



King's Academy Binfield



## Dare to be Remarkable

### Head of Primary News

13/05/22

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 2 have made a wonderful start to their Special Agent Training (SATs) and are really impressing us with their amazing skills. Please remember that SATs only form a very minimal part of our assessment of your children and the knowledge that our teachers have of them is our most valuable assessment. We couldn't be more proud of your sons and daughters and the maturity they have shown so far.

This week we have said goodbye to our wonderful Mrs Lewis who is moving away from teaching. We wish Mrs Lewis all the best and we will all miss her very much!

At the end of next week, Mrs Dewhist will be going on maternity leave! We wish Mrs Dewhist all the best for her impending arrival and we all look forward to meeting the baby when she arrives! Year 1 KAB parents, I will write to you at the start of next week about staffing arrangements for the class but rest assured that we have wonderful cover in place for them.

### Green Canopy Project

On Tuesday, Eva and Rachel represented KAB and KAO wonderfully at the Queen's Green Canopy "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee" event. 70 trees have been planted adjacent to the Royal Procession route from Windsor Castle to Ascot Racecourse. We are delighted that KAB and KAO each have a dedicated tree making up the 70 trees planted marking each year of Her Majesty The Queen's reign.

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Have a wonderful weekend.

*J Tate*

Jacqueline Tate  
Head of Primary

#### Important dates

**Wednesday 25th May:** Year 3 trip to London Zoo  
**Monday 30th May - 3rd June:** Half Term Break  
**Tuesday 14th June:** Year 3 trip to Pizza Express  
**Tuesday 21st June:** KAO open afternoon 4pm - 5pm (more info to follow)  
**Thursday 23rd June:** KAB open afternoon 4pm - 5pm (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

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## Ruby

**Word of the week (last week):** Mosque

**Word of the week:** Patience

Last week the children were enthusiastic to learn about the Islamic festival of Eid. We were very lucky to have Lema's mummy visiting our class to support us to learn about how Eid is celebrated in their family. We loved seeing Lema's special clothes that she wore for their celebrations. We made cards and learned about the significance of the symbol of the crescent moon and star. Thank you very much Marjan for supporting our learning in Ruby Class.

We have been carefully observing our caterpillars eating all of their food and growing into great big caterpillars. We have been amazed by the changes we have seen, especially as this week we have seen the transformation from caterpillar to chrysalis. Further learning on our Life Cycle topic has included growing broad beans in a clear cup to see what happens next! Watch this space!



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## Emerald

**Word of the week (last week):** Religion

**Word of the week:** Brood

As some of our school community were celebrating Eid last week, our learning in Emerald Class was focused around this very special celebration. On Thursday, Yara's big sister Reem, her Mummy and their friend Rahila kindly came to visit Emerald Class to help us learn more about Eid and the Islam faith. It was such a brilliant morning which the children thoroughly enjoyed. The children learnt more about Ramadam and Eid, how Muslims wash and pray using a prayer mat and the type of clothes that they wear (which we got to try on!). A highlight for many was having a beautiful henna mehndi design created on their hand. The children were even given a special Eid treat to take home. A huge thank you to Reem, Sawsan and Rahila for giving up their time to help Emerald Class learn more about their faith.

In maths last week, we practised our doubling skills and this week we are focusing on subtraction.

The children have been loving observing our caterpillars in class and seeing how rapidly they are growing. We are looking forward to seeing their metamorphosis take place!

We had an incredibly egg-citing day yesterday with the hatching of 6 of our chicks. It was so amazing to watch this and see the amazing determination the chicks show when hatching from their egg! Emerald Class were so excited and we are so looking forward to getting to know our brood of feathery friends over the next week.



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## Opal

**Word of the week (last week):** shabby

**Word of the week:** Fraction

Opal Class have been very busy over the last couple of weeks! In English, we have been learning about some significant figures; Winston Churchill, Marie Curie, Florence Nightingale and Nelson Mandela. The class then chose which significant figure they wanted to write an information text about and I have been blown away by their writing!

In Maths, we have been learning about fractions and the children have been finding halves of a shape and of a quantity. Today, we have also started to find quarters of a shape. In Geography, the children have really enjoyed learning about Kenya and its geographical features.

In Science, we have been conducting our own investigation into the weather in Spring. We have used a thermometer and recorded the temperature onto a bar chart every day over the last week to compare with the temperature data that we recorded in the Winter.

In Art, we have been learning about Vincent Van Gogh and one of his famous paintings; 'Sunflowers'. The children impressed me so much this week with their interpretations of his artwork. They put so much effort into their work and really thought about the colours they were using as well as what media they wanted to use. Well done Opal Class! What a fabulous couple of weeks!



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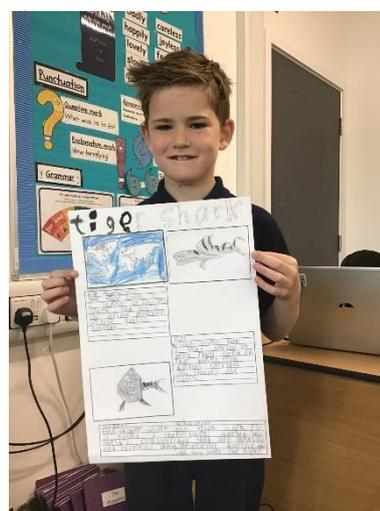
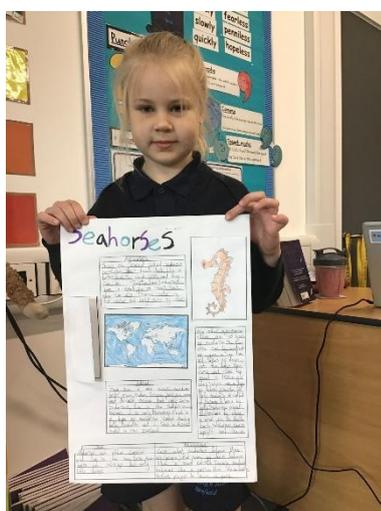
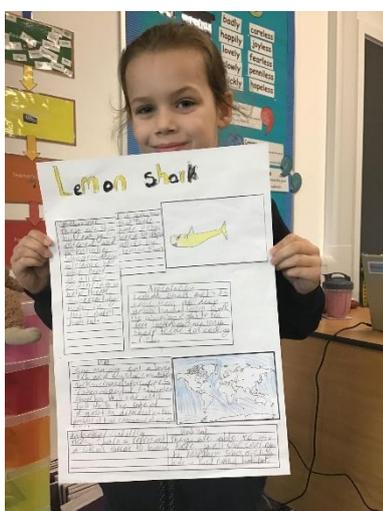
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## Topaz

**Word of the week (last week):**

**Word of the week: bioluminescent**

Topaz Class children have taken the first week of SATS in their stride and I couldn't be prouder. However, their highlight of the week is the research project they are undertaking while other children are completing their SATS. The children all chose a marine animal to research on Monday, which fits well with our geography unit on Oceans and Sea and our science unit on Living Things and their Habitats. They have been using the search engine Kiddle on the chromebooks and a range of information books to find out about their animal under the subheadings of Appearance, Diet, Habitat, Behaviour and Other Information. They are now starting to turn the information into posters and leaflets. Below are some wonderful examples and there are many more under construction. We have also done lots for additional P.E., art and geography in the afternoons. Year 2 even managed to sneak down to Emerald class to see the chicks hatching on Thursday afternoon.



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