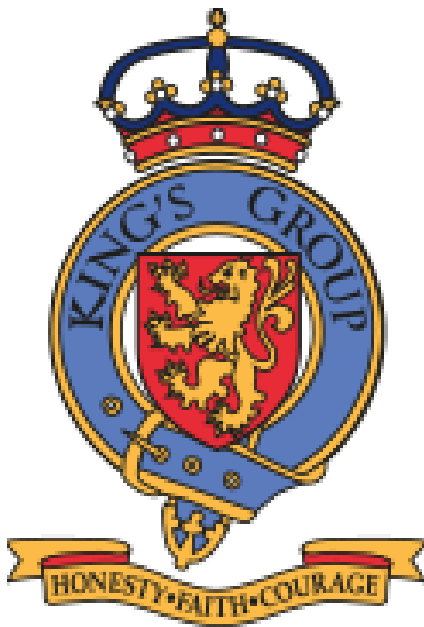


WEEK ENDING 27TH JANUARY 2023

# KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 9 students participated in a Careers Day on Wednesday this week to support them in thinking about their futures prior to the options choices decisions they will be making shortly. Students enjoyed a range of activities and worked hard to gain a better understanding of a range of opportunities to support them in their futures. I would like to thank all the visitors and staff involved and the year 9 students for making this important day such a success.

Preparations are ongoing for the first of the Strike action days on 1 February 2022. Initial plans went to parents and carers earlier in the week. Please note that staff are not required to say in advance if they are intending to strike or not, which means that the full impact of the strike will not be known until the actual day of the strike. You will be informed as soon as possible as plans develop. Please continue to look out for emails about this. If there are changes that impact the number of year groups that can be safely managed on site on 1 February, you will be informed as soon as possible.

Kind regards  
Mrs Moore

## KAO – GUITAR & CLARINET RECITALS

**Year 4** – We would like to invite all Year 4 parents to our main hall on Wednesday 8th February at 10am, to watch an Open Lesson of the Year 4 playing Guitar. They have all worked very hard this term in learning this instrument and would love to share this with you. **We are afraid this is a parent only event.**

**Year 3** – We would like to invite all Year 3 parents to our main hall on Wednesday 8th February at 2.45pm. Year 3 have all worked very hard this term in learning to play the Clarinet and we would really like to share this with you all. **We are afraid this is a parent only event.**



Dare To Be Remarkable



## INDIE'S SWIMMING SUCCESS

Indie H-D, in Year 5 at KAO has been awarded swimmer of the year for 2022 at his swimming club. He was chosen for his outstanding improvement and perseverance and chosen from all of the children that attend the leisure centre. We are so incredibly proud of Indie and the hard work he has shown in his swimming.



## ROYAL BERKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE CONSULTATION

Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service (RBFRS) are running two public consultations relating to how the Fire Service is funded and the future of RBFRS. More information about both consultations can be found at - [www.rbfrs.co.uk/haveyoursay](http://www.rbfrs.co.uk/haveyoursay)

There is also a [short video](#) available, providing more details on the Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) and how this supports RBFRS for the future. Please email - [consultations@rbfrs.co.uk](mailto:consultations@rbfrs.co.uk) should you have any further questions or comments.

### ROYAL BERKSHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY



**Royal Berkshire Fire Authority is consulting on your Fire Service's funding for the next year.**

Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service provides protection, prevention and response to the people of Berkshire. Currently, the average Band D household pays £73.95 per year. The Fire Authority is proposing a **small increase of £5 per year** to help maintain an efficient service in the future.

**Read more**



The consultation closes at **5pm on Monday, 30 January 2023**. If you require assistance with accessing the information in a different format or language, please **contact us**:

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## Have Your Say



**Have Your Say on the Future of Your Fire and Rescue Service**

We're consulting on our Corporate Plan and Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2023 - 2027.

If you live, work or travel in Berkshire, please have your say on our plans for the next four years. The closing date for the consultation is 5pm on 27 March 2023.

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# CLASSROOM NEWS

## RUBY CLASS

Ruby Class have been reading the books 'Rosie's Walk' and 'What the Ladybird Heard' as part of our topic 'Old Macdonald had a farm'. The children have enjoyed thinking about different directions and positional language and making maps similar to in the stories. We have been developing our gross motor skills on an obstacle course that involved lots of different words such as 'on top' 'over' and 'through'. We have also been learning about Lunar New Year with Mrs Kit and enjoyed listening to the exciting ways the festival is celebrated. We made our own Chinese lantern decorations, dragon masks and explored with noodles too.



## EMERALD CLASS

It's be another fun-filled couple of weeks of learning in Emerald Class. Last week our learning was focused around the text 'The Great Pet Sale' and the child helped to set up a class pet shop, writing price tags for animals and making collars, toys and hutches for pets. There were lots of bargains to be had in our Emerald Class pet shop!

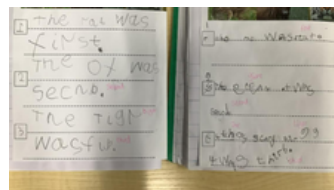
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most popular- the prawn crackers won!

Emerald Class have enjoyed learning the story of 'The Great Race' and ordering the places the animals came in the race. They did some amazing writing about the Great Race! They have also had lots of fun playing a maths game where they needed to be the first to fill their lucky red envelope with 10p!

Kung Hei Fat Choi to all of those celebrating!

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## JADE CLASS

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## JADE CLASS (CONTINUED)

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## OPAL CLASS

Opal class have enjoyed some exciting learning opportunities over the last couple of weeks. We have continued to explore our Science topic of Animals Including Humans and have learnt about some of the different animal classes such as mammals, fish and birds. We even used our old yoghurt pots to make our very own bird feeders! We hope to spot some common birds in and around our playground in the coming weeks and see if we spot some of their key features. We have also been loving exploring the works of Emily Gravett in our English lessons. We have been reading Meerkat Mail, Wolves, Tidy and Too Much Stuff! We have been writing setting and character descriptions, letters from the main characters, and even drawing comparisons between the books. The children have also been so welcoming to our new student in Opal class and have shown her such kindness, helping her to settle in beautifully. It's been a busy week! Well done everyone!



## TOPAZ CLASS

Topaz Class have been writing letters in character this week, inspired by The Day the Crayons Quit, they are imagining what



some of the things in our classroom might have to complain about. They have been absolutely brilliant at getting into character and I cannot wait to see their finished letters! In maths, the children are working to understand the concepts of multiplication and division and they are now working on their 2-, 5-, and 10- times tables. In music lessons with Mr Rumble, the children are really enjoying learning to play the ukulele, and you can see this week's lesson in the photo.

## QUARTZ CLASS

Quartz class has started learning about writing information texts this week. We have investigated non-fiction books to learn about the different features. In science we have been learning about skeletons. We have learnt that different animals have different types of skeleton and the children have enjoyed meeting our class skeleton, Sid, who has helped us learn the names for different



bones and joints. We are so excited to consolidate our History learning about the Romans in our Roman Day next week.

## WILLOW CLASS

Willow class has been learning about the Chinese/Lunar New Year this week. They were lucky to have a special visit from Mrs Kit who helped us understand how people celebrate this special occasion. They learnt that this year is the year of the rabbit and how children are given red envelopes filled with money. They also had a go at saying Happy New Year in Mandarin. The children were also given a special little rabbit red envelope that they

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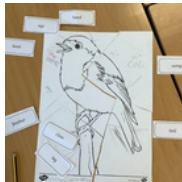
## WILLOW CLASS (CONTINUED)

absolutely loved to decorate. We had fun reenacting the story of the Chinese Zodiac with props. It is said that a long time ago the Jade Emperor organised a great race as a way to measure time. The children remembered really well in which order the first 12 animals finished the race and earned a place in the Chinese Zodiac. Well done Willow class!



## ASH CLASS

Ash class have been continuing to travel around the world, learning about Asia and Australia. We have seen amazing animals and places we would love to explore. Many of the children would now like to travel there in real life. In Science we learnt about birds, their features and where they live. We looked at birds we can see during the winter, during our own bird spotting game. In Maths we have been working hard to learn and use numbers to 50. This included lots of counting and grouping objects into tens. English has continued our theme of reading stories by Emily Gravette, with 'Wolves', 'Tidy' and 'Too Much Stuff'. The children have written some wonderful descriptions as well as letters to the animals in the stories. In art we have been thoroughly enjoying exploring collage. Computing has included digital art too.



## BIRCH CLASS

We have had a very scientific few weeks. We are looking at recycling materials and we have started to make our own recycled paper and seeing which materials are the best to make it out of. We tore and shredded the different materials and added water to

make a pulp. We blended it and laid it on the wooden frames. Now we have to wait for them to dry to see which material was the best! In DT, we have started learning about catapults and trebuchets. We made our own out of lollipop sticks! We are going to design our own later on!



## CHESTNUT CLASS

We have had another couple of busy weeks in Chestnut class and the children have continued to show great enthusiasm for their learning. The children have thoroughly enjoyed being archaeologists and examining Roman artefacts in our history lessons! As always, to find out more about what we have been up to in class, please check our class blog which is accessible via your child's google classroom page.



## PINE CLASS

In maths, we have been learning how to divide. We did this practically to ensure children have a concrete understanding of what happens when we divide a number. This week we have moved on to learning about area. In English, we completed our newspaper reports and have started a new narrative unit on writing a resolution. In geography, we have started our new topic: Exploring Eastern Europe. We used atlases to identify ten different countries and tried a Czech pastry, kolache; they were delicious!



# CLASSROOM NEWS

## SYCAMORE CLASS

Another few great weeks of learning from Sycamore! It feels like the year is flying by. We have just started our new English genre of balanced arguments, in which the children will focus on using appropriate conjunctions to present both sides of an argument. We've been practising different types of lines and how to use the pencil to create various textures. Finally, we have been fortunate to have Maestros come in and teach us trumpet! We've been learning how to use the valves to produce various notes.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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)