invited to wear odd socks on Monday 14th November to promote the theme this year 'everyone is unique'.

King's Academy Binfield and Oakwood will be participating in this year's Children in Need Day on Friday 18th November 2022. Children in Need is a national charity which raises money for disadvantaged children and young people across the country. Last year Children in Need helped nearly 460,000 children and young people to overcome their challenges. This included supporting children & young people living in poverty, providing emergency support to families in crisis, providing comfort to children feeling sad, lost and alone, helping children overcome social injustice and supporting children to feel safe and secure again.

This year the focus of the campaign is 'Be Spotacular', students are invited to wear non-uniform and donate £1 to Children in Need which will be collected during their morning tutor time or by their classroom teacher upon arrival at school. Students may wish to tailor their non-uniform to be 'spotacular'.

Students must ensure that whatever they choose to wear is suitable for travelling to and from school. Clothing must still be appropriate for the school environment, we would not expect students to wear very short shorts or skirts (without leggings), low cut, strappy tops, or crop tops. Football/rugby and other sporting kits should not be worn. Shoes should be of a sensible height and any jewellery that is, large, expensive or of sentimental value should be left at home. Hair colouring is not permitted. If students have PE lessons that day, they will need to bring their normal PE kit in. Students are welcome to wear any of the Children in Need merchandise that is available in local supermarkets currently.

If you would like to know more about [Anti-Bullying Week](#) or [Children in Need](#), you can visit the charities websites via the links.

RECEPTION YEAR APPLICATIONS – OPEN

The [Bracknell Forest admissions process](#) for children born on or between 1st September 2018 – 31st August 2019 to start school (Reception year intake) has begun.

The portal opened over the weekend and will close on **15th January 2023**.

PRIMARY UPDATES

RUBY CLASS NEWS

Ruby Class have been enjoying the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' this week. They have made their own houses using straw, sticks and bricks and have enjoyed retelling the story to each other.

We have also been developing our interest in magnets and magnetic objects. The children have been developing their curiosity and exploring different items around the room to see which objects would stick to the magnets.

There has been so much wonderful language and learning!



WILLOW CLASS NEWS

Willow class celebrated bonfire night in style. They toasted some marshmallows on a 'campfire' and devoured the fruit kebabs and sparklers they made while watching some spectacular fireworks.

Meeting British Legion veteran Nigel was a truly memorable experience for Willow class who astounded Nigel by the pertinent of their questioning and their superb behaviour as they listened attentively and learnt about his experience as a navy officer.

We walked to our local nature reserve, Piglittle fields, to observe the seasonal changes Autumn brings. We enjoyed singing in the rain, going through the kissing gate and observing the changing colours on fern, brambles and other leaves as we marched through the woodlands.



OPAL CLASS NEWS

Opal Class had such an exciting week of learning last week! We went on our first school trip to Milestones Museum in Basingstoke. As part of our topic of the History of Toys, we got to play lots of old games that our mummies, daddies and even grandparents used to play! We loved games such as Hopscotch, Oranges and Lemons, Pick Up Sticks and the Mulberry Bush. We also got to see and touch lots of old and new toys and had a go at sorting them, discussing how old we thought the toys were and why. In another activity, we had a timeline going from 1940s to 2000s, and we had a go at ordering some toys from the oldest to the newest. Miss Wetherell enjoyed seeing some of her favourite toys from when she was younger too!

Opal Class were fantastic on their first school trip of Year 1, and they made their adults very proud of how they represented the school while walking around the museum.

OPAL CLASS NEWS

Ash class thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Milestones Museum last week, learning about toys in the past. There were many other fun things to look at including the fire engine! After our visit we made a book about the visit to share with our families.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION VISIT

Our primary phases at KAB and KAO had a special Remembrance Assembly led by Mrs Hatt, Chairman of the Binfield branch of RBL and retired veteran, Nigel, a Commissioned Officer of the Royal Navy. We are proudly supported the Poppy Appeal with the sale of Poppy themed merchandise.



SECONDARY UPDATES

FLU VACCINATIONS

We have been informed by the school immunisation team that we have a tentative date of 8th December 2022 to come in and deliver the flu vaccination to years 7 to 9, with the possibility of years 10 and 11. They have, however, been informed by NHS England that there is a currently a delay in vaccine delivery for this cohort and it could be delayed until Spring 2023. Please contact the school immunisation team directly via Centralschoolimms@berkshire.nhs.uk If you have any questions regarding this matter.

YEAR 11 REVISION

Revision sessions for Year 11 students will be running from week beginning Monday 14 November. Please see the letter on **page 5** for more details.

KAB ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION

The admissions consultation to add King's Academy Oakwood to the admissions criteria for Year 7 at Kings Academy Binfield went live on Monday 7th November. Consultation information can be found on the [Admissions](#) section of the website. Please send any responses via [email](#) to give your views on the benefits of this change for the King's academies community.

STUDENT SUCCESS

County Football

We are pleased to announce that, following successful trials, Jake B and Alfie P in Year 9 have been selected to represent the county for Football this season. This is a huge achievement given that students from all over the county were put forward for the trials. Congratulations boys and we wish you the best of luck for the season.

Aspire Basketball

We are also pleased to share that Mitchell W in Year 9 has been selected to be part of the Aspire Basketball programme. This is a programme led by Basketball England to identify the top players in the country. Mitchell has progressed through the regional stage and with the aim to continue to progress to a National Level. Well done Mitchell, huge congratulations!

SPORTS UPDATES

Year 7 Girls Football

On Wednesday 2nd November, the year 7's had their first football fixture, a tournament against other local schools. They all played incredibly well, they won one game, and drew two games. The PE department is looking forward to where this team can go. Well done to Emma, Lily, Caitlin, Chloe, Olivia, Ella and Hannah.

Rugby

Mr Blake and Mr Patmore have been fortunate to take teams over to Edgbarrow and Sandhurst School to represent KAB in rugby matches against the local Bracknell Forest schools. For the majority of students, this has been their first taste of playing competitive rugby, embodying the DARE values. Well done to those that have participated!

Rugby League World Cup Wheelchair Tournament

Last Thursday, the PE department took a group of students to the Copper Box Arena to watch the start of the Rugby League World Cup Wheelchair Tournament. The trip was a huge success highlighting the power sport to provide a platform for disabled athletes to perform. The students that attended were a credit to the school and even managed to get on the TV thanks to their loud support. At the end of the game, we were given one of the match balls which the players signed and will be displayed in the trophy cabinet by the office.



BBC Article on Sport Participation for Children

Finally, we would also like to refer you to a news article on the [BBC Sport website](#), highlighting that in some cases, parents and students are having to choose between sport and energy due to the cost of living. With this in mind, we'd like to remind parents that our extra-curricular clubs are free to attend and are a great way for students to take part in physical activity without parents paying. We're in the process of updating our PE extra-curricular timetable so please look out for this in the next couple of weeks.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of our offer to all Year 11 students following the recent set of PPEs.

From Monday 14th November 2022 (Week B) we will be offering revision sessions each night straight after school, these will run from 3:05 pm until 3:55 pm. A copy of the schedule is below:

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Week A	Block A	Maths	Science	Block D	English
Week B	Block B	English	Science	Block C	Maths

Students are able to work out their option blocks by looking at their timetable, a class code of 11B/Ms1 would indicate that subject is in Block B.

Each session will focus on a different skill/concept which has been highlighted through the recent set of PPEs, we will be sharing with students the skills/concepts that are being covered in each session on a weekly basis through the tutor slides as well as on a display board (outside my office).

There are two different types of attendance for these sessions: compulsory and optional. For those students who must attend all/some sessions in a given subject, the subject leads will be in contact with you to inform you. For those students for whom it is optional, they are more than welcome to attend any sessions that they feel they would benefit from. It would be useful for those optional students to inform their teachers in advance so that we can ensure that we have enough resources available.

We are currently in the process of creating a Year 11 revision website which will provide your son/daughter with a single place to access any revision material for each subject. We will also have information regarding examinations and PPEs on this website, in addition to information on our main school website.

Kind Regards

Tom Dean
Assistant Principal

DATES FOR THE DIARY	
Thursday 17th November	GCSE Drama Trip - The Woman In Black
Friday 18th November	Kings Academy Binfield Primary PTA Disco - 3:30-5:30pm
w/c Monday 21st November	Year 10 Assessment Window (2 weeks)
Friday 25th November	Kings Academy Oakwood Primary PTA Disco - 3:30-5:30pm
Thursday 1st December	PTA Christmas Fair (details to follow)
Friday 2nd December	Inset Day (school closed to students)
Thursday 8th December	Year 11 Parents Evening - 4-7pm (details to follow)