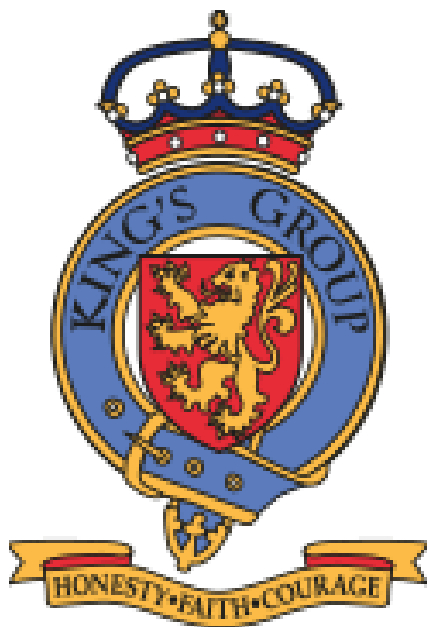


WEEK ENDING 13TH JANUARY 2023

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers

We were delighted to see parents of year 10 students at parents evening this week. Teachers were pleased to be able to share students' successes and to give feedback to help everyone to make even better progress. We hope that students will be able to take these pointers and apply them in their learning as they move forward into the spring term.

The press has recently been reporting on public sector strikes that are taking place at the moment. You will be aware of the potential for teachers to strike in England and Wales in the coming weeks. Once unions have balloted and we have confirmation on whether or not these strikes are to take place, I will provide you with information about how this might impact your children. Depending on the numbers of staff who are on strike, we may have to keep some year groups at home or, potentially, the school may have to close. This is because without a certain number of staff, students' safety cannot be ensured and so the school cannot open for some or all students. Please be aware that this might occur, I will provide further information once this is available.

It has been brought to my attention that at the end of this term, the calendar shows a full day when we break up for the Easter holiday on Friday 28 April 2023. As usual, we will provide further information on this nearer the time, but please note that Friday 29 April 2023 will be a half day.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards
Mrs Moore

PARKING REMINDER

Please can you ensure that you do not park in the disabled parking spaces unless you or your child has a blue badge or you have spoken with the office. We do have a number of families who need to access to these spaces so please be respectful and leave the spaces free.

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MESSAGE FROM MRS TATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

A Happy New Year to you all!

This week we sent home our termly curriculum letters which were full of information about the subjects and topics your children will be learning this term. If you have any questions about the curriculum, or you have a skill that you would like to share with the children, please contact your child's class teacher.

We are thrilled with the range of after school clubs on offer this term and also the amount of students who will be attending them. Likewise this is the same for our Friday enrichment offer which happens during the school day. We are pleased that we can offer these experiences to our children at no cost to parents.

Outside of the normal year group curriculum, the children in Year R - Year 5 have the option to take part in:

KAO After School Clubs	KAB After School Clubs
Music Club STEM Club Art Club Choir Homework Club Football Club Soft Archery Club Netball Club	Science Club Art Club Homework Club Choir Multi Skills Club Dance Club Football Club Soft Archery Club

KAO Enrichment Sessions	KAB After School Clubs
Multiskills Chess Cooking Art and Crafts Passport To the World Karate Performing Arts Planeteers	STEM Construction Multi Skills Performing Arts Music Arts & Crafts Weaving Fun, Friendship & Feelings Passport to the World Computing

A huge thank you to our wonderful staff for offering these opportunities to our students. I know enrichment sessions and after school clubs are the highlight of the week for many children!

Have a wonderful weekend and see you all next week.

Jacqueline Tate
 Head of Primary



SINGING IN THE PRIMARY PHASE

Over this half term, the children will be learning and singing the following songs in assembly:

Amazing Grace - [Soweto Gospel Choir](#)

Danny Boy - [Traditional Version](#)

Oh Happy Day - [Lyrics Video](#)

Hey Jude - [The Beatles](#)

Strong (Cinderella soundtrack) - [Sonna Re](#)

Happy - [Pharrell Williams](#)

I can't remember the words to this song - [Super Simple Songs](#)

ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM SEPTEMBER 2023 – GENERAL REMINDER!

Have you applied for your child to start school? (Reception, from September 2023). Remember, the application process closes this Sunday! 15 January 2023.

If you have not already done so you can [apply online](#) now.

Please ensure you leave plenty of time to apply. School Admissions will not be available over the weekend to assist.

If you are making alternative arrangements for your child's education, please ensure you contact School Admissions to confirm these arrangements. School.admissions@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

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GREEN PARK CHALLENGE

[The Green Park Schools Challenge](#) takes place on Sunday 2nd April 2023 as part of the Reading Half Marathon. This is a fun run which is estimated to be just under 3km and is open to all the family. From serious athletes wanting a shorter race, to complete beginners wanting to have fun with a Stadium Finish, get fit and raise money for charity all at the same time. There's also a T shirt Competition where you can download the template and draw a picture to do with the Green park Challenge run. The winner and have the child's design printed on all the t shirts for the 2023 run.

UNIFORM SHOP – TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Please see the information on **page 7** for an update about the temporary closure of the uniform shop branch in Reading.

BRACKNELL FOREST – SEN WEBSITE

Please see the information on **page 7** regarding a consultation Bracknell Forest Council are running for their SEN website..

CLASSROOM NEWS

RUBY CLASS

Ruby Class have some exciting news! We are taking part in the RSPB Wild Challenge and the RHS School Gardening Awards. These challenges and awards will build on and develop the fantastic outdoor learning and gardening that we already do. We cannot wait to get started and we will keep you updated with our progress! This week we have been showing great determination as we practise using scissors to cut and stick bear pictures. We have been reading 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' and learning about the different animals we see in the book.

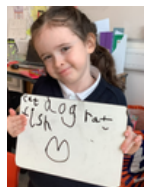
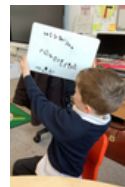


JADE CLASS

It has been such a pleasure to welcome the Jade Class back for a brand-new term! As we begin the year 2023, we have been learning all things animal-related. We have transformed our role-play area into a vets surgery which has been a huge hit with the children! The children have loved sharing all about their pets and many have challenged themselves to write about and paint some of their favourites. In addition to this, the children have thoroughly enjoyed their time with some surprise visitors. The first was from Nathaniel's Great African Land Snails! It was such a fantastic sensory experience, especially feeling their slimy texture! The second was a visit from Bodhi's mum who provided a wonderful demonstration on how to treat animals to make them feel better. We were all very interested in learning about the many tools veterinarians use to treat sick animals and loved such fantastic learning through play!

Last week's word of the week- Tame

This week's word of the week- Vertebrate



EMERALD CLASS

Emerald Class have had a fabulous start to the Spring Term and it's lovely to be back together, recharged and ready for 2023! Our topic this term is 'Animals are AWESOME' and the children have been enjoying learning about pets since they returned. They have been sharing photos and anecdotes of their furry (and not so furry!) family members and we even got the chance to meet Nathaniel's three Giant African Land Snail pets! The children loved learning more about these fascinating creatures. The children have done some fantastic writing about their pets in Literacy and have enjoyed making a pictogram of our favourite pets in maths. Our Role-play area has become a Vets Surgery where the Emerald Class vets have been treating a variety of animals for a wide range of ailments! On Tuesday, we were lucky enough to have a visit from Bodhi's mummy who manages a Vet surgery and she helped the children learn more about how vets help animals to get better. The children did some wonderful role-play with her - they treated a dog who had accidentally eaten a raisin!

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OPAL CLASS

Opal Class have had a brilliant start to the New Year! The children have come back with a fantastic positive attitude and have really got stuck in with their learning! We have started lots of new



topics including Animals, the 7 Continents of the World and even the artwork of Jeannie Baker. This week in English we have been pen pals with Ash

CLASSROOM NEWS

OPAL CLASS (CONTINUED)

Class over at Oakwood! We have been learning all about the features of postcards and letters and have been busy writing our own letters to reply to them! A brilliant start to the new term; we are excited to see what the rest of the term has in store for us determined learners in Opal!

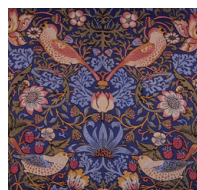
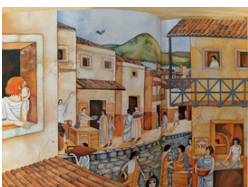


TOPAZ CLASS

The children have made a fantastic start to 2023. In English, we have been writing shape poems and the children have done a wonderful job at writing sentences that include alliteration and similes. In maths, the children are now learning about multiplication and division. Our new science topic is an extension from the autumn topic on materials, looking at recycling. They have started an experiment on biodegradability and we will be starting a second experiment on making new paper out of old. If you have newspaper or wrapping paper that could be donated, we would be grateful. The children will be making their own pulp before making paper (which is fun and messy!). They can then look at how the end product is different depending on what type of paper they used.

QUARTZ CLASS

The first couple of weeks back after the Christmas holidays have been fantastic. Quartz class have been so enthusiastic about our new learning and are all showing great determination. We have just started our History learning about the Romans, which the children are applying in their writing, whilst learning about historical stories. Additionally, in Art, we are learning about printmaking, inspired by the artist William Morris.



WILLOW CLASS

Sharing the pictures of their pets with their friends triggered endless conversations among the children as we started our new topic 'Awesome animals'. They created stunning pictures and remarkable models of their favourite pets and challenged themselves to write facts about their beloved pets using their ever-growing phonics knowledge. Willow class have been taking great care of their furry friends in their new veterinary roleplay area, applying bandages on broken wings and giving injections to ease their pain. In Maths, the children revisited their understanding of number bonds to 5 by feeding their dog some bones to create their first number story.



ASH CLASS

Ash Class have had a brilliant start to the term, returning with an enthusiastic attitude to listening and learning. In maths we have been working hard on adding and subtracting to 20, looking or number bonds to 10 to help us. For English we have enjoyed reading 'Meerkat Mail' and writing postcards from Meerkat when he is on his travels. Our science and geography have shown us new places in the world and the animals that live there. When finding out about what animals eat, we made some surprising discoveries about which were carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Using 2paint in Purple mash on the chrome books to make digital art, has been quite a big learning experience for everyone and we are looking forward to practising our skills throughout the term.



CLASSROOM NEWS

BIRCH CLASS

The start of term has been the start of lots of new topics. In Science we are looking a little more at materials and recycling. We are doing a small experiment about biodegradability of different materials where we buried material in the ground and in a couple of weeks we will check how much they have biodegraded. In Spanish we have been practising our greetings and animals using the computers to challenge us. The children have loved beginning to learn the ukuleles in music and have made amazing progress in just two weeks! Well done Birch Class!



reading our FirstNews papers and exploring the fun headlines. We have linked this learning to guided reading and have been finding out more about refugees. In art, Pine class have been looking at paintings of flowers by Georgia O'Keeffe. They have worked on shape and shading to create their own flower sketches; they are really excited to use colour soon!



SYCAMORE CLASS

Sycamore have had a fantastic start to the new year! I've been very impressed with how the children have returned from the holidays eager to learn. In maths, we started with 2 digit by 2 digit multiplication and, while many of the children found it difficult at first, we have finally mastered it and are moving on to bigger challenges with more digits!

We've been studying coasts and their features in Geography. We used our atlas knowledge to locate some of these coastal features along our own coastline after learning about how erosion and weathering affect cliffs to form caves and arches.

We are revisiting Sikhism in RE. We reviewed the Guru Granth Sahib and Gurdwara before reading some of the stories to determine their moral. This week, we focused on the story of Milk and the Jasmine flower and created our own bowls decorated with symbols of what the world should have more of.

CHESTNUT CLASS

Chestnut class have had a busy start to the new year and are thoroughly enjoying learning about our new history topic 'The Romans'. To see more photos, videos and information about our learning, please visit our class blog which is accessible via your child's google classroom page!



PINE CLASS

It has been lovely to welcome Pine class back and they have made a great start to 2023. In maths, we are continuing our topic and multiplication and division. This week, we investigated factor pairs and worked on written methods of multiplication. We started by practically showing the process of multiplication before moving onto written methods. I been impressed by the increased commitment to learning times tables. Please encourage your children to go on TT Rockstars at home as often as possible. In English, we have started a new topic on newspaper reports. The children have enjoyed



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 17th January	KAB Primary SEND Coffee Morning (see page 4 for booking)
Friday 20th January	KAO Primary SEND Coffee Morning (see page 4 for booking)
Wednesday 8th February	End of half term - normal finish time
Thursday 9th February	INSET Day (school closed to students)
Friday 10th February	INSET Day (school closed to students)
Monday 20th February	Start of new half term (all students in school)

SEND Local Offer



Are you a parent/carer of a child with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities?

Have your say! Help us shape the new SEND Local Offer website.

Join our consultation and feedback session on Friday 20th, January at the Open Learning Centre, Bracknell, RG12 7GR, 10.30am – 12noon.

Coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided. Participants will be entered into a draw with a chance to win prizes of £30, £20 and £10 Amazon vouchers.

Contact FIS on 01344 353 133 or email: fis@bracknell-forest.gov.uk to book a place.



TEMPORARY STORE CLOSURE

Unfortunately, we have had to temporarily close our Reading Branch due to flooding.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused to our customers whilst we carry out these necessary repairs.

We plan to reopen the refreshed Reading Branch in March 2023. In the meantime, please continue to order online for home delivery via our website www.stevensons.co.uk

We kindly assure all our customers that any existing orders will continue to be processed as usual.

For our customers who would prefer to collect their items directly, we will be operating a Click and Collect service Monday & Wednesday 10-4pm.

If you would like to contact the store directly, please email us at readingbranch@stevensons.co.uk

Thank you for your patience at this time.

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