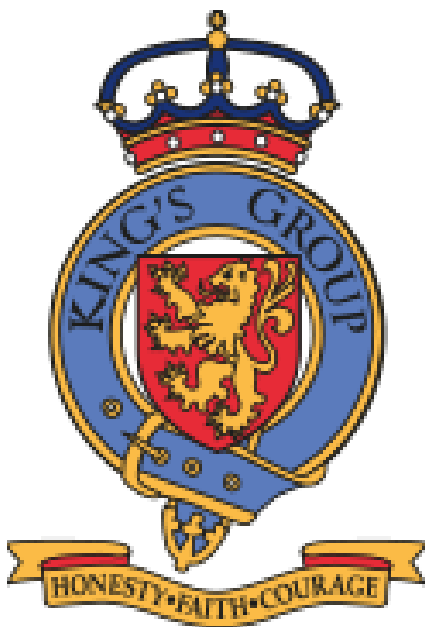


KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS TATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past couple of weeks, I have been showing prospective parents around both KAB and KAO. Many of them tell me they have come to look at both KAB and KAO because they have heard so many wonderful things from our current parents. I wanted to say a huge thank you for sharing those positive thoughts and for creating such a positive feeling about our Academies in the local community.

Whilst speaking to the prospective parents about our priorities at KAB and KAO, I wanted to take the opportunity to remind you that whilst we operate to educate your children, our number one priority is to ensure your child/ren are happy and safe. We know that when children are happy and safe, they are able to learn more freely. Whilst we believe we have extremely happy students, there are always things we may miss or be unaware of. Please don't let concerns about your children fester, do come and speak to our staff who will be very happy to help.

We often send out parent surveys but quite often they are anonymous so I cannot follow up each individual parent comment. I would hate to think that there is an unhappy child or family in our academies that I do not know about, especially when we could be doing something more to support you and your child.

We are very lucky to have wonderful members of staff who care strongly for your children. If you have any concerns or worries, please raise those with your child's class teacher or ask to meet with the Key Stage Leaders, Deputy Head or myself.

Best Wishes,

Jacqueline Tate
Head of Primary

PUPILS GIVE REMEMBRANCE READINGS

Samson from Year 3 at KAB and Emily from Year 4 at KAO both spoken at the Service of Remembrance at St Mark's Church on Saturday.

The both spoke about the life of Queen Elizabeth II and her role with the Armed Forces over her lifetime. Both pupils spoke beautifully and made us very proud.



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CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

It is that time of year again! We are busy preparing for our Christmas Productions. This year we will be hosting a Nursery sing along, a EYFS and KS1 Christmas Nativity and Key Stage 2 will be hosting Carols by Candlelight. Many of you will have seen the dates and times listed in our big lists of dates that were sent out last term, but they are below as a reminder. To sign up for your child's performance and to choose your preferred time, we will be sharing Event Bright links with you shortly.

Kings Academy Binfield

Nursery - Friday 9th December 11am and 3pm

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - Wednesday 7th December 10am and 2pm

Year 3 - Wednesday 14th December (Outdoors at KAO*) 5pm

Kings Academy Oakwood

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - Thursday 8th December 10am and 2pm

Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 - Wednesday 14th December 5pm (outdoors at KAO*)

*If the weather prevents Carols by Candlelight being outside, we will move the event to the KAB secondary hall.

MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although it has not been cold, it does seem as though the weather has become significantly worse this week. Students have all managed well in the wet weather which has meant they have not been outside as much as usual. I'm delighted to share the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) I promised as a result of the 'Meet the New Executive Principal' evening held before half term. During the six sessions held, parents and carers asked a wide range of questions which I have grouped and summarised. Thank you to all parents and carers who contributed to this, I hope everyone finds the information useful.

Best wishes,
Mrs Moore

DATES FOR THE DIARY	
Tuesday 22nd November	Kings Academy Oakwood - Key Stage 2 Author Visit
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)

KAB PRIMARY NEWS

RUBY CLASS

Ruby Class have been learning and exploring on the school field. The children have been developing their physical skills as they climbed up and down on the large tree trunks and showed great imagination when it turned into a train ride to Legoland. There were also games of hide and seek, bear hunts and duck, duck goose as well as plenty of fun rolling and running down the big hill!



EMERALD CLASS

Emerald Class have been showing heaps of enthusiasm for our new 'Look Up' topic and have learnt lots about Space already. What amazing astronomers they are! The children did a fantastic job helping to turn our role play area into a space station and have been having great fun blasting off to space and exploring the planets.

Last week, we enjoyed a special assembly from the Royal British Legion and learnt more about the importance of Remembrance Day.

This Monday, we wore our odd socks to school remind us that we are all different and unique and to mark the beginning of 'anti-bullying' week.

Word of the week

Last week: Astronomer

This week: Orbit



JADE CLASS

Over the past couple of weeks, the children in Jade Class have become curious and budding astronomers as we have started our new Space topic! The children helped Mr. Jung transform our role play area into a space station by covering it with tin foil where the children have thoroughly enjoyed using their imagination.

Along with our tin foil antics, the children have also crafted their own rockets using junk modelling, painted wonderful depictions of stars with splat-paint and have worked really hard to draw and label the solar system using their initial phonics sounds.



OPAL CLASS

Opal class have really enjoyed their learning over the last couple of weeks, after kicking off the new half term with our exciting school trip to Milestones Museum. We've continued learning about old toys and making comparisons between modern toys and older ones – we've even had a play around with some replica old toys such as a spinning top and 'pick up sticks'!

To show our support for Remembrance Day, we have been wearing our Poppies and were fascinated by our visit from the Royal British Legion. We got to ask lots of questions about the flag and the uniform.

KAB PRIMARY NEWS

OPAL CLASS (CONTINUED)

Elsewhere in the curriculum, we have been exploring 3D shapes in maths and using a feely bag to guess shapes by their properties. In English we have been reading stories with familiar settings such as Can't You Sleep Little Bear and Beegu. We have been developing our vocabulary by describing settings, and character feelings.

Keep up the fantastic work Opal Class! What a great couple of weeks of learning.



TOPAZ CLASS

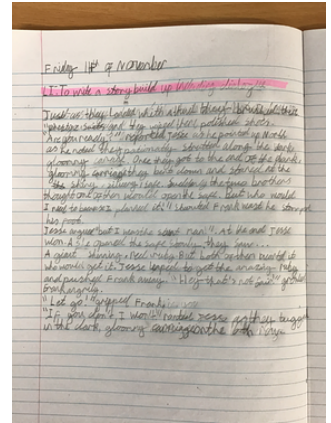
Last week, the children learned about the significance of the Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Day. We were lucky enough to have visitors from the Royal British Legion to do an assembly. The visitors then came around to the classes. Year 2 engaged so well asking thoughtful and interesting questions to find out more.



QUARTZ CLASS

Quartz class have had a wonderful couple of weeks! From investigating magnets in Science, to writing story openings in English - we have been busy.

The children have produced some phenomenal story openings for a short film 'Ruckus', after acting it out themselves to develop ideas.



We have also started our Design and Technology unit on textiles, so the children have been researching types of puppets to refine their own design. Last week,

Quartz class hosted a tremendous toy sale, raising money for Wexham Park Hospital and together we raised over £210!

We can't wait for more learning and activities with Quartz class next week.



KAO PRIMARY NEWS

PUPIL SUCCESS!

Recently Isla from Year 4 at KAO took part in her first gymnastics competition, and we are delighted to share that she won 2 medals! A silver for her floor routine and a bronze for her overall position after floor, vault, bars & beam!

A very big well done from everyone here at KAO!



WILLOW CLASS

This week our little astronauts enjoyed exploring space from the space station they built last week. Like the British astronaut Tim Peake, they observed Earth from their ISS and collected information about space on their computer. Willow class learnt the name and place of each of the 8 planets in our solar system. They amazed us with their knowledge and ability to share and retain interesting facts. The children also drew beautiful models of our solar system before labelling each planet. To understand how all planets revolve around the sun, we had fun orbiting around the sun pretending to be a planet!



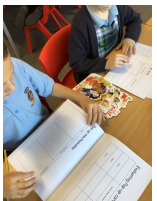
CHESTNUT CLASS

In year 3, we have begun our new Geography topic learning all about the Rainforest. We have been learning about the rainforest Climate and have had a go at writing our own weather and climate reports about the Amazon Rainforest. We filmed them using iPads and the green screen to make our weather reports look realistic!



BIRCH CLASS

Birch Class have had a great few weeks of class with lots of exploration! We have started our new topic of the United Kingdom in Geography and the class have really enjoyed finding out different facts and learning the landmarks of England. Next, we will be learning about Scotland!



In Religious Education, the children have been learning about Christianity and why this is a very important time for Christians. They have learned about Advent and made Christingles. The children really enjoyed it (especially the sweets that go with the Christingles!).

Design Technology brought a lot of excitement as the children were given pop up card to explore in preparation of designing and making their own! They were able to look and say what they liked and didn't like about the different cards.

PINE CLASS

Year 4 have been learning about multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.



We have also started to learn the names of some cloud formations. Can you see any examples of stratus, cirrus or cumulus clouds hovering above Oakwood's playground?

