

WEEK ENDING 10TH MARCH 2023

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a very cold week, I would like to thank you for ensuring students have been at school every day. We all know that good attendance is vital and we have certainly all shown resilience this week in making sure we have attended despite the unusual March snow.

Oakwood have had two days of Quality Assurance with an external consultant, Jenell Chetty, this week. All the students were amazing and showed Jenell how much progress they are making in all aspects of their learning and personal development. Well done to all the Oakwood students and staff.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the cake sale this week whether that was by providing cakes or by buying and eating them! We will announce the total made for the DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal next week.

Strike days 3 and 4 are scheduled to take place next week on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March. As yet it is not possible to indicate how the school will be affected. I will contact you at the start of next week with plans for Wednesday and Thursday.

And finally, Our uniform supplier contract is coming to an end and we are going through a tendering process in line with DfE guidelines to ensure uniform is competitively proceed and families get good service from the uniform provider. Please look out for the uniform survey which will be sent to you from Mrs Phillips. Your views will help us to write the tender specification that companies will bid against. Thank you for your help.

Kind regards
Mrs Moore

GEMS INFORMATION & EVENTS

GEMS is a service providing free courses and workshops supporting families around Autism & ADHD education and support. See the information on page 7 for upcoming sessions & events.

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EAST BERKSHIRE NEURODIVERSITY ROADSHOW

Please see the flyer on page 5 for information about the Neurodiversity Roadshow events being hosted by East Berkshire Neurodiversity Network.



Last week in Secondary, students across the school celebrated World Book Day by participating in a range of activities throughout the week.

Year 7 students played 'Book Bingo', hunting down teachers who they thought might have read certain books. All year groups took part in our tutor door competition, decorating their classroom doors with great enthusiasm. There were lots of other quizzes and competitions taking place within tutor time also, with students trying to identify staff book shelves and showing off their general knowledge.

There continues to be a box in the canteen for students to donate any unwanted books or old library books, so please do encourage them to take a look at home!

Finally, staff encouraged students in their enthusiasm for reading by dressing up as a diverse range of famous characters - there was everyone from Mr Bump to Cruella Deville!

The **Secondary School World Book Day Token** is on page 7 for you to use.



BRACKNELL FOREST LIBRARY POETRY PARTY

Bracknell Forest Council library service are hosting a 'Poetry Party' workshop for primary phase pupils, to celebrate World Poetry Day on Tuesday, 21 Mar at 4-5pm. See the poster on page 5 for full details.

PRIMARY & SECONDARY UPDATES

INARA'S DANCING IS EN POINTE!

Inara from Year 3 at KAO recently took her primary Royal Academy of Dance ballet exam. Now that she has received her certificate and medal, we are delighted to share that she achieved a distinction. Well done Inara!



IMOGEN DECIDES TO CLEAN UP THE NEIGHBOURHOOD!

We were delighted to hear that Imogen from Year 4 at KAO has decided to follow in her sister's footsteps and carry out Eco School tasks. She took her family on a litter pick in the area around the KAB site which is close to where they live as the spaces by the school grounds had a lot of litter.

Not only is Imogen setting a wonderful example, but this is a great reminder for everyone to care about the environment and local area.



TAYLOR WIMPEY VISIT & BOOK VOUCHER DONATION

Last Friday at King's Academy Oakwood we had an exciting visit from a photographer hired by Taylor Wimpey, who took photos of some of our children and staff for their press release.

The visit was in connection with their very generous donations to our school for £250 worth of book vouchers.



PRIMARY PE ROUNDUP

So it's been 5 weeks since the Conqueror Challenges began and it has been a monumental effort by both the children of King's Academy and the staff. We have made a fantastic start but we still have a long way to go!



Total Distance so far	2411.71 km
Challenges completed	10
Children taking part	91

Week 4 and 5's Conqueror of the Week winners we as follows:

Oakwood - Finley H (Week 4) & Georgia S (Week 5)

Binfield - Charlie H (Week 4) & Ella C (Week 5)

For those that wish to take part and send their activities through then please see the [Conqueror Form](#).

Last week, King's Academy Oakwood went to a Year 5/6 Badminton Tournament over at Bracknell Leisure centre. It was the first time several of the children had attended a tournament or even played Badminton. Once again the children gave it their all and showed all our DARE values when competing against other schools. Well done to all the children that attended!



PRIMARY & SECONDARY UPDATES

PRIMARY PE ROUNDUP CONTINUED

We were due to attend a Year 1 & 2 All Stars Cricket skills event with King's Academy Binfield, but sadly we lost out to the snow. Now I love cricket but even I wouldn't play in the snow.

Next week will see Oakwood pupils attend a Hockey Festival for the first time. With only 3 more weeks left of term, we still have football matches and a Tag Rugby tournament to attend. It's always a busy one in Spring Term!

Mr J Fisher

BAE SYSTEMS WOMEN IN ENGINEERING – APPRENTICESHIP INSIGHT EVENT APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR STUDENTS IN YEAR 11

BAE Systems are hosting a hybrid event taking place over four days between 27 March and 6 April, with two sessions online and two sessions on site at various locations across the UK.

Students will have an opportunity to learn more about BAE Systems, gain hands on experience, and visit their sites. There will also be opportunities to meet BAE Systems current engineering apprentices, who will provide insights into their role and share their experience.

Following the insight experience, students could be offered a full-time position on one of BAE Systems engineering apprenticeships, starting in autumn 2023.

Click the [here](#) to find out more and register.



WELLINGTON COLLEGE WHEELER PROGRAMME – INDUCTION DAY FUN.

After a rigorous selection process Ruby G and Yannis B in Year 9 attended their Induction Day this week at the start of the 5 year Wheeler programme with students from other local schools. They wrote this report on their experience:

“Our welcome to Wellington College was warm and friendly with some great ice breaking exercises to enable the 24 students to get to know each other, by working together to complete tasks such as a treasure hunt in which we worked our way around the campus and answered questions set for us, human bingo which was great fun and finally low ropes which were tasks set for team building. At Wellington they have an amazing library with every book genre you could imagine, the end of lessons is signified by the ring of an actual bell in the bell tower, lunch was provided and was fantastic; I ate curry with rice for the first time, I generally tend to shy away from new things especially food however, I was put at such ease that I felt able to step out of my comfort zone. There is an amazing sculpture of The Duke of Wellington’s horse named ‘Copenhagen’ - really inspiring and I can’t wait for my next day there”.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 8th March	Secondary Bake Sale (see page 2)
Monday 13th March	Year 7 Parents Evening (rescheduled date)
Monday 13th March	Year 9 Immunisations & MMR Catch Up
Tuesday 14th March	GCSE Dance Performance (see page 2 & 5)
Friday 17th March	Comic Relief Day (see page 1)
Friday 24th March	KAO Year 2 Enrichment Session (details on last Primary Newsletter)
Monday 27th March	KAO SEND Coffee Morning (link to book in last Primary Newsletter)
Wednesday 29th March	KAB SEND Coffee Morning (link to book in 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)

Poetry Party!

Come to Bracknell library after school on
 Tuesday 21st March at 4pm - 5pm
 to celebrate
 World Poetry Day!

We're hosting a poetry workshop with instruments, crafts and lots of fun activities! this event is aimed at 5 to 11 year olds, but everyone is welcome.



Clare Bevan,
 Bracknell's first
 poet laureate, will
 be doing a poetry
 reading and joining
 in the fun!



Booking is available through Eventbrite,
 Please donate what you can!



Join us as we come together to:

- improve our understanding of neurodiversity
- explore how we can best support neurodivergent children and young people
- shape the future direction of the network

Neurodiversity Roadshows

Tuesday 21st March: 6-8pm

- Desborough Bowling Club, 10 Green Lane, Maidenhead, SL6 1XZ

[Click here to book](#)

Tuesday 21st March: 12.30-2.30pm

- Chalvey Community Hub, Labrooke Road, Slough, SL1 2SR

[Click here to book](#)

Wednesday 22nd March: 9.30-11.30am

- Maidenhead Rowing Club, River Road, Maidenhead, SL6 0AT

[Click here to book](#)

Wednesday 22nd March: 12.30-2.30pm

- Easthampstead Baptist Church, Main Hall, South Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 7NS

[Click here to book](#)

The roadshow events are for anyone aged 18+ with an interest in neurodiversity and in helping children and young people, including: parents/grandparents/carers, people with lived experience, professionals and volunteers



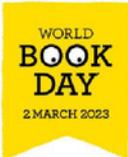
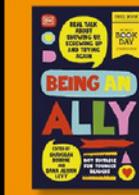
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2 MARCH 2023

£1 Book Token

Secondary Schools (UK)

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To contact the World Book Day team, email wbd@education.co.uk



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GEMS Info & Events



01753 373 244 / 0800 999 1342
weekdays 9am to 5pm

<https://www.gems4health.com>

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GEMS is for children, young people and adults who are diagnosed with, or who may have, autism and/or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). The service also supports parents and carers and is open to anyone living in Slough, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead or Bracknell Forest.

WHAT DO WE PROVIDE?

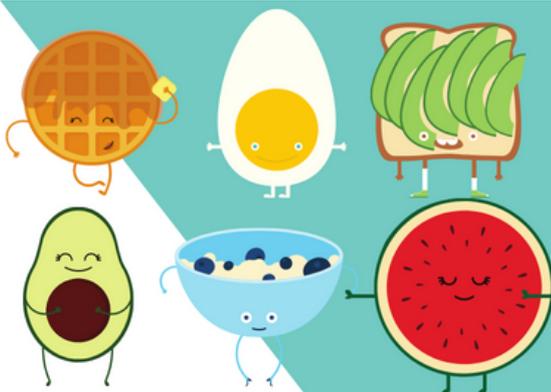
Whatever stage of your autism/ADHD journey, whether likelihood, pre-assessment or post diagnosis...

GEMS offers a single point of contact where you can access information, advice and support.

- For parents and carers: Workshops, courses & animated learnings.
- For children and young people aged 5 & over: a programme of social groups
- A range of signposting to local & national services



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Autism & Food Workshop

Registration:
[GEMS.4health@nhs.net](mailto:gems.4health@nhs.net)
0800 999 1342

Online:

Wednesday 26th April 2023 6.30pm to 8pm

Booking link also available on the website



GEMS offers free information & support to parents & carers of children with, or likely to have autism &/or ADHD within East Berkshire.

To book on to any of the below sessions, please contact GEMS: 0800 999 1342 or gems.4health@nhs.net

What's coming up... April, May & June 2023

Girls & Autism - Slough

Thursday 20th April @ 10am - 12pm

Autism & Food- Virtual

Wednesday 26th April @ 6.30pm - 8pm

ADHD Course - Virtual

Tuesday 09th, 16th & 23rd May @ 7 - 8.30pm all 3 sessions to be attended

Over 5's Autism Course - Virtual

Wednesday 10th, 17th & 24th May @ 7 - 9pm all 3 sessions to be attended

Managing Anxiety - Virtual

Thursday 11th May @ 6.30pm - 8pm

Sleep - Autism & ADHD - Virtual

Thursday 11th May @ 7 - 9pm

Sensory Processing - Virtual

Thursday 25th May @ 7 - 8.30pm

Supporting Siblings - Bracknell

Thursday 25th May @ 10am - 12pm

Under 5's Autism Course - Virtual

Wednesday 7th, 14th & 21st June @ 7 - 8.30pm all 3 sessions to be attended

Managing Anxiety - Bracknell

Thursday 13th June @ 10am - 12pm

Adolescence - Maidenhead

Thursday 15th June @ 10am - 12pm



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Access to our 'Learn More' animations

Covering a range of topics, our 'learn more' animations can be viewed at your own leisure and frequency once you have requested your link.

Please contact the GEMS Team on **01753 373244** or at gems.4health@nhs.net to obtain your link for any of the following topics

- What Is Autism?
- Autism & Communication
- Autism & Sensory Difficulties
- Autism & Anxiety
- Autism & Navigating Services
- Autism & Practical Budgeting Skills
- What is ADHD?
- Managing ADHD
- ADHD: From Diagnosis to Management

