



King's Academy Binfield

27/05/22

Dare to be Remarkable



Head of Primary News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we have had a wonderful time celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was a fantastic way to end this half term. The children enjoyed a variety of Jubilee themed activities before enjoying their snacks during a picnic.

This has been a short term but one filled with learning and achievements. Our Year 2 children worked incredibly hard throughout their Special Agent Training (SATs) and I was pleased to see them receive their Special Agent business cards and certificates. The learning will continue on after half term and, during the next half term, the students in Year 1 will complete the Phonics Screening Check and the Year 4 students will complete the Multiplication Check.

We will be completing our final trips next half term! So far the children who have visited London Zoo and Windsor Castle have had the most wonderful days whilst being beautifully behaved.

Open Afternoon

We would like to invite you to our Open Afternoon on Tuesday 21st June for KAO and Thursday 23rd June for KAB. You will get the chance to look through your child's books and see inside their classroom. You can also go to the other classes to see what your children will be learning next year and beyond! The open event will run from 3:45 - 4:45pm. Please collect your child as normal and wait 15 minutes on the playground for teachers to ensure their rooms are ready. We will open the doors back up to you as soon as possible.

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Summer Safety

As the weather gets warmer, please watch this short video clip from the NHS about water and window safety around young children.

[NHS urges summer safety awareness to keep children out of danger \(frimleyccg.nhs.uk\)](https://www.frimleyccg.nhs.uk)

Best wishes,

Kind Regards



Jacqueline Tate

Head of Primary

Important Dates

Friday 27th May: Street Party - bring a snack!

Monday 30th May: 3rd June: Half Term Break

Wednesday 8th June: Year 2 STEM Day

Thursday 9th June - EYFS Planetarium Visit (at KAO)

Tuesday 14th June: Year 3 trip to Pizza Express

Tuesday 21st June: KAO open afternoon 3:45pm - 4:45pm (more info to follow)

Wednesday 22nd June - Trip to Milestones Museum (more info to follow)

Thursday 23rd June: KAB open afternoon 3:45pm - 4:45pm (more info to follow)

Monday 4th July: KAO Sports Day (more info to follow)

Tuesday 5th July: KAB Sports Day (more info to follow)

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 (more information to follow)

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

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Ruby

Word of the week (last week): Fewer

Word of the week: Anniversary

Ruby class had a wonderful learning experience last week when Charlie's daddy, James, came to tell us all about his job as a soldier. The children were in awe as they heard all about some of the important roles of a soldier and got to see some very interesting equipment as well as try on different types of uniform. We listened intently and asked lots of brilliant questions to develop our knowledge and understanding. The experience was finished with camouflage face paint, making our own hats and exploring glow sticks in the dark. A big thank you to James for enriching the children's learning with such an exciting and special experience.

We have also had the excitement of chrysalides and butterflies over the last two weeks. It has been incredible to watch the life cycle of the butterflies with our very own eyes and Ruby Class have been so wonderful at taking care of the caterpillars and butterflies. This week we have watched the butterflies emerge and were able to release them into our garden. We hope they enjoy the nectar from our beautiful flowers and find somewhere to lay their eggs for the life cycle to begin again.

What a fantastic end to the first half of the summer term! Well done for all of your hard work and enthusiasm for learning Ruby class, we hope you enjoy your half term.



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Ruby class butterflies



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Emerald

Word of the week (last week): Free range

Word of the week: Coronation

We had a wonderful week last week getting to know our brood of chicks before they returned to live a free-range life at Row Farm. The children came up with some great names for our chicks and the results of the vote were Chicken Licken, Elsa, Daisy, Loveheart, Sonic and Tails! The farmer loved the names we chose! The children cared for them so well and although we are missing them we have been pleased to hear from the farmer that they are very happy. The children wrote some lovely cards for the chicks to take with them to their new home.

We weren't without feathery friends for long though as on Wednesday, Lizzie from the British Hen Welfare Trust came to run a special workshop to help the children learn even more about eggs and chickens. She brought two of her rescue hens, Tinsel and Pocket and Emerald Class loved being able to stroke them. They were fascinated to find out that chickens have 3 eyelids and to find out how a chick grows inside an egg. Lizzie also helped us understand the difference between caged and free range eggs and reminded us how important it is to buy free range eggs. The children enjoyed trying to break eggs by squeezing them- we discovered just how strong eggs really are!

This week our learning has focused around the Queen's platinum jubilee. We have learnt lots about our Queen and her family. We've been preparing for our street party on Friday by making Union Jack flags, bunting and even making cucumber sandwiches! We have also learnt the national anthem so we can sing it at our street party. The children have been absolutely flabbergasted that our Queen has reigned for 70 years- we all think it is an amazing achievement.

We also looked at the results of an 'egg-speriment' we have been doing in class to see how different drinks effect eggshells which is a bit like the enamel on our teeth. We discovered that Squash and orange juice did the most damage to the shells and that water was the best! Have a fabulous half term everyone, I can't quite believe next term is Emerald Class' last term of Reception but what incredible Year 1s they will be!



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Opal

Word of the week (last week): temperature

The class were so excited to find out that Mrs Dewhirst's baby had arrived safely. Today they had a visit from Mrs Dewhirst and baby Grace which put a big smile on everyone's faces.

In English, Opal class have been working on writing the story of 'Handa's Surprise'. The children changed the fruit and animals in the story and wrote some incredible adjectives to describe them. I have been so impressed with how hard they have worked on these stories and how proud they are of themselves for achieving their own personal goals within the lesson. The children also made origami animals based on the story.

In Art and Geography, the children have created beautiful drawings of the Keyan Landscape using chalk pastels. As a lovely class treat this week, the children went to the hall for a cinema afternoon. This afternoon the class loved celebrating the Platinum Jubilee with the other children within the Academy. It has been a wonderful way to round off this half term!



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Topaz

Word of the week (last week): grotty

Word of the week: germination (catching up after Miss Kenney had COVID before Easter)

Topaz class successfully completed two weeks for Special Agent Training and celebrated this on Monday when they received their ID badges and certificates. They then continued to work hard this week, finishing off science experiments, writing amazing stories with repeating patterns and completing some maths work on position and direction. The half term ended with another fantastic day today as the children did lots of special art activities themed around the Platinum Jubilee, their usual gymnastics lesson with the specialist coach and finally, a lovely picnic in the Reception garden. I hope the children all manage to have a good rest over half term and come back raring to go in the final half term.



Special Educational Needs

We are very proud to be taking part in the Umbrella Project in the local area. The Umbrella Project helps to raise awareness and understanding of neurodiversity.

Colourful umbrellas have been strung together over public spaces, in schools, and in company buildings around the nation. Each display is designed to represent the one in five of us who have a neurodevelopmental condition, such as ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia or Tourette's syndrome. These conditions fall under the umbrella term of neurodiversity.



Watch out for our Umbrella display!
You can find out more here:

<https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/what-we-do/umbrella-project/>

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