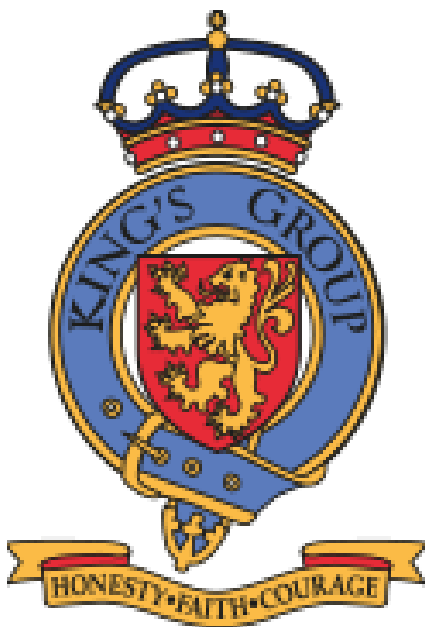


WEEK ENDING 3RD MARCH 2023

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you all for your support with students who were not able to come to school this week because of the strike. I hope students were able to continue their learning at home as effectively as possible. The next strike days will be on 15 and 16 March 2023. I will be in touch closer to the time with information about the provision we will have in place on strike days 3 and 4.

Year 11 have completed two weeks of Pre Public Exams. All year 11 students have been working hard and have been focussed throughout the exam period. We will be supporting students to use feedback effectively in the coming weeks as they prepare for their final GCSE examinations. We will also be reviewing arrangements and reflecting on the logistics of the exams with students as well, which will help us to improve arrangements ready for exams in the summer.

King's Academy Binfield and Oakwood have had a number of activities this week leading up to World Book Day which took place on Friday to avoid the strike. Students enjoyed a range of activities including quizzes, dressing as characters and competitions. Students have received book vouchers and I look forward to hearing about what books these are used for.

Happy reading. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards
Mrs Moore

COMIC RELIEF

We will be celebrating Comic Relief with a non-uniform day on **Friday 17th March**, students will be invited to attend school in their own clothes for a suggested donation of £2. If possible clothing should be red in order to keep in with the theme! A further letter will be coming out to remind students about acceptable clothing for non-uniform days. PE Kit will need to be worn for PE and Dance lessons.

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Dare To Be Remarkable



HEAD OF PRIMARY NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome in our KAO Year 5 parents last week and Year 4 parents today to join us for our enrichment sessions – we look forward to seeing KAO Year 3 parents next week for the Year 3 class assembly and to join us for enrichment activities. KAB parents, we are excited to welcome you in for enrichment sessions starting from May.

On Wednesday 15th March we would like to invite the KAO Year 4 parents to watch the Year 4 class assembly at 2:30pm.

Parents Eve

At the end of this month, Parents Evening will be taking place. Communication will come out shortly regarding booking an appointment. The dates for Parents Evening are:

KAB: 22nd and 30th March

KAO: 23rd and 29th March

World Book Day

It has been so wonderful to see all of the amazing costumes today. We have had a wonderful World Book Day which was kick started earlier in the week when EYFS and KS1 enjoyed a visit from author Alison Simpson.

Best wishes,

Jacqueline Tate

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](#)



KAO YEAR 5 ENRICHMENT SESSION

Last week, King's Academy Oakwood was thrilled to welcome our Year 5 parents into our Friday afternoon enrichment sessions. The session was thoroughly enjoyed by staff, parents and children and we look forward to welcoming a different year group each week. Thank you to our wonderful Year 5 parents for being such fun and getting involved straight away. We loved having you in school!



HALLE DANCES TO SUCCESS!

We're delighted to share that Halle in Year 1 at KAO took part in The Hampshire Dance Festival during half term and had some fantastic results.

She secured 1st place in her group dance, 2nd place in her solo and also took 2nd place with her duet routine.

What a brilliant result, and well done!



ADRIAN'S FOOTBALL SUCCESS!

A huge congratulations to Adrian in Emerald Class who won the player of the day trophy at his football club recently.

What a great achievement, are so proud of you Adrian!



ARTHUR BRINGS HIS A GAME!

Huge congratulations to Arthur in Emerald Class who won the player of the week trophy at his football club last weekend. Arthur has shown great determination to overcome a fear of tackling after an injury he recently had.

We are very proud of you Arthur!



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RUBY CLASS

Ruby Class were very lucky to have a visit from Mrs Slator who taught us all about her job as a hairdresser. We got to see the different tools and equipment we might see when we get our hair cut and watched a special video of what happens when we go to the hairdressers. We have been very engaged in lots of hairdresser themed imaginative play and have practised different roles including the hairdresser, customer and receptionist. Thank you for helping to support our learning Mrs Slator!

As part of our minibeast topic, we have been reading a story and learning about worms. We have learnt so many interesting facts about worms (adults included!) and have made our own wormery. We will be observing how the worms move around and tunnel in the soil and feeding them some of their favourite food. Ruby Class are wonderful wormologists!



EMERALD CLASS

We've had another fun couple of weeks of learning in Emerald Class.

Last week our learning revolved around pancake day and we enjoyed reading the book 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes'. The children did a brilliant job measuring out the ingredients to make pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and had enormous fun devouring them! Chocolate sauce was the most popular topping! We also had lots of fun flipping pancakes and having pancake races!

This week the children have really enjoyed learning the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and using a story-map are able to retell it fabulously!

The children in Emerald class were very keen to come up with ways to help Earth and we created an 'Eco-warriors' code' to help remind us of how we can do our bit to help our precious planet.

On Tuesday we felt incredibly lucky to have a visit from a real life author! Alison told us all about her special Romanian rescue dog called Bodhi and shared the wonderful story that he inspired her to write. I was so impressed with how beautifully Emerald Class listened to Alison and they asked her some well thought out questions about how she went about making the book.

We are all very excited for World Book Day this Friday/ We can't wait to see each other's costumes and to celebrate reading.

Last week's word of the week: Devour

This week's word of the week: Delectable



JADE CLASS

Since starting the new half-term, Jade Class have been engaged with lots of exciting learning! Last week, we learned all about why we celebrate Pancake Day. The children were wonderful at helping to make the pancake batter which we then cooked and devoured in the afternoon! We then created a pictogram to decide which was Jade Class' favourite topping (unsurprisingly, chocolate spread was a resounding winner with over half the class voting it as their top choice!). It was lovely to see their enthusiasm carry over into our role play area, which had transformed into a Pancake Café. The children continued to practice their pancake making skills and even became wonderful waiters serving up their creations.

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JADE CLASS (CONTINUED)

This week, within our Literacy lessons, we have been learning the story of The Little Red Hen through utilising the Talk for Writing programme by Pie Corbett. Amazingly, the children have managed to learn and recite the entire story using only symbols and actions (without even having yet opened the book!). It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged with the story and had even inspired some of our budding authors to create their own Little Red Hen books! Our Maths lessons have also linked to the Little Red Hen where we have been looking at how long it takes to grow corn. Towards the end of the week, the children will have the opportunity to grow their own corn crops and we will investigate how long it will take for the seeds to grow!

Within our Expressive Arts and Design lessons, the children have been creating such fantastic squiggle and shape art, inspired by Joan Miro. Additionally, this week we had a fantastic visit from Alison the author, who had written the story 'Bodhi the Pirate Dog'. The children loved learning about Alison's dog 'Bodhi' who is obsessed with cheese! We even had time to finish with a Q&A where the children asked such brilliant, relevant and thoughtful questions.

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OPAL CLASS

Opal class have enjoyed lots of practical learning to explore our new topics for this term! In history, as part of our Kings and Queens topic, we made a photo timeline of some significant British monarchs, and have begun learning about some of the most famous kings and queens. In science, we have been exploring Everyday Materials by sorting them into

groups and describing some of their properties. We also had a very exciting visitor this week! Author, Alison H Simpson, visited our class to read us her book Bodhi the Pirate Dog! She told us all about how she created the story based on her real-life rescue dog! We enjoyed creating some of our own characters and settings too.



TOPAZ CLASS

Year 2 loved the visiting author, Alison Simpson, on Tuesday and gained so much from having her visit the class. They behaved beautifully and made me proud with how well they engaged and listened. The children love having Mrs Dewhurst back, and worked hard in geography this week, having a practical class discussion on climate. In science, they have started an experiment to test the conditions needed for plants to grow.



QUARTZ CLASS

In Quartz class we have had an amazing couple of weeks. We have started learning about fractions in Maths and we are experimenting with light in Science. To see more about our exciting learning in the future, please visit our class blog which can be found here: [Quartz Class blog](#)

WILLOW CLASS

Making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday like Mr Wolf in 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' was lots of fun. Willow class kindly wrote a shopping list so Mr Wolf could buy the ingredients he needed for his pancakes. In the kitchen, our little chefs got very busy measuring all

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WILLOW CLASS (CONTINUED)

the ingredients before whisking all ingredients together into a light smooth batter. Like Mr Wolf, they devoured their tasty treat. We also had fun completing a pancake relay race.

This week the children are learning about the story of The Little Red Hen. They enjoyed joining in with the actions of the story. I was very impressed by the way Willow class used their phonics knowledge to write questions the little red hen could ask the lazy farm animals to encourage them to help her.

Willow Class was very excited to meet a real life author, Alison Simpson, on Tuesday. Alison came to tell them all about Bodhi, the Romanian dog she rescued and inspired her to write a fantastic story entitled 'Bodhi The Pirate dog'. The children loved listening to Bodhi's great adventures and asked Alison lots of brilliant questions about Bodhi and about how she made the book.



ASH CLASS

In English Ash class have learnt the story of Brown Bear (ask them to recite it to you) then they innovated their own story and wrote it. The quality of all their writing was outstanding! This week we have begun to learn about rhyming using the 'Oi Frog' series.

We have also been very fortunate to have a visit from Alison Simpson a local author. The children enjoyed her story 'Bodhi the Pirate Dog' and asked some excellent questions.

In science the children have been learning about materials. We have found different examples of many types of materials.

In maths we have been counting in 5s and learning about length. We compared objects in and around our classroom to a metre ruler. Some things were shorter and some things were longer.

This week we have ALSO been feeding the fish!



BIRCH CLASS

Birch class have had a wonderful start to the half term. At the beginning of this week, we were so lucky to have a visit from a real life author! The children were inspired and excited to hear more of her stories. In Geography, our new topic is hot and cold places. This week we learned all about the four climate zones. The children were put in four groups, given a climate zone and made a presentation as to why their climate zone was the best to live in. We voted and the tropical climate zone came on top!



CHESTNUT CLASS

Chestnut class have returned to school after the february half term energised and ready to learn! The children have particularly enjoyed using microbits in computing. They have enjoyed creating code on their chromebooks using the programme 'make code' then seeing their code in action on the microbits with LED lights. To see more of what we have been learning about in Chestnut class, please visit our class blog site. [Chestnut Class Learning Journey](#)

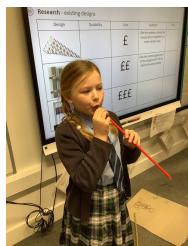


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PINE CLASS (CONTINUED)

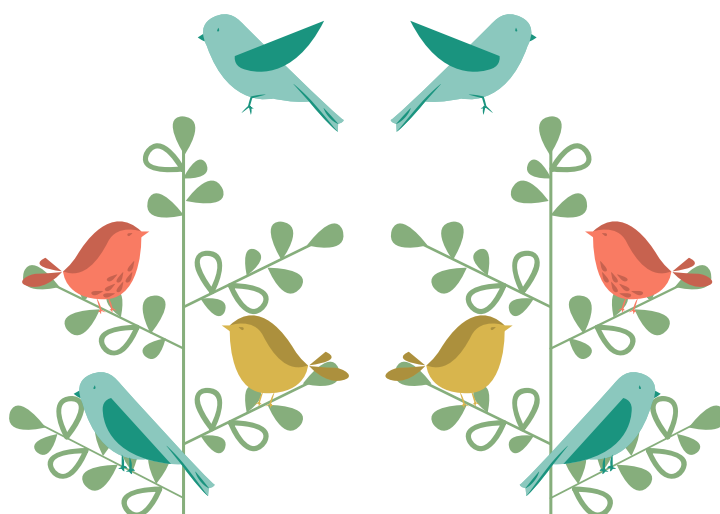
Since half term, year 4 have completed their mid-year assessments and I have been so impressed at how hard they have tried and how much progress they've made. Alongside this we have started all our new topics and had some very fun learning. In design and technology (DT), Pine class has been investigating materials to see which ones will make good pipes for a pan flute. So far, we have worked out that bamboo is quite difficult to produce a sound with and plumbing pipes sound a bit like a didgeridoo!

Please visit our [Pine Class Blog](#) blog to see lots more exciting learning.



SYCAMORE CLASS

We've had a great time getting back into our new topics after the half-term break. We've been studying the Tudors in History, with this week's focus on Henry Tudor and what he did to solve some major problems when he first came to power. Please visit Sycamore's blog to see even more of what we've been up to: [Sycamore Blog](#)



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 10th March	KAO Year 3 Enrichment Session (details on last Primary Newsletter)
Friday 17th March	Comic Relief Day (see page 1 for details)
Friday 24th March	KAO Year 2 Enrichment Session (details on last Primary Newsletter)
Friday 31st March	End of Spring Term (students finish for Easter)
Monday 17th April	Start of Summer Term (all students in school)