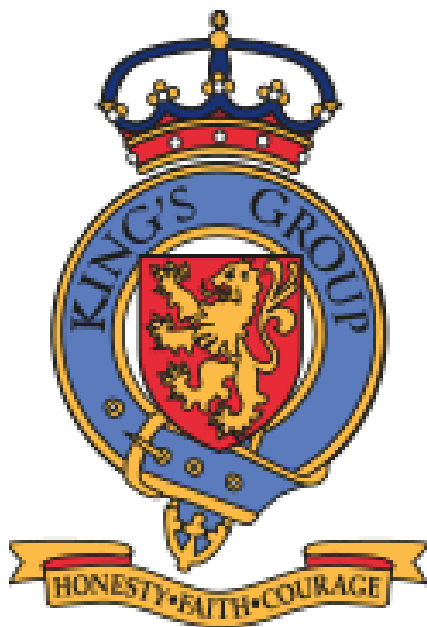


WEEK ENDING 31ST MARCH 2023

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

In Primary Phase last week, we had a very well received PSHE activity day across KAB and KAO. Students engaged well with learning activities designed to support understanding of healthy lifestyles and relationships. Thank you to Mrs Grindley who co-ordinated this across KAB and KAO and to all the teachers and students for their enthusiastic participation. We also had the primary book fair where students and parents have viewed and purchased a wide range of new titles. The new 'Reading Passport' has also been launched to students in Years 2 to 6. We wish you all happy reading. We were also pleased to welcome you all to parents/carers evening this week and last. We have all been delighted to be able to share positive news with you about the great progress students are making.

We have had a busy end to term in Secondary Phase. Last Wednesday, Year 11 received their Pre Public Exam 2 Results and we look forward to welcoming parents next Thursday at parents evening to discuss how we can all support students in their revision as they prepare for GCSE exams.

On Thursday 23 March, the Careers Fair was held for KAB secondary students. With over 30 employers, universities and further education colleges in attendance, students and their families were able to have personalised conversations to help support students in their future career decisions. Students from all year groups attended, but it was particularly useful for Year 9 students who submitted their final option choices on Monday of this week.

On Saturday, the winter sports trip leaves KAB for Italy. Students have been undertaking 'ski fit' sessions leading up to their departure. We are all looking forward to hearing about students' experiences on the ski slopes.

Whether you are going away over the holiday, or supporting your children with their GCSE revision, I wish you all a happy and safe break. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 17 April.

Best wishes
Mrs Moore

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YEAR 11 REVISION WEBSITE- PARENT/CARER INFORMATION

Revision information is now available for parents and carers of Year 11 students. Please click [here](#) to access.

TRAFFIC COMING THROUGH ST GEORGE'S PARK

Please can we remind secondary parents who drive to and from school to use the Wood Lane car park for drop off and pick up and not to park up down St George's Park.

Recently there has been increased traffic as secondary parents are parking up along the road leading to the Primary gates, causing delays for Primary parents collecting their children and trying to leave site.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

GEMS AUSTISM & ADHD SUPPORT

Please see page 7 for details of the different child, youth and young adult sessions available from GEMS Autism & ADHD support services.

BRACKNELL RUGBY - GIRLS TASTER SESSION

Please see page 6 for details of a taster session being run by Bracknell Rugby for girls from Year 5 to Year 12.

FC BRACKNELL LIONS - U9 GIRLS TEAM

FC Bracknell Lions girls are looking for new players to join their Under 9s team. See the flyer on page 6 for more details.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 31st March	End of Spring Term
Monday 17th April	Start of Summer Term (all students in school)
Friday 21st April	KAO Year 1 Enrichment Session (enter via the office at 2:30pm)
Friday 28th April	KAO Reception Enrichment Session (enter via the office at 2:30pm)
Thursday 4th May	Year 10 Parents Evening

PRIMARY & SECONDARY UPDATES

MERRYN AIMS FOR THE FINALS

Merryn in Year 5 at KAO recently competed at the Gymnastics British Qualifiers event in Southampton. We're yet to hear if she's qualified for the British Finals, but our fingers are crossed! She then travelled to Nottingham to compete at the ICC Nationals cheerleading competition last weekend, taking 4th place with her team. Congratulations on some amazing results Merryn!



RUBY CLASS UPDATE

Ruby class have been very busy bees over the last two weeks and thoroughly enjoyed learning about bees and why they are so important. We had a special visit from Tony, a local beekeeper, who shared some amazing videos and stories to support our learning. We got to see and touch an old beehive, try on a beekeeping suit and played a fun bee themed game. On Tuesday morning, we had a special visit from Henry's dad who helped us to make chocolate easter nest cakes. Scrumptious! A huge thank you to both Tony and Steve for supporting and enriching our learning.

We are also excited to announce that we have achieved level 3 and 4 in the RHS School Gardening awards. It is wonderful to see the children's hard work in the garden being recognised. We have been rewarded with a £50 garden centre voucher and lots of wonderful seeds that we will be sharing with the other classes.



OPAL CLASS UPDATE

Opal class have had a very exciting week! Last Wednesday, we enjoyed our Healthy Lifestyles and

Relationships 'drop-down' day, where we spent the day exploring what it means to have a healthy lifestyle. We joined in with a variety of different activities such as yoga and mindfulness with Mrs Dewhurst, drama and team-building with Miss Findlay and drumming with Miss Wetherell!

We also had our special year 1 Kings and Queens Day! We have been exploring the topic Kings and Queens throughout the term and enjoyed lots of enriching learning opportunities, such as designing and creating our own state crowns and designing our own banquet feasts! A fantastic way to end a term of exciting learning.



ALEXIS' GYMNASTICS SUCCESS

Alexis B in Year 9 is an elite level dancer and competed Friday - Sunday in Havant at the British Arts Semi Finals dance competition. She did very well and her solo was awarded a Merit



certificate which means she's shortlisted for the London Finals later in the year. Well done on such a great result, and fingers crossed for Alexis' continued success!

BILLIE GETS POETIC!

We wanted to share some exciting news with you about Billie from Year 8. She has been selected to have her poem written in a real book. This is her second entry that has been selected, having been included in a previous poetry compilation.

Billie's mum has very kindly confirmed that she'll be giving us a copy of the book when it is published. We can't wait to see Billie's words in print.



Well done Billie, on a fantastic accomplishment.

SECONDARY UPDATES

YEAR 9'S WELLINGTON STEM DAY

10 of our Year 9 students spent a day with other local schools experiencing science and DT at Wellington College. They used lots of new equipment in a biology practical on enzymes, took part in building competitions in DT and with the construction company Taylor Wimpey, and found out about the uses and problems with limestone, a finite but very valuable resource. All the students were a credit to the school, really engaging in the activities and making the most of the facilities, including a lovely lunch!



YEAR 8 10X CHALLENGE

This week year 8 have been testing out their business acumen in the 10x challenge. Students have been given £10 to start their own business and have had to think about business plans, marketing, budgeting and sales.

Groups have come up with some amazing business ideas from homemade dog biscuits, to jewellery and from gardening services to car washes.



YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

Last week the Year 10 Geographers completed their compulsory urban fieldwork; a key requirement of their GCSE studies. Over 3 days we took 76 students out to Reading where they collected data via traffic and land use surveys, environmental quality surveying, sketch maps and interacting with the public through questionnaires to explore quality of life variations. The teachers received positive messages from several members of the public as to how smart the students looked and how polite and professional the students were when conducting their questionnaire surveys.

Our congratulations go to the Year 10 students who represented themselves, the teachers and the school marvellously. We are really proud of them and look forward to taking them out on the next trip in the summer term!

YEAR 9 MOCK TRIAL TRIUMPH

On Saturday 18th April, some of our Year 9 students competed in the National Mock Trial Competition at Reading Crown Court. This involved students competing in court against other schools from across Berkshire by acting out a fictional case. Students were allocated roles including lawyers, witnesses and magistrates. We even had one student as the defendant, who was locked into the court's secure room!

Lots of preparation and practice went into the event and on the day there were plenty of nerves, as students had to compete in front of audiences, which included the High Sheriff of Berkshire. Following a nervous wait for the results, the students finished in 1st place which is an incredible achievement for a really tough competition! This means the students have progressed to the Regional Finals which will take place in May. Two students share their experiences below:

"Doing the mock trial, I was really pushed outside my comfort zone, however now I feel more confident speaking in front of people (something which will help in school). I really enjoyed the experience and it was a real insight into law."

"I really enjoyed the real world experience of a court case and experiencing the inside of a court from the magistrate's perspective."

We are so proud of the students and everything that they have achieved. They truly have DAREd to be Remarkable. A special thanks goes to Ms Chaplin and Ocean B in Year 11 who supported the students in preparation and on the day.



SECONDARY UPDATES

YEAR 10 WELLINGTON MATHS

Last week, some Year 10s went to Wellington for a 'Taking Maths Further' event hosted by the AMSP. The day comprised activities on cryptography, code breaking, imperial money and various mathematical paradoxes. There was also a very useful presentation outlining the career opportunities available for those studying Maths beyond GCSE.



The day ended with a quiz in which our students came second and third out of 18 teams! We're very proud how our young people represented our school.

YEAR 10 CREATIVE ARTS VISIT

Y10 Textiles, Art and Photography went on a school trip this week to the V&A Museum, London. It was a great success with students taking many photographs, drawing and mark making on their way around. The vast inspiration they have gained will be used toward their next GCSE project. The students were a great reflection of Kings Academy Binfield.



KAB SPORTS CAPTAINS

King's Academy Binfield are pleased to announce our first ever Sports Captains. We had over 40 students applied to be sports captains and interviews happened over 4 days. The standard of applications and answers at the interviews made it an extremely difficult choice to decide who our Sport Captains were going to be.

The role of the Sports Captain is to encourage individuals to participate in sports, help organise their house for inter-house competitions and just generally help the PE department.

There will be more leadership roles coming soon (and not sport related!) so please keep an eye out for these.



UNDER 13 GIRLS CRICKET REPORT

A mixture of our Year 7 and Year 8 girls took on Edgebarrow School in the ECB Girls U13 Schools Indoor Cricket Competition. Although it was an 8-a-side match, KAB had such interest from the girls that we managed to get twelve of our players involved on the day, many of whom were playing their first ever match against an opposition school. Our team consisted of Amilie C, Isabella T, Taylor G, Isla S, Jess W, Ria A, Elen R, Sofia K, Hannah H, Katy S, Maisie A and Lily K.

Edgebarrow won the toss and elected to bowl first. We started our innings slowly, but gained momentum through the middle and end overs. Some lusty blows were dealt by Jess W and Sofia K, who both had to retire after scoring the maximum runs allowed per player. In the end, we finished on 64 runs from our allotted 8 overs.

After a tactical team talk, we went in with a clear plan on how to take the game by the scruff of the neck. The girls responded really well, took on the advice and did brilliantly. Everyone fielded exceptionally well with our groundfielding being the mainstay. Our bowlers did not give away much in the form of poor balls or extras and we managed to restrict them to 56 runs in the end. Special mention has to be made of Katy S, Isla S and Elen R for their tight lines and lengths throughout the innings. Last but not least, a shout out has to go to Isabella T for taking on the challenge of wicket keeper for the day. She handled herself extremely well and was worth 15 runs behind the stumps alone. Congratulations to Jess W for scooping up the player of the match award this time.

Well done to one and all involved. It is good to see the enthusiasm and camaraderie from our girls.



13 TH APRIL 2023
GIRLS Y5 TO YEAR 12
FUN RUGBY BASED
SESSION 3 TO 5PM

Play, Run, Fun, Rugby & Friends
 # Bring & Friend #
 We welcome your Daughter to come play rugby based games and challenges over the course of the afternoon and you don't need to have any prior rugby experience to join in.



Email : girls@bracknellrugbyclub.com

Bracknell Rugby club
Girls Rugby

Lilly Hill RG12 2UG

**Come a try rugby &
 meet the girls**

**We train on
 Wednesday and play
 on Sundays**

**Enjoy playing and
 making lifelong
 friends**

Girls rugby is one of the fastest growing sports in the UK and we are growing the girls and ladies' games @ Bracknell. We will have U12, U14, U16 & U18s girl's sides as well as our Ladies team.

We have some fantastic girls and coaches and we are growing and would love you to be a part of the team

Players wanted!



FC Bracknell Lions U9's girls are looking for new players to join their team

**for the 23/24 season
 (current school year 3)**

- **Have fun**
- **Be part of a team**
- **Learn new skills**
- **Make new friends**

Experience preferred

**For more information
 please contact Matt on**

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BEAR CUBS

AGES 5 TO 10



FIRST & THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH @4PM TO 5PM

Registration:

GEMS.4health@nhs.net
0800 999 1342

Criteria:

Children with or likely to have ADHD &/or Autism & living in East Berkshire

Activities

- 21/04/23 Online- King's Coronation Arts & Craft
- 05/05/23 Slough - Big on Bouncing
- 19/05/23 Online - Build a bird feeder
- 02/06/23 Bracknell - Sports day
- 16/02/23 Online - Create a sun catcher



*Please note activities may be subject to change

More Information: 0800 999 1342 WWW.GEMS4HEALTH.COM

WOLF PACK

AGES 11 TO 15



SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH @4.30PM TO 6PM

Registration:

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0800 999 1342

Criteria:

Children with or likely to have ADHD &/or Autism & living in East Berkshire

Activities

- 14/04/23 Online - Design a gaming character
- 12/05/23 Online - Design a console game (paper based)
- 09/06/23 Online - Around the world quiz

*Please note activities may be subject to change

More Information: 0800 999 1342 WWW.GEMS4HEALTH.COM

CONNECTIONZ

AGES 16 TO 24



LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
@ 6.30PM TO 8PM

Registration:

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0800 999 1342

Criteria:

Young adults with or likely to have ADHD &/or Autism & living in East Berkshire

Activities

- 25/04/23 - Online - Around the World quiz
- 30/05/23 - Online - Build a bird feeding table
- 27/06/23 - Online - Create a sun catcher

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DIAMONDS

AGES 25 & OVER



1ST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH 6PM
TO 8PM

Registration:

GEMS.4health@nhs.net
0800 999 1342

Criteria:

Adults with or likely to have ADHD &/or Autism & living in East Berkshire

Activities

- 06/04/23 - Online - Create a sun catcher
- 04/05/23 - Online - King's Coronation cake decorating
- 01/06/23 - Online - Around the World quiz

*Please note activities may be subject to change

More Information: 0800 999 1342 / www.gems4health.co.uk