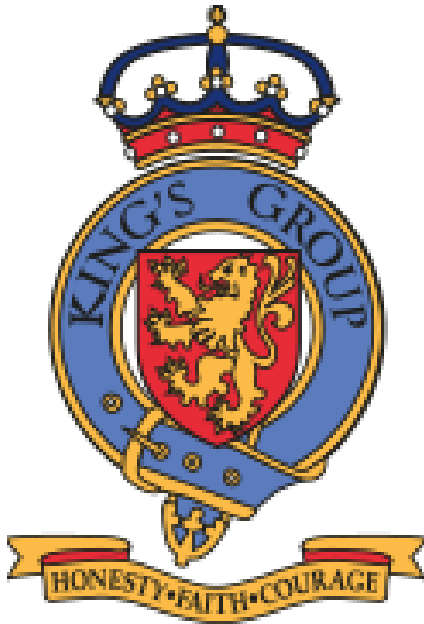


WEEK ENDING 19TH MAY 2023

# KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 and Year 2 have all got off to an excellent start to their GCSE exams and KS1 assessments this week. Well done to all our students and, in the words of the Disney character Pooh Bear, my message to students is... "Remember, you are braver than you believe, stronger than you feel and smarter than you think". We continue to wish all our students the very best of luck, we know they can all DARE to be Remarkable.

Kind regards

Mrs Moore

## UNIFORM POLICY REVIEW – UPADTE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for the feedback you gave to our uniform policy review, we were delighted to get so many people's feedback, please be assured we have taken this feedback seriously and, as a result, have made changes to the uniform policy from September 2023. I have attached the draft policy to this letter, please remember this is draft and will only come into force from September 2023. The current policy stands until then.

There were 315 responses across both primary and secondary parents. There were 246 responses across secondary students.

### Parents Response

Are you happy with the current uniform policy?



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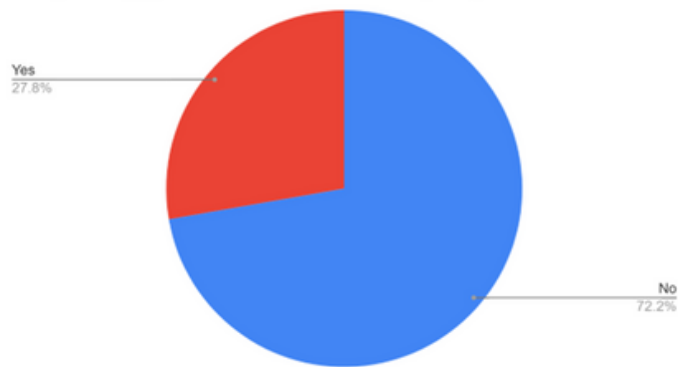


Dare To Be Remarkable



## Students Response

Are you happy with the current uniform policy?



We are going out to tender for a new uniform supplier, Stevensons remain our uniform supplier currently.

One of the main reasons cited as being the reason for the unhappiness with the uniform policy was the cost, therefore we have negotiated a discount of 20% with Stevensons. This discount is available if you purchase vouchers from school to use to purchase the school uniform.

The discount of 20% applies to all items of uniform that are paid for using vouchers. Vouchers can be purchased through the school. You will be able to purchase a voucher for the value of £50 for the price of £41 and a voucher for the value of £100 for the price of £81.

The vouchers can be purchased through school comms from week beginning 22nd May 2023.

Vouchers must be purchased by Monday 26th June if you wish to purchase these through school.

Stevensons will be in attendance at KAB on Thursday 6th July from 2pm – 7:00pm for a sizing event as their current store is closed, you will also be able to place uniform orders at this time. Uniform can still be ordered through Stevensons' website in the meantime.

I attach the draft uniform policy to this newsletter, this is due to be confirmed in the next half term. Key changes are:

- The removal of so many compulsory branded PE items – please see the policy for further details.
- The removal of the branding from the primary school shirts and summer dress
- The addition of black tailored shorts for all year groups
- Gradual fades are now permitted to short hair
- Long hair must be tied back fully for practical subjects only
- Coats can be of any colour but must remain plain and unbranded

These changes do not come into effect until September 2023.



It is important to us that we continue to uphold high standards of appearance in all aspects of school life, so please do ensure that any items you purchase are in line with the clear expectations listed in the school's uniform policy.

We thank you in advance for your support with this moving forwards.

## **CHARLIE IS A CYCLING SUPERSTAR!**

Charlie from Year 3 at KAO has just competed in a local cycling event organised by Sprockets Cycling Club, which he is a member of. He finished 9th in the Under 10s category, which is fantastic given that he is only 7. He he was rightly proud of himself, and his medal, and so are we! Well done Charlie.



## **ROTARY CLUB – BRACKNELL TOGETHER WALK**

the Rotary Club of Easthampstead. are organising The Bracknell Together Walk. This fun event is a great way for friends, family, students, parents or colleagues to have a good time, get some exercise and raise money for your school or a charity of your choice.

The Walk is accessible to people of all ages and abilities with routes of approx 5km, 7.5km or 10km. You choose the route that suits you. Every walker receives a goody bag, a commemorative certificate to remember the day. And, If you want, you can really enter into the spirit of the day and have your face painted for free! There's also £1000 in cash prizes to be won by the participating groups or individuals that make the most impact on the day.

It's easy and inexpensive to register for the Bracknell Together Walk and all accompanied under 14s go free. No matter how large your group, total registration for all of them will not exceed £20. See poster on page 12 for more details.

## **KABKAO STUDENTS LOCAL DANCE SHOWCASE**

Some of the students from KABKAO will be taking part in the Lynette Stephenson School of Dance showcase at the end of May. Please see the poster on page 12 for details if you would like to attend one of the performances.

## **FAMILY HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROGRAMME**

Please see page 12 for details of Bracknell Forest Council's 'Alive n Kicking' programme which focuses on providing nutritional advice & support for for families nad children.

# CLASSROOM NEWS

## RUBY CLASS

Ruby class have been getting stuck into their transport topic with lots of imaginative play. We have had buses and trains going to all sorts of exciting places and the children have used lots of wonderful language as they make links between their own experiences of going on a journey. This week we have been learning two new train songs including 'the runaway train' and we have really enjoyed getting faster and faster as we sing it!



## EMERALD CLASS

In the lead up to the King's Coronation, Emerald Class had great fun learning more about King Charles, his family and the very special coronation ceremony. The children wrote some fantastic letters to the King himself, wishing him a very happy coronation and asking him some fabulous questions!

During the week, we were incredibly lucky to have a visit from Daisy's grandad who helps to protect the Royal family! He told us so many interesting things about the Royals and also showed us the special medals he has been awarded for his services. He taught us how to bow or courtesy to royalty and we even saw a photo of Daisy at Buckingham Palace! A huge thank you to Steve for coming to talk to us.

To end the week, Emerald Class had great fun celebrating the coronation in the beautiful crowns they had made at home.

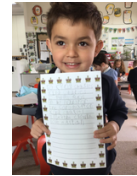
Since the coronation, we have returned to learning about dinosaurs in Emerald class and have been learning about Mary Anning, one of the most amazing paleontologists that ever lived! The children have been drawing some fantastic pictures of dinosaurs and practising their scissor skills by cutting

out dinosaurs. In maths, the children have been enjoying doubling numbers, using ladybirds and buttons to help.

On Wednesday afternoon, Emerald class were delighted to perform their class assembly to the school and parents. The children had practised so hard and did an incredibly job showing off some of the wonderful things they've learnt this year. We are very proud of all of them.

**Last week's word of the week:** Paleontologist

**This week's word of the week:** Prehistoric



## JADE CLASS

Towards the beginning of the new half-term, Jade Class learned all about the King's coronation! We found out lots of new facts about our new king and we were all eager to see King Charles having the St Edward's crown upon his head. We all wrote fabulous letters to our new King to congratulate him for the special occasion.

In addition to this, we were lucky to have been visited by Daisy's grandad, Steve, who is a personal bodyguard for one of the members of the royal family! We were in awe of learning about his experiences and what it is like working with the royal family. Steve kindly taught us how to bow, courtesy and how to formally address His Royal Highness.

This week, Jade Class has been learning all about dinosaurs. We learned about the different dinosaurs including which ones are herbivores and which are carnivores. In addition, we have looked at the role of Mary Anning, an amazing paleontologist who discovered both the ichthyosaurs and the



# CLASSROOM NEWS

## JADE CLASS (CONTINUED)

plesiosaurs! Jade Class have been making their own dinosaur fossils similar to the ones Mary Anning found alongside making their very own dinosaur creations out of straws and cotton wool.

In Maths, the children have been focusing on how to double numbers. We played an exciting game where we rolled a dice and had to double the number. We used pieces of bow-tie pasta to help us with writing the number sentences!

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## OPAL CLASS

This week Opal class have enjoyed lots of practical learning! In English, we used our senses to describe what different plants looked like and felt like. We collected lots of adjectives and practiced putting them into sentences. In science, we planted some broad bean seeds as part of our Plants topic, and are excited to watch them grow over the next few weeks! In maths we have been learning about fractions and we know how to use a 'halving mat' to help us find half of different numbers!



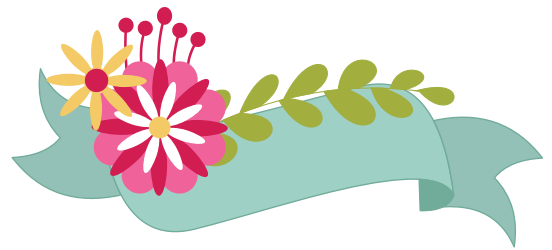
Ava's amazing artwork for the King's coronation won her 2nd place in her age category for the local schools art competition! She went along to the awards presentation at Ascot Racecourse on Saturday, enjoyed a fabulous afternoon tea and even

got her artwork displayed on the big screen! Miss Wetherell got to go too and felt so proud watching Ava receive her award.



## QUARTZ CLASS

We have had a fabulous week, which has included dissecting a flower, writing character descriptions and a trip into Binfield village. To see more of our learning, take a look at our class blog. [Quartz Class Blog](#)



## PINE CLASS

This week, Pine class were very lucky to visit Heathlands Farm. The children went on a tractor ride and picked strawberries as the sun shone brightly. The children learnt about the life cycle of plants and the role of bees in pollination. We all got to enjoy the extremely sweet and tasty strawberries and each child filled their own punnett which they took home to share with their families.

Visit our [class blog](#) for more pictures of the farm and lots of other exciting learning.



# CLASSROOM NEWS

## SYCAMORE CLASS

I am excited to share another update on the recent activities in Sycamore class. In English, we've been captivated by Lewis Carroll's "Jabberwocky" and have been immersing ourselves in the world of poetry.

The children have enthusiastically embraced the whimsical nature of Carroll's work, particularly enjoying the use of nonsense and portmanteau words. Together, we crafted our own class poem, blending unique combinations of words to create something truly imaginative.

Next week, we'll embark on the final phase of our poetic adventure. The children will write their own poems using the structure and language style inspired by "Jabberwocky." This time, they'll unleash their creativity by designing mythical creatures of their own. This exercise will enhance their creative writing skills and encourage them to express ideas in imaginative and captivating ways. We're excited to see the remarkable poems they'll produce, filled with their own extraordinary creatures.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 25th May	KAB Primary Phase Spring Disco
Friday 26th May	Jade Class (KAB) Enrichment Session - 2:30pm start
Friday 26th May	KAO Primary Phase Spring Disco
Friday 26th May	School Closes or Half Term
Monday 5th June	School Reopens (all students in school)
Friday 9th June	Emerald class (KAB) Enrichment Session - 2:30pm start



# **King's Academy Binfield and King's Academy Oakwood School Uniform and Appearance Policy; Nursery to KS1**

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## **Coats**

Plain, waterproof topcoats without motifs or writing on them. No denim, leather, suede jackets, tracksuit or hooded tops should be worn.

No outside wear; coats, scarves, gloves, hats etc may be worn in the building and peaked caps may not be worn to school.

## **Jewellery**

**One** pair of small **plain gold or silver studs** (no stones) and one plain, non-fashion watch.

Smart watches are not permitted.

Only one **stud** should be worn in the **lobe** of each ear.

All other jewellery is inappropriate for school-wear and must not be worn. Retainers or covering of piercings will not be permitted, they must be removed.

## **Shoes**

School shoes should be plain black, flat and logo-free. They must be leather or leather like (capable of being polished). Canvas shoes are not permitted. Trainers, boots, including ankle boots, toeless or backless shoes, suede and logos are not allowed at school. Shoes that are considered to be trainer-like in appearance are not allowed.

The Executive Principal will be the arbiter of what constitutes appropriate school shoes.

## **Trousers**

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## **Shorts**

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## **Tunic**

Optional as an alternative to trousers - Tartan tunic with zip (available only from



Stevensons)

### **Polo shirt**

These should be plain with a collar and completely free of any frills and/or patterns.

Plain white for KAB

Powder Blue for KAO

### **Jumper**

Navy blue jumper with the academy badge will be the only jumper permitted. Available only from Stevensons.

### **Cardigan**

Navy blue cardigan with the academy badge will be the only cardigan permitted. Available only from Stevensons.

### **Summer Dress**

For the summer term only, a blue and white checked summer dress may be worn. This is logo free but must be the specified summer dress purchased from Marks and Spencers.

### **Socks/tights**

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### **Book Bag**

In house group colour (you will find out which house your child is in prior to starting).

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### **Make Up**

Make up and nail polish is not permitted in EYFS and KS1.

### **PE Kit**

Compulsory PE Items

**Polo Shirt** Navy blue with King's Academy embroidery

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**Sports Shorts** Navy blue with KAB/KAO embroidery or plain Navy blue football style shorts

### **Optional PE Items:**



Students may choose to wear the following items. Stevensons stock the following items branded.

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**Sweatshirt** - (optional for winter) Navy with KAB/KAO embroidery or plain navy blue sweatshirt

**Other Essential Items:**

**Trainers**

Plain, black or white and small logos only acceptable if unavoidable. Non-marking and suitable for all activities.

Further optional items of sportswear may be introduced in future years.



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### **Skirt**

King's Academy tartan skirt to be worn on or below the knee. Available only from Stevensons.

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The top button must be fastened. Long or short sleeved shirts are permitted.

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## Lynnette Stephenson Academy of Dance

PRESENTS



Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 6:30 pm

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 2:00 pm & 6:30 pm  
at

The Wilde Theatre, Bracknell

Tickets for DANCE 365 are available from the Box Office:  
southhillpark.org.uk / 01344 484123

Price: £19.00 & £21.00



## BRACKNELL TOGETHER WALK SUNDAY 9 July 2023

**SOUTH HILL PARK, BRACKNELL, RG12 7PA**

Raise money for **YOUR** charity – every penny **YOU**  
raise goes to the charity of **YOUR** choice

The Rotary Club of Easthampstead invites you to take part in the  
**Bracknell Together Walk 2023**

A fun walk of 5, 7.5 or 10 kms in and around the beautiful grounds  
of South Hill Park and Swinley Forest - you choose the distance that's right for you.  
A family event suitable for all ages & abilities (with wheelchair friendly paths)

Save time on the day, **register NOW online** at  
[www.bracknelltogetherwalk.org](http://www.bracknelltogetherwalk.org)

Entry is **FREE** for all accompanied children under 14

You can boost your charity fundraising with £1,000 cash prizes from Rotary

We thank Duncan Yeardey Estate Agents, Peas and Carrots Ltd  
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**Start** anytime between  
9 am & 12 noon

**DUNCAN YEARDEY**

**Welcome pack &  
finishing certificate**

for every participant

**Finish** your walk  
anytime **up to 2 pm**



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## Family Healthy Lifestyle Programme



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In partnership with Bracknell Forest Council

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run by  
nutritionists

**What do families receive as part of the Bracknell Forest  
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- 12 weeks of support via face-to-face interactive groups and online, including nutrition and fun physical activities
- Flexible timings to suit you
- Help and advice on topics including healthy eating, behaviour change, nutrition and wellbeing
- Enjoyable activities that can be done at home such as weekly recipe challenges to develop practical skills and maintain a healthy lifestyle
- Step by step cookery classes aimed to help inspire you and your family to try new foods

To get involved in this **free** programme

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