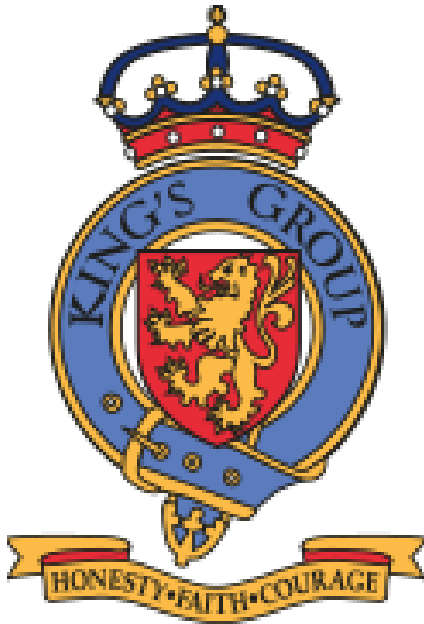


WEEK ENDING 10TH FEBRUARY 2023

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of a busy half term, it is great to reflect on the progress that has been made by all our students. I was privileged to be able to see students in Year 3 at KAB and KAO taking part in the wonderful activities for Roman Day and was lucky enough to even be able to sample some of the bread that was made!

Year 9 have had their options evening and we are looking forward to speaking with all year 9 students and their parents at the options interviews after the holiday.

Attendance, which has always been a strength at KAB and KAO, continues to be above the national average, though we are currently falling short of our targets. Thank you to everyone for doing all we can to ensure that students attend every day. We know that good attendance can make a whole grade's difference when students come to sit their final exams.

Year 11 are making preparations for their PPE2s after the holiday and have been working hard. It has been good to see so many of them participating in the after school revision sessions taking place each day. Students are finding these really helpful. The full timetable of these sessions is available on the revision website via students' Google classrooms.

Thank you for all your support this half term. I wish you a happy and safe half term holiday.

Kind regards
Mrs Moore

WORLD BOOK DAY BOOK TOKEN

On Thursday 2nd March it's World Book Day. As part of the celebrations, National Book Tokens are sponsoring book tokens which children can exchange for one of their pre-selected books for free, or get £1 off a book of their choice. See **page 9** for full details and to print the voucher for use, and visit the [World Book Day website](#) for a list of books available in exchange for the voucher.



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ENRICHMENT INVITATION

Dear parents and carers,

As you will be aware, on a Friday afternoon, the children in the primary phases attend an enrichment session which they have picked themselves. Our current enrichment groups range from karate to STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) and so much more!

Over the next few terms we would like to invite you in one Friday afternoon to spend time with your child in their enrichment group. This will start with our older children at King's Academy Oakwood and then will extend to younger children and all students at King's Academy Binfield.

We only have enough space for one adult per child to attend and we sadly cannot allow younger children to come as there is simply not enough space in the areas used for enrichment.

On arrival, please enter via the main office. Mrs Fitzgibbon and myself will tour you around the different enrichment sessions to show you what is on offer and then we will take you to your child's session. If you know your child is in a sporty session, please wear suitable clothes to join in if you wish!

Please see the dates below to find out when to attend for your child.

Have a lovely half term!

Best wishes,

Mrs Tate

King's Academy Oakwood – Please enter via the office at 2:30pm and leave via the office at 3:00pm.

- 24/02/23 – Year 5 Parent/carer
- 03/03/23 – Year 4 Parent/carer
- 10/03/23 – Year 3 Parent/carer
- 24/03/23 – Year 2 Parent/carer
- 21/04/23 – Year 1 Parent/carer
- 28/04/2023 – Year R Parent/carer

King's Academy Binfield – Please enter via the office at 2.30pm and leave via the office at 3:00pm.

- 05/05/23 – Year 3 Parent/carer
- 12/05/23 – Year 2 Parent/carer
- 19/05/23 – Year 1 Parent/carer
- 26/05/23 – Jade Class Parent/carer
- 09/06/23 – Emerald Class Parent/carer



SEND COFFEE MORNING

We welcome all parents for our third Coffee Morning in March 2023 for another opportunity to connect with other parents, meet friends, feel involved, and possibly learn something new.

What's on this time? The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) will be joining us in the school hall. The MHST can give advice and guidance to parents of children who might be presenting with anxiety more than their peers.

You can chat to the team over a coffee and find out what parents can do and discover some useful resources. Booking opens on Monday 20th February and the Eventbrite links are below.

27th March - [Kings Academy Oakwood](#)

29th March - [Kings Academy Binfield](#)

LUNCH ORDERING REMINDER

We have noticed an increase in lunch orders coming through from parents and carers after the deadline. Please can we remind parents that all school lunches must be ordered before 9.30am. Any requests for lunch after this time will not be processed by the school kitchen.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PEER MEDIATORS

We are extremely excited to introduce our first ever KAO Peer Mediators. Year 5 children were given the opportunity to submit an application for the position and suitable applicants were then invited to a formal interview. Successful candidates will now start an 8 week training programme before they will start to have weekly playground duties to support their peers and help to mediate minor disagreements with younger students. We were incredibly impressed with the maturity shown by the children during their interviews. 5 children stood out for their empathy and passion to help younger children so we have appointed 5 'Head Peer Mediators'. Congratulations to all our Peer Mediators; we look forward to working with you!

Head Peer Mediators:

Aisha, Din, Elena, Evie and Jibrail

Peer Mediators:

Anabelle, Angelica, Avery, Buster,
Charlotte P, Charlotte N, Daria, George,
Indie, Isabel, Mason, Merryn, Molly,
Reuben, Sebastian



CLASSROOM NEWS

RUBY CLASS

Ruby Class were such keen bird watchers last week and thoroughly enjoyed lots of bird themed activities for the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch. We made bird feeders and a big bird hide for us to quietly sit and watch the birds. We also got creative as we made bird paintings, collages and drawings. One of our favourite parts of the week was going birdwatching on the school field, we managed to see so many different kinds of birds and did a great job at naming them too!



EMERALD CLASS

Our learning revolved around wild animals last week. We used the well loved book 'Dear Zoo' to help inspire our writing and Emerald Class created their very own class 'Dear Zoo' book- packed full of amazing adjectives to describe the 'pets' the zoo sent them! I was so impressed with the wonderful writing the children did, they sounded the words out fabulously using their Fred fingers and even had a go at using finger spaces and full stops. In maths, we had great fun thinking of different ways to sort animals. The children came up with some great ways to sort including wild or tame, pattern on their fur/skin or no pattern and lives in water or on land. Last week, Mrs Trouble kindly let us borrow some incredible preserved bugs she has which the children loved observing, drawing and ordering by size. They even had a go at measuring the length of them using rulers. One of the spiders was bigger than some of our faces!

In their Spanish lessons, the children have been learning about Spanish culture and food and last week they making (and devouring) Churros with Mr Rumble.

This week, Emerald Class have really enjoyed learning about different British Garden Birds. They followed instructions to make some tasty bird feeders which we hung in our garden. It's been lovely to see our feeders enticing more birds into our garden! The children made some super binoculars to help them spot our feathery friends! On Wednesday afternoon we donned our wellies, binoculars and clipboards and headed to the field to take part in the Big Schools' Birdwatch. What fabulous twitchers Emerald class were - they spotted Blackbirds, Magpies, Pigeons, Red kites, Seagulls and Crows!

Well done Emerald Class on another fantastic term- we are all so very proud of you. Wishing everyone a very happy and restful half term.

Word of the Week - Last week: Adjective

Word of the Week - This week- Twitcher



JADE CLASS

We have had another fantastic couple of weeks in Jade Class, where the children have, as always, been blowing my socks off! Our theme over the past couple of weeks has been centred all around animals. Last week, we drew inspiration for our writing from the beloved 'Dear Zoo' book and adapted its vocabulary to describe our own wild animals. I was amazed with the adjectives the children came up with for their animals as well as their determination to include these in their sentence writing! In Maths, we have been looking at different measurements. We compared objects that were tall and those that were small. Additionally, we learned how to accurately use a ruler! We discussed ensuring that the objects are

CLASSROOM NEWS

JADE CLASS (CONTINUED)

aligned with the ruler at zero alongside learning that rulers measure in centimetres. This provided such fantastic Maths exploration and the children loved measuring the size of lots of different objects around the classroom! In Spanish, the children have been learning all about Spanish cuisine and culture with Mr. Rumble and Mrs. Ager and even made and tasted some delicious churros!

This week, we have been learning about different British Garden Birds. We had a fantastic time making stupendous bird feeders to entice more birds to enter our play area. Furthermore, the children have created some of their own birds out of card and some brilliant birdwatching binoculars! On our final day before half term, we headed to the field to take part in the Big Schools' Birdwatch. Despite the frosty morning, the children loved listening out for a variety of birds and using their binoculars to spot our feathery friends.

We are all so proud of Jade Class! You have all worked so hard this term. We cannot wait to see you back after a (hopefully) restful half-term!

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OPAL CLASS

Opal class have had a wonderful end to the term. We have enjoyed using the iPads to scan QR codes to learn more about the seven continents as part of our

Geography unit. We particularly loved watching videos of native Australian and South American animals! In our Religious Education lessons, we have had lots of rich class discussion about the differences and similarities between different places of worship. In Spanish we have enjoyed learning the names of different animals and playing interactive games together to help our learning. Miss Wetherell and Mrs Watson are both so proud of the class' progress this half term; well done everyone!



TOPAZ CLASS

Topaz class children were delighted to welcome Mrs Dewhirst back this week! They did some amazing P.E. on Tuesday with the Secondary Sports Leaders helping to teach them. They finished our work on castles with a bang, as they spent the day making a range of catapults to try and attack our model castle, they got so much for this exciting unit of D&T looking at mechanisms and levers. I hope they all have a great half term and come back refreshed and raring to go.



QUARTZ CLASS

In Quartz class we have had an amazing couple of weeks. We really enjoyed our Roman Day last week and our recent trip to Pizza Express. To see more about our exciting learning in the future, please visit our class blog which can be found here: [Quartz Class blog](#)

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WILLOW CLASS

This week the children have been learning all about the different birds that populate our gardens. Willow class enjoyed learning about the RSPB's BirdWatch from Mrs Baker who is a keen bird watcher. They decided we should organise our very own and made colourful binoculars ready to spot their feathery friends on our school grounds. They searched high and low for robins and other gardeners' favourite birds. They spotted a few crows, two pigeons and a seagull. Our very successful twitchers also made bird feeders to help the birds through the winter months when food is scarce. Their efforts really paid off when they spotted a robin devouring the delicious seeds mix they had prepared.



ASH CLASS

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been creating our own non-fiction book about continents of the world. We have collected information and written sentences about each continent. There have been some very interesting and surprising facts to find out.

In maths we have been learning about numbers to 50, making them and comparing them. We have also started to count in 2s and 5s.

The children are now very confident when logging on to Purple Mash to create their own pictures using a variety of colours and thicknesses of brushstrokes.

We have continued to enjoy making collages, including a collage made from natural materials on the field. Although this was a bit tricky on a windy day, some amazing works of art were created.



BIRCH CLASS

We have had a fantastic two weeks in Year 2. We have been making paper in Science as part of our recycling materials topic. We looked at which material was the best and the results were very interesting! As part of our Design and Technology topic and History topic we designed and made catapults. They took a lot of group work but we made and tested them in the playground. We were all so excited at how far the pyramid catapults went.



CHESTNUT CLASS

In Chestnut class, we have had a busy couple of weeks and thoroughly enjoyed our trips to Pizza Express and King's Academy Binfield for our Roman Day last week. To see all the exciting learning that has been taking place in Chestnut class, please visit our class blog page which can be found here:

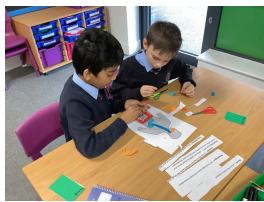
[Chestnut Class Blog](#)



CLASSROOM NEWS

PINE CLASS

In Pine class, we have worked hard completing our English topic on writing a narrative resolution. We started a new topic on fractions, learnt about the digestive system, did yoga in PE and had lots more fun. To see lots more of all our learning, please visit our brand new class blog page which can be found here: [Pine Class Blog](#)



SYCAMORE CLASS

Sycamore have continued to be busy during the past few weeks! We have had a lot of fun trying out new materials for our coastal defences in geography, despite some destructive waves! Check out our class blog to learn more about what's been going on in Sycamore: [Sycamore Blog](#)



PRIMARY PE UPDATE

The past week we saw the launch of the new, extra curricular initiative called The Conqueror Challenges. We have had a fantastic start with nearly 350km travelled- and nearly 50 children participating. Over time I would love to see this number increase and half term is a perfect opportunity for this to happen. I would like to thank all the parents who have really taken this opportunity on board and are helping and encouraging their children with the challenges.

Below you will see the latest info regarding our efforts so far:

The CONQUEROR Virtual Challenges

Total Distance so far	386.73 km
Challenges completed	2
Children taking part	50

Our first Conqueror of the Week winners are Olivia Watson Smith (Yr 3 Chestnut - Oakwood) and Toby Sheppard (Yr 3 Quartz - Binfield). Well done to both children, some fantastic efforts being put in. Long may it continue!

On Wednesday I took Year 3 Binfield students to a Badminton Skills event which took place at Edgbarrow School. For many of the children that went along, this was the first time they had ever played Badminton and it was lovely to see the children enjoy the game and really concentrate on how to learn a new skill and sport. The children took part in 8 different badminton skill tasks and rotated between each station. Well done to all the children that took part!

I hope you all have a wonderful half term and enjoy being active throughout! If you wish to fill your activity for the Conqueror Challenge then please complete the [google form](#).



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)
Friday 24th February	KAO Year 5 Enrichment Session (see page X for details)
Friday 3rd March	KAO Year 4 Enrichment Session (see page x for details)

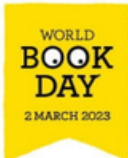



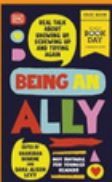
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