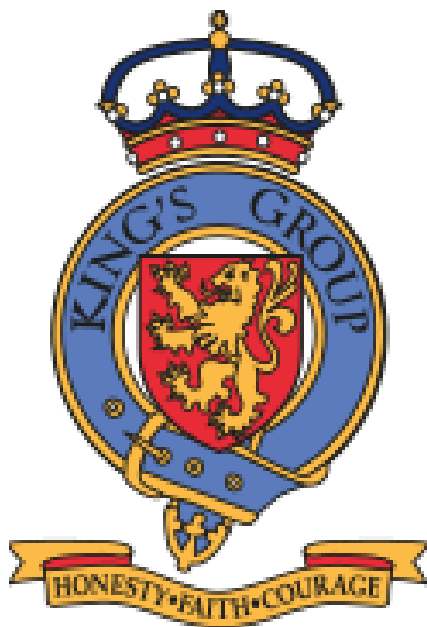


WEEK ENDING 25TH NOVEMBER 2022

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another busy week we are now beginning to prepare for all the activities taking place in the run up to Christmas. Mrs Phillips and Mrs Tate have provided details in this week's newsletter. We are very much looking forward to the PTA Christmas Fair on 1/12/22 and I would encourage you to look out for the email seeking volunteers to help with the event. Working together we can make this a huge success.

I have had some feedback from parents about the new newsletter format which aims to provide a concise overview that I hope will become a single point of information to reduce messages home. I will be seeking your feedback as we come to the end of term and will send a form to gather your views. I appreciate all the comments I have received so far.

I hope you and your children enjoy all the festive activities in the coming weeks.

Best Wishes

Mrs Moore

INSET DAY REMINDER

Please remember that **Friday 2nd December** is an INSET day for all students across both Primary and Secondary phases. School will be closed to all students, and will reopen on **Monday 5th December**.

UPDATE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEAL FAMILIES

The Bracknell Winter HAF Camps can now be booked. Camps are free of charge to Free School Meal eligible families who should have been sent a code from Bracknell Forest Council. If you have haven't received your code, please contact the council directly. See **page 6** for details of both camps.

Get Active - held at Holly Spring Primary School between 19th - 23rd December from 9am - 1pm. Book via the [Get Active Sports UK](#) website.

Artemis Performing Arts Workshops - held at Whitegrove Youth and Community Centre from 19th - 21st December. Book via [Artemis Studios](#) website.

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Dare To Be Remarkable



WINTER EVENTS AT KAB AND KAO



Dear Parents and Carers,

With the end of term rapidly approaching, I wanted to give you some further information regarding our festive plans across the phases.

Best wishes

Mrs Phillips - Vice Principal

KAB WINTER SHOWCASE (SECONDARY PHASE)

The Performing Arts Winter Showcase will take place on **Monday 12th December**. The Showcase will begin at 6:30pm with Mince pies and hot and cold soft drinks being served between 6-6:30pm. Tickets for the event cost £5 for adults and £3 for concessions and are available to purchase on Schoolcomms. The Showcase will feature performances from Music, Dance and Drama and we are very excited to be able to include the winners of the Interhouse Play Competition for the first time post covid.

The students have been working incredibly hard, and are looking forward to sharing this work with you all, make sure you have purchased your tickets!!

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS (PRIMARY PHASES)

We are really looking forward to inviting you into the primary phases to see the Christmas Productions. Below are the dates and times of the productions. Tickets will be available via Eventbrite next week. The link to book will be shared with you soon.

KAB

Nursery-Classroom carols - Friday 9th December 11am and 3pm

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

Year 3- carols by candlelight - Wednesday 14th December (Outdoors at KAO) 5pm

KAO

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

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

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY (ALL PHASES)

The **15th December** will be Christmas jumper day! The children can come to school dressed in their uniform but with a festive jumper rather than the academy cardigan or jumper or blazer. We will be raising money for Thames Hospice, who carry out fantastic work providing inpatient and community palliative and end-of-life care services to people aged 16 and over across East Berkshire and South Buckinghamshire.

Please send children in with a minimum donation of £1.





WINTER EVENTS AT KAB AND KAO



CHRISTMAS DINNER (SECONDARY PHASE)

Christmas lunch will be served on **Thursday 15th December** in the secondary phase. Chartwells have put together a bespoke menu for the day and this will be available to purchase for students on the day, there is no requirement to pre-book. We have extended each of the lunch breaks by 10 minutes to allow students to make the most of the festive specials and in anticipation of a larger number of students wishing to join in. Please see **page 5** for details of the menu..

CHRISTMAS DINNER (PRIMARY PHASE)

Christmas lunch will be served in the primary phase on **Wednesday 14th December**. You can order a Christmas lunch for your child in exactly the same way you order their normal hot lunches. Children are of course welcome to bring a packed lunch if they would rather. They will eat their lunch whilst listening to festive songs and wearing Christmas hats that they will make in class prior to lunchtime.

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

Please do come along to our PTA run Christmas Fair at King's Academy Binfield on **Thursday 1st December**, there will be lots to do for all the family. We have asked for student helpers from the secondary phase, so please ensure you have completed the reply slip if your child is able to help. See the poster on **page 5** for more details..

FUNDRAISING

This Christmas, we want to focus on giving back to our community and have planned some fundraising events to support this, along with our Christmas jumper day. It is so important to us that we give back to our community and raise awareness with our students. A reminder that we are also collecting gifts for The Cowshed's Christmas gift appeal, these need to be delivered, unwrapped to school reception by Wednesday 30th November.

Gifts that Cowshed need are:

- Unwanted new toys/presents or toiletry sets
- Duplicate gifts children have been given
- A gift that is purchased specifically for the appeal

The Cowshed often receives gifts for very young children but not for secondary age children so presents aimed at this group are particularly welcome.

LAST DAY OF TERM

On the last day of term, the **secondary phase will close at 12:00pm**. Students will end the term with a celebration assembly and will be dismissed from their tutor groups. Food will be available at break time only on this day. Students in the **primary phase will finish at 12:15pm**. There will be further information regarding lunch on the last day in next week's newsletter. Students will return to school on Tuesday 3rd January.



KABKAO UPDATES

PRIMARY PHASE

AUTHOR VISIT

On Tuesday, KS 2 were extremely lucky to have a visit from brand new author Kerry McIntosh. She visited us on the publication day of her very first book, so this was a very exciting day for both her and the children from KS2 at both King's Academy Oakwood and King's Academy Binfield. She read the children a chapter from her book *Rory Green Secret agent to the queen* and answered questions about the writing process and her journey to becoming a published author. Children also had the opportunity to buy a signed copy of the book.



OLIVIA ACES IT!

We are so very proud of Olivia from Year 2 at KAO on her amazing achievement!

Olivia was one of only 4 children that were awarded a medal at her Tennis Presentation Day for putting in so much effort and hard work, despite missing a few sessions due to an injury.



Absolutely amazing Olivia! Well Done! .

SKYLAR 'S SQUAD GOALS!

Skylar from Quartz Class at KAB has recently become a member of her gymnastic school squad for floor and vault at Pinewood Gymnastics.

Skylar has just competed in her very first competition where she was awarded 3rd place. Skylar was competing against 11 other gymnasts in this recent competition. Huge congratulations Skylar!



SECONDARY PHASE

YEAR 9 FOOTBALL

The Y9 B Team football team played brilliantly in their matches at Sandhurst School, winning two games, drawing two and losing one. They won the tournament on goal difference after being equal with a Sandhurst team. Congratulations to all the players involved. They were brilliant and there were some fantastic goals scored throughout the event!



SECONDARY ATTENDANCE UPDATE

As you know attendance continues to remain an absolute priority, students must be in school every day, this couldn't be any more important particularly given the disruption to education our students have had over the last two and a half years. In the next two weeks we will be issuing attendance letters to parents.

As a reminder, our minimum expectation for attendance is 97%. Please ensure you continue to support us with this and do not allow your children to remain at home for minor ailments. Where attendance is a concern for your child, you will be requested to attend a meeting to develop an attendance support plan.

You must notify school by 8:50am on the morning of your child's absence with a valid reason for their absence, this must also be done on any subsequent days of absence. We now have a dedicated email address for secondary attendance which is: attendance.bi@kingsacademies.uk alternatively, messages can be left on the absence line or through the ClassCharts App. Where we are not informed of a valid reason for missing school, absence will not be authorised

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 1st December	PTA Christmas Fair
Friday 2nd December	Inset Day (school closed to students)
Wednesday 7th December	KAB - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Production (see page 2)
Thursday 8th December	Year 11 Parents Evening - 4-7pm
Thursday 8th December	KAO - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Production (see page 2)
Friday 9th December	KAB - Nursery-Classroom carols (see page 2)
Monday 12th December	KAB Christmas Showcase -Secondary Phase (see page 2)
Wednesday 14th December	KAB - Year 3- Carols by Candlelight (see page 2) KAO - Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 Carols by Candlelight (see page 2)
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Lunch (Primary)
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Lunch (Secondary)
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Jumper Day - all phases
Friday 15th December	End of term (see page 2 for finish times)

Merry Christmas

A FESTIVE FEAST

MAINS

Roast Turkey
or
Roasted Vegetable and Cranberry Slice

SIDES

Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, Stuffing,
Cocktail Sausages (Halal Chicken Sausage)
and Gravy

Grab & Go

Festive Themed - Panini, Pizza, Mustard &
Honey Cocktail Sausages, Pastas & More

DESSERTS

Festive Chocolate Orange Muffin

The King's Academy Binfield & King's Academy Oakwood PTA

Christmas Fair

DEC 01 | KING'S ACADEMY BINFIELD | 3.30 PM till 6 PM
Wood Lane, Bracknell, RG42 4FY

COME AND JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON!

Games 🎁 Tombola 🎁 Raffle 🎁 Food & Drinks
Market Stalls 🎁 Face Painting 🎁 Tattoos
Teddy Tombola 🎁 Candyfloss 🎁 Cakes
Bailey's Hot Chocolate 🎁 Grotto
and more.....

PLEASE NOTE - CASH ONLY FAIR

STEVENSONS

BLACK FRIDAY

SPECIAL

20% OFF ALL ONLINE SALES

Our first ever Black Friday special is now live.

Spend £60 or more online and Save 20% on your entire order with purchases made through our website - Stevensons.co.uk*

*offer applies to website transactions only and is not redeemable in store. Is valid from 17/11/2022 until 30/11/2022 and excludes custom orders and Postage.

Use offer code **BLACKFRIDAY20**

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SCHOOL UNIFORM OUTFITTERS

FREE HAF Workshops

Ages 5-15

19th, 20th, 21st Dec '22

- Cheerleading & Gymnastics
- Hip Hop
- Theatre Company!

If your child qualifies for HAF vouchers (and free school meals) join us for fabulous FREE Christmas fun!
Healthy meals and snacks included!

<https://artemis-studios.co.uk/haf>

Welcome to our brand new HAF workshops!

If you qualify for HAF vouchers - we are excited to offer you three days of free fantastic holiday provision this Christmas!

We will be offering three different types of workshops, broken into two age groups for most sessions. You can pick as many as you like based on your child's age and ability. Numbers in each group are limited to make sure everyone gets a lot of help and attention if they need it.

In Cheerleading - you will work with our award winning coaches to learn gymnastics and cheer stunting techniques.

In Hip Hop - you will work with a tutor who competes at the World Championships for England who will teach you routines and get you moving!

In Junior Theatre Company - you will work with three amazing tutors (plus assistants) who are professional actors, singers and dancers! Learn songs, scenes and routines with a Christmassy theme!

All classes are at:
Whitegrove Youth and Community Centre, County Lane, Bracknell, RG42 3JP.

Monday 19th Dec -
10am-2pm **HIP HOP (ages 5-10)**
2pm-6pm **CHEERLEADING and GYMNASTICS (ages 5-15)**

Tuesday 20th Dec -
10am-2pm **HIP HOP (ages 11-15)**
2pm-6pm **CHEERLEADING and GYMNASTICS (ages 5-15)**

Wednesday 21st Dec -
10am-2pm - **Junior Theatre Company Bronze & Silver (acting, singing, dancing) (ages 5-10 years)**
2pm-6pm - **Junior Theatre Company Gold (ages 11-15).**

All sessions include a healthy meal and snacks, as well as a little take home goody bag of treats provided by students at Artemis College.

How to book?

If you already know you qualify for HAF - have your vouchers to hand (these will have been sent by the HAF team at Bracknell Council).

- Follow the link in the QR code on the front of the flyer first register with us.
- EMAIL us (payments@artemis-studios.co.uk) with your child or children's names, and the voucher numbers you would like to use. These will be registered and then your booking confirmed by us.
- Let us know if your child has food allergies. *Vegan and vegetarian options will already be available at every session.*
- We can't hold a place until voucher numbers have been emailed to us and checked.

HAF WINTER CAMPS

BRACKNELL

Holly Spring Primary School, Lily Hill Road,
Bracknell, RG12 2SW

19th - 23rd December 9AM - 13:00PM

HOW TO BOOK

Visit www.getactivesports.com and register yourself and your child, if you're new to GetActive. Sign in with the usual logins if you have used us before.

Select your nearest venue and view live availability.

Select the days and session times required.

WHAT IS THE HAF SCHEME

- Government funded programme
- Activities and nutritious food to children entitled to benefit related free school meals. You are welcome to book up to 4 days at one of our completely free venue.
- A nutritious hot meal will be included as part of the scheme
- We offer arts and crafts, sports and team games, summer themed activities, talent shows, music, dancing, and much more!

Please contact our office for further information
01344 860 868 | www.getactivesports.com

Bracknell Forest Council

HAF WINTER CAMPS & WORKSHOPS