



King's Academy Oakwood



Dare to be Remarkable

Head of Primary News

01-07-2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to those who were able to attend our after school open events. I really hope you enjoyed looking through your child's school books and spending time within their classroom. It was so lovely to see so many of you and this is an event we will aim to run two to three times next year.

Coming up next week, on Thursday 7th, we have our Transition Day! This will be an opportunity to invite all of our new starters into school and for our current children to meet their new teachers. Our current Year 4 students will meet their new Year 5 teacher on Wednesday 13th July instead. The teachers are busy planning exciting activities for the children to take part in on Transition Day.

Please see below the class teachers for all classes for 2022 - 2023:

KAB

Class	Teacher
Ruby - N	Miss C Greaney
Emerald - R	Miss N Mederson
Jade - R	Mr E Jung
Opal - 1	Miss J Wetherell
Topaz - 2	Miss H Kenney
Quartz - 3	Miss L Findlay
PPA	Mr M Rumble
Sports Coach	Mr J Fisher
SENDCO	Mrs S Jones

KAO

Class	Teacher
Willow - R	Mrs C Troublé
Ash - 1	Mrs S Wright
Birch - 2	Miss E Begbie
Chestnut - 3	Miss A Palmer
Pine - 4	Mrs J Fitzgibbon
Sycamore - 5	Miss V Bond
PPA	Mrs S Grindley
Sports Coach	Mr J Fisher
SENDCO	Mrs S Jones

Sadly, Miss Elsayed will be leaving us to go on an adventure around the World. We will miss Miss Elsayed very much and wish her all the very best for her travels.

Parent Survey Feedback

Thank you to all those who completed the Parent Survey a couple of months ago. We do read all of the feedback and it was so wonderful to read so many overwhelmingly positive comments and we are always striving to develop and grow our Academies. Attached is a 'You said, we did' poster which explains some of the key actions we have taken following parental feedback. The results shown are our combined results for primary and secondary at both KAB and KAO.

I wanted to share a couple of primary phase only percentages with you because I was so pleased with them. When asked 'is your child happy at school?' 100% of you agreed or strongly agreed. The happiness of your children is our main priority because we know happy children will thrive in their learning. When asked, 'would you recommend the Academy?' an overwhelming 99% said yes. Word of mouth is so powerful and we are so pleased that you would recommend us if asked. Thank you as always for your support, it means so much to all of the staff.

Summer Art & Technology Exhibition

The Creative Arts team are proud to announce our Summer Creative Arts Exhibition will take place on Thursday 14th July from 5.30pm - 7.30pm.

The exhibition will showcase a range of work produced from primary through to our GCSE students. Work from Fine Art, Photography, Textiles & Design Technology will all be on display. For primary, a couple of pieces of artwork from each class will be included.

Mrs Digby and her Food Preparation & Nutrition GCSE students will also be providing afternoon tea refreshments which we hope you will enjoy!

We will also have some live musical performances from our secondary students.

Please join us for what will be a lovely way to celebrate the hard work and dedication of our students at King's Academy Binfield & Oakwood.

Parking Concerns

We know our parents are really considerate, but just a reminder to please park thoughtfully at drop off and collection.

Summer Fair

Our wonderful PTA are running our very first Summer Fair on Saturday 9th July at KAO between 12pm and 3pm. We are hoping the event is a great fundraising success and a lovely community event for KAB and KAO. Please do attend if you are able to. The PTA have put a lot of thought and effort into making the event as fun as possible. We hope to see you there!

Have a wonderful weekend. It is quite unbelievable to think that there are only three weeks of this academic year left.

Best wishes,

J Tate

Mrs Tate

Head of Primary

Diary Dates

Monday 4th July: KAO Sports Day

Tuesday 5th July: KAB Sports Day

Wednesday 6th July: INSET Day

Thursday 7th July: Transition Day

Saturday 9th July: PTA Summer Fair for KAB and KAO at KAO

Thursday 14th July: Year R Theatre Trip

Tuesday 19th - Thursday 21st July: Year 4 residential to Runway's End

Friday 22nd July – last day of term. Early finish at 12:15pm

Willow

Willow class really 'reached for the stars' last week as they learnt about the different constellations in our sky. They had fun recreating various constellations with glow in the dark stars on paper to create a starry night on the ceiling of their very own planetarium!

There has been some incredible writing about the planets too when the children challenged themselves to write non fiction booklets about our Solar system - it is wonderful to see the children's independent writing skills flourishing in preparation for Year 1 and to see how able they were to recall lots of interesting facts about all planets in our solar system.

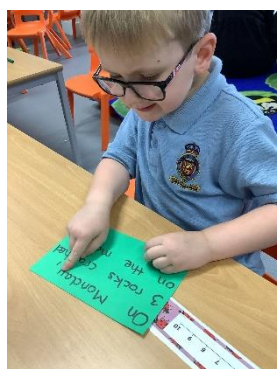
In Spanish, Willow Class have enjoyed learning more about Spanish cuisine and had fun in our Food Tech room this week cooking up the Spanish dessert 'Leche' Fritte'. They utterly enjoyed devouring the sweet milky treats!

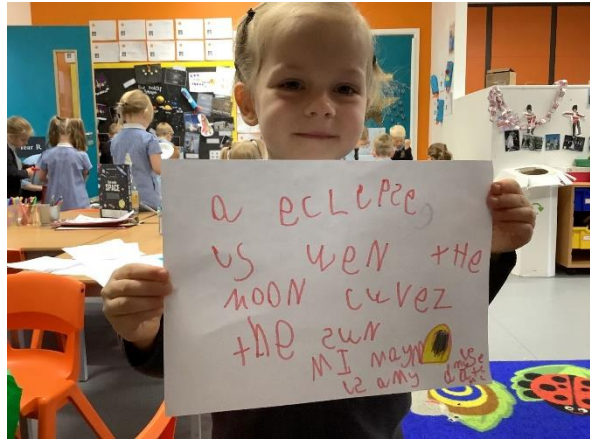
As well as learning more about the planets, the children have discovered more about what a solar eclipse is this week and enjoyed creating their own models of a solar eclipse. Our little scientists relished the challenge of reading a brief to complete some moon crater maths where they had to solve a mission working out how many moon craters there were!

Willow class enjoyed practising some Sports Day events in PE this week. They were full of enthusiasm, especially for the sack race, which they were determined to master!

Word of the Week (last week): Gravity

Word of the Week: Eclipse





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Ash

Ash class have had a wonderful couple of weeks. In English, we have been learning to write instructions. The children instructed me to make a butter and jam sandwich and I did everything they told me very literally! They learned how specific we need to be in instructions otherwise our end goal might not turn out how we thought it would! The class then instructed two students to make the sandwich and we had a lot of laughs doing so! Additionally, we followed some instructions to make Challah bread in R.E. The children worked incredibly hard as a team and I was so impressed with the childrens kneading and plaiting skills of the dough.

In P.E, we have been practising for Sports Day on Monday! I have been so impressed with how much determination Year 1 have to improve on their skills. The children were learning to balance bean bags on their head and to control it. We then had some races and worked on cheering on and being proud of our friends.

Word of the week (last week): Treacherous

Word of the Week: Specific



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Birch

We have had such an exciting last two weeks in Birch class. Last week we were lucky enough to go to Milestones Museum on a beautiful sunny day. The class travelled with Year 2 from KAB on a coach and for some children it was their first time on one! We went into groups looking at how vehicles changed over time. We were so lucky to go there and we were even given a ration book to use in the Victorian sweet shop. Rosey apples were the group favourite!

The children have been really enjoying their History topic of Explorers and have been learning a lot about Ernest Shackleton and Amelia Earhart. They even got to look at old pictures from Shackleton's expedition and had to match them to captions. They loved seeing Endurance stuck in the ice! We also watched the recent news report where Shackleton's ship had been found at the bottom of the sea in March.

In science we have been learning about animals and their habitats and we have thought about their adaptations allowing them to live in different environments. We looked at what adaptations animals who lived in hot environments had and also cold environments. After some research, the children then got to design their own animal, thinking about where they might live and what their adaptations would be. The children came up with some fascinating creatures!

Word of the Week (last week): expedition

Word of the Week: cunning



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Chestnut

In English this week, Chestnut class have begun writing their very own character descriptions of The Grand High Witch from Roald Dahl's *The Witches*. The children are thoroughly enjoying the story and have been captivated by the character of the Grand High Witch. In Science, we are learning about Light. The children have thoroughly enjoyed using torches to test how reflective different materials are. We will be moving on to experimenting with shadows and how they change depending on the location of the light source in the coming weeks.

We are thoroughly enjoying our current History topic of the Ancient Egyptians. This week, we learnt all about Ancient Egyptian beliefs surrounding mummification as well as different stages of the process. We brought our learning to life by mummifying bananas! First we cleaned them using water from the 'River Nile', then used a paperclip as a hook to remove the banana and its vital organs. We then dried out the bananas and have left them in salt to dry out. Hopefully next week, once the bananas have dried, we will be able to continue with the next stage of the process!

Chestnut worked on their teamwork skills in PSHE this week. They learned how important it is to listen to each other's ideas and to share their experience in order to solve problems. Would you be able to hold up the same pieces of paper as your partner, without facing each other? Or turn 3 triangles into 4 by only moving two sides?

Word of the Week: Perseverance



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Pine

In English, we finished our unit on Greek myths. The children created their own heroes (many of them turning their own names into Greek names by adding eus) and invented their own villains. Using everything they have learnt this year, they wrote a full story and in true Greek myth style ensured it definitely did not have a happy ending.

In maths we have been learning about properties of shape. The children can now identify different quadrilaterals by recognising their properties. Do ask them to tell you the names of all the different types of triangles and quadrilaterals. They have also had great fun with mirrors and using them not only to admire their reflections but also for finding the line of symmetry in a variety of shapes.

In history, we have been researching the achievements of the Ancient Greeks. Split into teams, we found out about the advancements the Ancient Greeks made in a given subject (astronomy, Olympics, democracy, mathematics, architecture and medicine). We then collated our findings into a poster and presented it to the rest of the class.

We are sad that our gymnastics lessons will be coming to an end with Miss Andrews soon but we are so proud of how far we have come. We really pushed ourselves this week, all of us showing great determination to achieve a lasting handstand.

Word of the Week (last week): atrocious
Word of the Week: oblivious



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Outside Achievements

A big well done to Charlotte and Georgia. Look at those big smiles and even bigger trophies! Keep working hard at football girls!



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