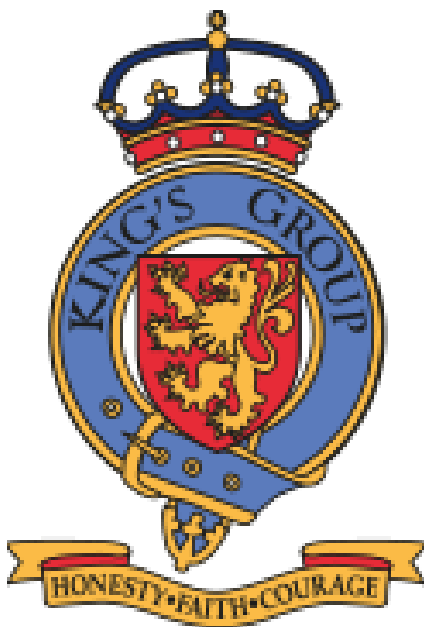


WEEK ENDING 16TH DECEMBER 2022

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to wish all our King's Academy Binfield and King's Academy Oakwood parents/carers, students, and governors a safe and happy Christmas and holiday season and to acknowledge the contribution of staff, parents, and students to KABKAO this year.

Walt Disney once said, "You can dream, create, design and build the most wonderful ideas in the world, but it requires people to make the dream a reality." This is certainly true of the role of Executive Principal and, at the end of my first term here at KABKAO, I feel very lucky to have been so welcomed by the school community. The learning experiences, trips and activities that have taken place this term could not have happened without the hard work and effort of all our staff and the support of parents/carers.

I would like to thank the whole KABKAO community for the energy and enthusiasm you show every day and to wish you all a happy and peaceful break. I look forward to welcoming students back in 2023 as we start the new year with a firm resolve to DARE to be Remarkable!

Best wishes,
Mrs Moore

MESSAGE FROM MRS TATE

Wow, it has been a fabulously festive end to the Autumn term with some fabulous festive events. The celebrations were officially launched with our PTA led Christmas fair on Thursday 1st December. During this event we were able to raise just over £2000 for our PTA which is a fantastic amount of money.



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MESSAGE FROM MRS TATE (CONTINUED)

Next up was our Winter Shows across both primary and secondary, it is safe to say that everyone has been blown away by the huge amount of talent shown. The students and staff put a huge amount of effort into these events and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Our KS2 Carol Concert was also a big success and the children sang beautifully.



Children in the primary phases had a wonderful time at Sleepy Storytime. They enjoyed relaxing in their pjs, sipping hot chocolate and listening to their teachers reading them a story. Special thanks to the PTA for organising such a lovely event.

The KAO choir visited Astbury Manor Care Home this week. It was a delightful event where the children sang Christmas songs to the residents. We have been invited back to the care home to join in with many activities in the new year such as a gardening competition and pebble painting which the students are looking forward to.



Thursday 15th December saw our annual Christmas jumper day raising money for Thames Hospice, students and staff wore a fabulous array of Christmas jumpers and it certainly helped to put everyone into the festive spirit.

Wishing you an enjoyable and restful festive break.

Best wishes,
Mrs Tate

SEASONS
GREETINGS!

SEN UPDATE

Please see **page 8** for details of Positive Behaviour Support courses being offered to families by PBS Cooperative.

ICE SAFETY

At the end of this newsletter is an information leaflet from RBFRS about Ice Safety. Please ensure that you do discuss this with your children, we have received numerous complaints from members of the community about our children playing on the iced water in the local area despite the messages we are giving out in school. This is highly dangerous and needs to stop.

PARKING REMINDER

Please be considerate to our neighbours when collecting and dropping off your child. We have received complaints from neighbours about dangerous and inconsiderate parking in the community. In addition to this, a reminder that disabled parking bays are for disabled people to use only, we have had people not able to access these spaces due to other people without disabilities parking in them.

ATTENDANCE

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. 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.

Thank you for your support in this important matter.

SAFEGUARDING

Whilst we hope that you all have an enjoyable Christmas break, we appreciate that this is not always an easy time of year for our families. Below are some resources you can access if you need help during this time of year:



- [Young Minds - Mental Health Support](#)
- [Safer Internet Centre - Resources for parents/carers](#)
- [Kooth - Free online counselling support](#)
- [Domestic Abuse Support](#)
- [Debt Support](#)

SAFEGUARDING (CONTINUED)

Remember, we are all still here to support you, please reach out if you need any support. For any safeguarding concerns please email safeguarding.bi@kingsacademies.uk

If you believe a child is at risk of harm or in danger, please contact the police and children's social care here

UNIFORM SHOP REOPENING INFO

Please see the flyer on **page 8** for details of when the school uniform shop will reopen after the Christmas break.

BRACKNELL FOODBANK CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

Please see below for the Bracknell Foodbank opening times over the festive period for families using this service.

Fri 23rd Dec: OPEN 10.30am – 12:00pm

Mon 26th Dec: CLOSED

Tues 27th Dec: CLOSED

Wed 28th Dec: OPEN 10.30am – 12:00pm

Thurs 29th Dec: CLOSED

Fri 30th Dec: CLOSED

Mon 2nd Jan: CLOSED

Tues 3rd Jan: OPEN 10.30am – 12:00pm

STUDENT NEWS – RONNIE'S RUNAWAY SUCCESS!

This week Ronnie from Year 5 at KAO completed his 100th Junior Parkrun! Every Sunday, at 9am, he and between 40-150 other children take part in a timed 2km run at Great Hollands Park. This means he has run further than from Binfield to Cambridge and back again! Well done, Ronnie, we are very proud of his commitment to your running, even when it was - 4°C this week!



MAYOR'S VISIT TO KAO

Last week, King's Academy Oakwood was honoured to host a visit from The Mayor of the Borough of Bracknell Forest Councillor Ankur Shiv Bhandari. The Mayor came to visit KAO to congratulate the winner and runner up of the Christmas card design competition. A huge well done to our runner up Sienna and our winner Avery! Avery's design will be used as the Mayor's official Christmas card for 2022.



CLASSROOM NEWS

RUBY CLASS

Ruby Class were so excited to finally harvest the potatoes we have been growing since September. We counted 44 potatoes! The children took it in turns to dig them up and wash them. We then made a delicious potato and carrot soup to try for our snack which was enjoyed by all.



Thank you to all of those who donated milk bottles for us to recycle. Our igloo is complete, and the children have loved reading winter stories and having cosy quiet time inside!



EMERALD CLASS

We have had a fabulously festive few weeks in Emerald Class. A cheeky little elf has arrived in our classroom who the children decided to name 'Rainbow Sparkles'. He has been getting up to all sorts of mischief and the children love looking for him every morning! Last week, the children blew everyone's socks off with their amazing performance in our Nativity 'Barmy Bethlehem'. Our fluffy little sheep sang and danced beautifully, and we were so very proud of them. We also had a very exciting visit to the nearby building site last week. The highlight for many of the children was getting to sit in a digger (and honk the horn!) and meeting Father Christmas himself! This week brought the glistening snow and we all had lots of fun making snow angels, throwing snowballs and making snow people! Merry Christmas everyone!

Words of the week:

Last week: Festive

This week- Glistening



JADE CLASS

Over the past couple of weeks, things have been getting rather festive in Jade Class. The children have absolutely loved our new Santa's Workshop role play area where we have been wrapping and crafting presents out of junk modelling! In addition, we have been writing practice letters to Father Christmas detailing our Christmas wishes. We had an unexpected guest in Jade Class at the beginning of the previous week, perched on our Christmas tree. We identified him as the naughty elf that the class had chosen to call "Sparkles". He has been up to a lot of mischief, and we have discovered him in several cunning places! The highlight over the past couple of weeks has to be Jade Class's performance in the Nativity! All of their hard work practising the songs has paid off and we are incredibly proud of them.

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CLASSROOM NEWS

OPAL CLASS

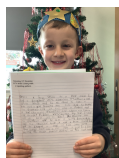
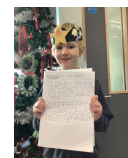
Opal Class have had a very exciting end to the term with the KS1 Christmas Nativity play! We are so very proud of all the children for their wonderful performance, and we hope it helped put all the grown-ups into the festive mood! We have also been working hard on our Design and Technology project of making our own felt Christmas stockings! We have also been discussing the colder weather in our Science lessons and have been keeping a weather chart to track the weather and temperature over the last couple of weeks. The children have also been really enjoying exploring winter and Christmas themed stories in our English lessons, particularly focussing on character descriptions – we think our favourite so far has been One Snowy Night by Nick Butterworth.

Opal class have worked incredibly hard this term and we wish all the children and grown-ups a restful Christmas break and a happy New Year!



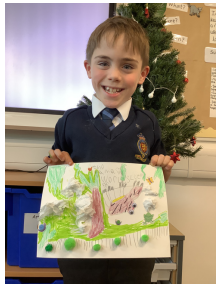
TOPAZ CLASS

Topaz Class are feeling very Christmassy this week and enjoyed Christmas Lunch day by bringing beautiful decorations from home and making super party hats in school. However, they still managed to bring the most incredible focus and attention to their story writing, and you can see two examples in the photos. The whole class impressed me with the effort that they put into the writing, and I am enormously proud of them all. What a wonderful way to end the first term of Year 2!



QUARTZ CLASS

What a festive couple of weeks Quartz Class have had! The children have been practising so well for their carols event on Wednesday 14th December, they have wowed me with their wonderful singing. The children have also undertaken their own research in Geography as we have been learning about the rainforest – the children researched an animal of their choice to become rainforest experts! Finally, in Design and Technology we have started making hand puppets.



WILLOW CLASS

What bliss it was to play in the glistening snow on Monday morning! Willow class had lots of fun scooping, shaping and rolling snowballs and playing snowball fights. We also enjoyed rolling snow along the ground into different sized balls that we stacked together to make a large snowman! We made angel prints with our bodies too.



ASH CLASS

Ash have been working hard on their Nativity and finally performed it with Reception and Year 2 last week. They shone during their performance with excellent singing, dancing and clearly spoken lines. They were fantastic!

This week the snow came and the children in Ash were very excited to go out and experience it. Some children made snowmen and collected snow to see if it would melt inside.

CLASSROOM NEWS

ASH CLASS (CONTINUED)

In maths, we have had fun playing addition and subtraction maths games to practise our skills of adding and taking away. In English we have been writing about elves, we even made our own little books about an elf.



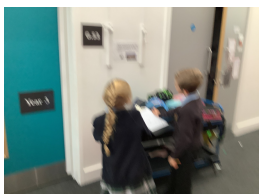
We are looking forward to finishing our festive DT project this week and making some lovely pieces of art for Christmas.

BIRCH CLASS

The last few weeks have been very busy for us! Birch have worked hard on their Nativity and did such an amazing job. They learned their lines amazingly and performed like true professionals. We are so proud of them!

On top of all that the children have been doing lots of Geography learning, finding out different facts about Northern Ireland. They had a scavenger hunt with a quiz, and they used their reading skills to answer lots of different questions.

The children have also been working hard on their pop-up cards for design and technology, working very independently to create different pop-up designs and trying hard to make them! Well done Birch!



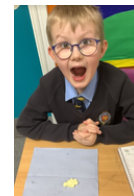
CHESTNUT CLASS

As part of their Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) lessons, Year 3 has been learning about antisocial behaviour and its damaging effects on the community. So, Chestnut class decided to do something for the community: they organised a Bingo morning for their grandparents. The children made the invites, bunting and Bingo boards themselves; it was a big success, enjoyed by all!



PINE CLASS

In science, Pine class has been learning about the different states of matter. We investigated how heat can change solids into liquids by melting chocolate! We know that liquids take the shape of their container, so we poured the chocolate into Lego moulds and enjoyed the end result after cooling them in the fridge.



SYCAMORE CLASS

Sycamore have been working extremely hard over the past couple of weeks. As we have been reading 'Boy' by Roald Dahl, we



thought it would be a good idea to write our own biographies about him based on all we have discovered. After a week and a half of researching and putting together all of our information, we used our English and computing lessons to put together our own books! We focused on many different grammar features, including fronted adverbials and adventurous language!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 16h December	End of term (early finish for students)
Tuesday 3rd January	Spring Term Begins – All phases back in school



Reading - December 2022

STORE OPENING TIMES

We reopen on the 3rd of January

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SCHOOL UNIFORM OUTFITTERS

Positive Behaviour Support Family Courses

Free-to-access online PBS courses for families/carers in Berkshire.

Overview of PBS

This half day course (9:30-12:30) is designed to give an overview of what Positive Behavioural Support is, how it works and how it can support improving quality of life

Course Dates February 8th April 25th June 13th
 September 12th October 4th

Practical Strategies

If you have attended the Overview of PBS course, you can access this one-day Practical Strategies course. This will show you how to implement PBS within the home setting

Course Dates May 23rd October 10th Nov 15th

PBS Family Course

This course looks in-depth at what PBS is, how to build rapport, how to look after yourself as well as proactive and reactive strategies to support quality of life and reduce behaviours of concern

The course is six 2-hour sessions over six weeks with access to an experienced behavioural analyst to talk about your individual needs

Course Dates February 14th April 4th
(am and pm sessions) June 6th August 1st

To book onto a course, go to Eventbrite and search Berkshire PBS
Alternatively, email: tom@pbscooperative.org.uk

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Winter safety

This poster it designed to help you enjoy water safely in winter.

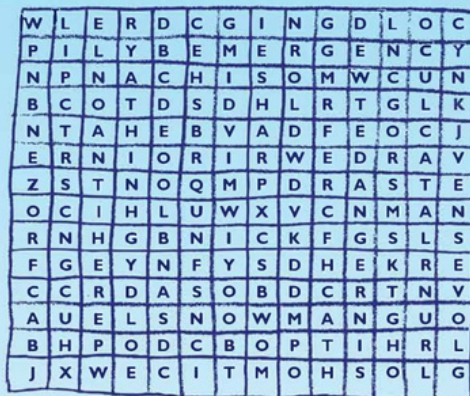
Winter Safety Advice:

- Pay attention to water safety signs
- Don't go on to the ice, it is not safe
- Never go on to the ice to rescue someone, try to reach them with an object
- Keep clear of the water's edge in case you fall in
- Never play in floodwater, you may get swept away or it may be deeper than you think

Contact RLSS UK to find out how you can become a Rookie Lifeguard and learn lifesaving and self rescue skills.

01789 773994 or info@rlss.org.uk

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WINTER
ICE
CRACKS
COLD

SIGNS
FROZEN
THIN
EMERGENCY

SNOWMAN
GLOVES
DANGER
SHARP

Draw a snowman lifeguard!



Why not share your pieces of art with us? Simply post with the #watersafety.



Winter safety



DANGERS

Can you number the following dangers on the picture?

- 1 Call for help as soon as possible
- 2 Always use a safe rescue, never go on the ice
- 3 Never follow animals on the ice
- 4 Lie on your back and use something that floats to stay on the water's surface
- 5 Obey warning signs
- 6 Ice is thin around drainpipes, trees and plants
- 7 Ice is always thin around man-made structures and at the edge of river banks

Spot
spot the dangers

Advice

follow safety signs and advice

Friend

always go with friends or family

Emergency

shout for help and call 999

Keep your family
SAFE, learn the code:

