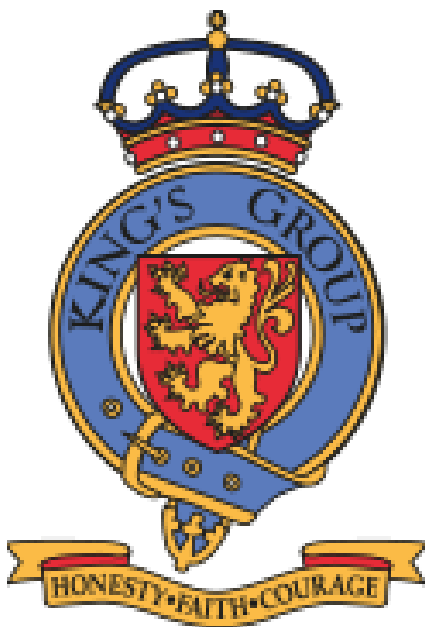


WEEK ENDING 17TH MARCH 2023

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support during the strike days this week. Students who were in school have all made the best of the provision available to them. I hope that those learning from home have also managed to make good use of the time.

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the uniform survey that went out this week. We have received a great number of responses from parents/carers and students and will be collating this to inform the school uniform tender process as we renew the uniform contract.

The whole school has participated in activities in aid of Comic Relief today. We have all been wearing red to mark the occasion and students in Primary and Secondary phases have taken part in a range of activities and challenges to help raise money for all the projects and organisations supported by Comic Relief in the UK and around the world. I hope you enjoyed 'Red Nose Day' as much as we all have in school.

Children in Willow, Jade and Emerald class have had a visit from the British Hen Welfare Trust and had the opportunity to meet some chickens and to learn about free range and caged hens. Everyone found this very egg-citing!!!

We were pleased to welcome Year 4 parents and carers at Oakwood for the Pine Class assembly this week. Students worked really hard to present their learning to parents and students in the rest of the school. This follows the excellent Year 3 class assemblies held last week. We are all looking forward to hearing from the other classes in the weeks to come.

Enjoy the rest of Comic Relief Day and have a very happy weekend.

Kind regards
Mrs Moore

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PRIMARY HEAD'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week in our primary phases at KAB and KAO. Today the children have enjoyed Red Nose Day - thank you for your generous contributions which will support amazing projects and organisations that are making a difference for people across the UK and around the world.

The staff are looking forward to seeing many of you at our primary Parents' Evenings which begin next week. If you haven't yet signed up for an appointment please do as soon as possible.

Last week KAO Year 3 parents were invited in to watch the Chestnut class assembly. Thank you for the lovely feedback we received on the assembly. It was so impressive to see just how much you have learnt so far in Year 3. Today was the chance for Year 4 to show their learning in the Pine class assembly. Year 4 you did an incredible job and your singing was delightful!

On Wednesday next week, the children will be off timetable for our Healthy Relationships and Lifestyles Day. The staff are busy planning for this day which will see children move around the different classes in the academies to enjoy the different activities arranged by teachers.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Jacqueline Tate
Head of Primary

NHS WEBINAR ON CHILDHOOD ILLNESS

Please see **page 7** for details of an NHS webinar session with local GPs on childhood illness. They will offer guidance and advice around when to be concerned about symptoms when caring for an unwell child.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT SESSIONS

Bracknell Forest Council have shared details of some information sessions that parents & carers might find helpful. See **page 7** for more information.

- Positive Behaviour Family Course for Parents/Carers
- County Lines Parent/Carer Webinar

CLASSROOM NEWS

RUBY CLASS

Ruby Class have been embracing the wild weather we have been having recently from snow to rain and wind. We have made patterns in the snow, splashed in muddy puddles and cleaned the dirty cars.

We have been thinking about the signs of spring that we have started to see around us and enjoyed looking closely at daffodils. We have used our senses to touch and smell them and talk about what we can see before painting beautiful pictures of them.



EMERALD CLASS

We all had a fabulous time celebrating World Book Day in Emerald Class. The children looked amazing in their costumes and had a fun-filled day celebrating books and reading. They enjoyed sharing stories with Topaz class, going on a book scavenger hunt and ventured up to the secondary school to see how they had decorated their doors to celebrate World Book day!

Last week saw the arrival of snow and Emerald class donned their puddle suits and wellies and enjoyed playing in our snowy garden- making snow angels and building snowmen!

We continued learning about the Little Red Hen story in Literacy last week. We received an exciting letter from her asking us to help her bake some bread. Emerald Class did an amazing job at baking some delectable bread! The Little Red Hen also left us some different breads to try- we created a pictogram in maths to see which was the most popular bread in our class and the Brioche won!

This week we have moved on to our 'Ready, Steady, GROW!' topic. The children enjoyed planting some

cross and were flabbergasted to see how quickly it grew! We have been learning about the lifecycle of a frog and Emerald Class have enjoyed writing about the amazing metamorphosis that takes place in these creatures!

Words of the week:

Last week: Flabbergasted

This week: Metamorphosis



JADE CLASS

We have had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day in Jade Class! The children loved showing off their amazing costumes, going on a book scavenger hunt, reading their personal reading books to Quartz Class and going up to secondary to see all of the fabulous World Book Day decorations! Last week, we continued learning our Little Red Hen Story using the 'Talk for Writing' scheme by Pie Corbett. Still without yet opening the book, the children have been able to recite the entire story (even with some of the symbols covered). It has been amazing to see their enthusiasm whilst retelling the story. Hence, during our choosing time, the children have independently become budding authors by creating their own Little Red Hen story books and showing off such wonderful writing! Towards the end of the Little Red Hen Story, the Little Red Hen turns 'corn' into 'bread'. Thus, the children have also become brilliant bakers, working cooperatively to make delectable bread (just like the Little Red Hen) before devouring it in the afternoon!

This week, we have moved away from the Little Red Hen and have begun focusing on the Life Cycle of a Frog. We have learned all about the different stages a frog goes through from frogspawn all the way to growing all four legs and jumping out of the water!

CLASSROOM NEWS

JADE CLASS (CONTINUED)

Within our Maths lessons, the children have begun exploring their number bonds to 10 and playing such exciting number bond activities!

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OPAL CLASS

We have enjoyed lots of practical learning over the last couple of weeks in Opal Class! We have been exploring the rhyming stories 'Oi Frog!', 'Oi Dog!' and 'Oi Cat!' by Claire Gray and Kes Gray. We have been creating a story map and actions to help us remember the events in 'Oi Frog!', and have then innovated the story and changed it to make it our own. We loved practising our innovated stories with our own actions!

We have also continued our Science learning about Everyday Materials. We have been exploring the properties of different materials, and using specific vocabulary to describe them. We learnt words such as transparent, opaque, rigid and waterproof. We enjoyed a carousel activity where we collected words to describe the material laid out on the table e.g. glass, metal.



TOPAZ CLASS

Year 2 had a wonderful World Book Day at the start of the month, they enjoyed reading to children in Reception, taking part in the World Book Day assembly, doing the scavenger hunt around school and decorating our classroom door!

Here is a version of the class picture previously shared on social media but using the updated photo permissions list.



This week, the children have been working hard on telling time in maths. The children are growing in confidence with 'o'clock', 'half past' and 'quarter past' times. Please help them to continue practicing all this but most especially 'quarter to' times. In English, they have written the most incredible information texts on mythical creatures – they could choose whether they wrote about a fairy, a troll, a griffin or a phoenix.

QUARTZ CLASS

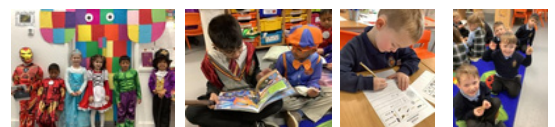
In Quartz class we have had a fantastic couple of weeks. We really enjoyed World Book Day and we won our door decorating competition! We are currently writing pourquoi folk stories in English and exploring urban and rural India in Geography. All photos and more information can be found on our class blog: [Quartz Class blog](#)

WILLOW CLASS

The children looked fabulous in their favourite book characters costumes on World Book Day. They had a fun packed day, going on a scavenger hunt around the school and sharing their favourite books with the Year 3 class during Buddy Reading time.

The children were very excited and flabbergasted to receive a letter from the little red hen who needed help making some bread. They did a brilliant job weighting all ingredients and kneading the dough. They devoured their delectable treat too!

This week, we have been learning about the life cycle of a frog and its fascinating metamorphosis from tadpole to frog. The children showed remarkable retrieval skills as they wrote all the facts they could remember. Well done Willow class!



CLASSROOM NEWS

ASH CLASS

Ash have been having fun learning about measuring and comparing height and weight. We've enjoyed using many different objects and getting involved with measuring.

During our science lessons, we have been continuing to investigate materials. This week we tested materials to see if they were: transparent, flexible, magnetic, absorbent or waterproof.

We have tasted fruit in preparation for planning our smoothies, which we will be making in the last week of term. Bananas and strawberries were very popular.

One of the highlights of the last two weeks has been the snow! We had a great time exploring it in the morning and were even able to make a tiny snowman!

English has given us the opportunity to write our own version of 'Oi Frog!' by Kes Gray. We used Talk for Writing to get to know the text and learn how to organise the sentences. The children were very good at using the correct punctuation and suggested some well thought of rhyming ideas.

We also had a great time on World Book Day. The costumes were amazing.



BIRCH CLASS

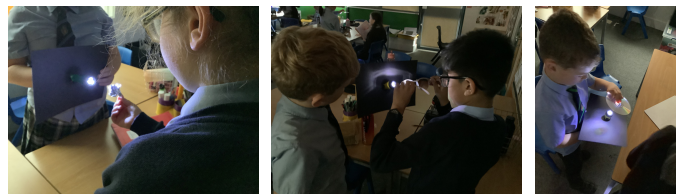
Birch class have been working really hard on their writing at the moment. They have had great fun designing and making up their own mythical creatures, preparing to write an information text about them. Some of the ideas are so imaginative and we are going to put their work together to make a class book!

In geography, we have been learning about biomes and the impact climate change has had on those biomes. The children were very passionate about what we could do to protect our wonderful planet from the effects of climate change and made posters about it.

We were very lucky to have had a special cricket session last week. We were given an introduction to the sport and the skills and the children had a great time!

CHESTNUT CLASS

This week, Chestnut Class have been busy learning all about light and reflection in Science. We enjoyed testing how reflective different materials and found out that shiny materials tended to act as mirrors whilst dark colours absorbed the light. To see more of our learning, please visit our class blog! [Chestnut Class Learning Journey](#)



PINE CLASS

Pine class recently used their Maths' skills to work out how many laps of our football pitch it would take to make a 1-mile / 1600 metres (approx) circuit. The challenge was to walk a mile, some of us managed to run all of it and some of us travelled even further than a mile - more than ten laps!

In design and technology (DT), we have started to create our very own panpipes. Through research and demonstrations, we proved that plastic plumbing pipes were too wide to make sounds by blowing and that wax did not work as an adhesive. Most of us are making a card set of pipes because we can measure and cut them easily, join them with rubber bands or string AND use our favourite colours!

CLASSROOM NEWS

PINE CLASS (CONTINUED)

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



SYCAMORE CLASS

We can't believe another term has passed and we're almost to the Easter holidays! This term in art, we've been studying collage, with inspiration from portrait artist Maria Torroba. After experimenting with various techniques, we created our own collage paper before beginning our own Tudor style collage portraits to connect with history. Please visit Sycamore's blog to see even more of what we've been up to: [Sycamore Blog](#)



ELI'S KICKBOXING SUCCESS!

Congratulations to Eli in Year 3 at KAO who recently had a kickboxing grading. He is now the proud owner of his Yellow Belt.

Well done Eli, we are so proud of your achievement!



BRODIE IS ON THE BALL!

A big congratulations to Brodie in Emerald Class at KAB who won the 'Player of the Week' award at his football club after showing fabulous determination. We are all very proud of you Brodie!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 24th March	KAO Year 2 Enrichment Session
Monday 27th March	KAO SEND Coffee Morning
Wednesday 29th March	KAB SEND Coffee Morning
Friday 31st March	End of Spring Term (Primary phase finishes at 12:15pm)
Monday 17th April	Start of Summer Term (all students in school)

Looking for medical advice about an unwell child?



Parents and carers often ask us what to do, and when to be worried by a child's symptoms. In response, we created the Frimley Healthier Together website and App, meaning you have access to a mini doctor on your device.

Be ready for the next time a child you care for is unwell. Join local GP's, Dr Alex Streeter de Diego and Dr Sabina Shaik as they show you Frimley Healthier Together, demonstrating:



Healthier Together

Improving the health of babies, children and young people throughout Frimley

- How to find NHS traffic light guidance on symptoms like fever or cold
- Signposting to local support services for children and young people
- Symptoms meaning a child can go about their usual routine, or should stay home
- The App, and how to download it
- Plus a Q&A session.



Tue 21st March from 1 – 1:45 via Teams
Sign up today – bit.ly/FHTMar23

Positive Behaviour Support for Families



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Alternatively, email: tom@pbscooperative.org.uk



Would you like to understand more about county lines in Thames Valley?

Join our panel of experts for a live webinar



Lindsay Dalton
CEO, Pace



Thames Valley Police



Sarah Pritchard
Barnardos

Free webinar for parents & carers

21st March, 7.00 - 8.30pm

Join our panel of experts and find out about county lines in your area, how to keep your child safe and what to do if you have concerns. You will also hear about child exploitation from a lived experience perspective.

- ✓ Learn what county lines and child criminal exploitation is
- ✓ Understand the signs that your child might be at risk or involved
- ✓ Learn how offenders groom and exploit children
- ✓ Understand what is happening in your area

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