



King's Academy Binfield



Dare to be Remarkable

10/02/2022

Head of Primary News:

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am really pleased to report that Covid cases have dropped hugely amongst staff and students. We are hopeful that the next few months will continue with less disruption than we have seen over this term. Even with the challenges of bubble learning, the teachers have been incredible at offering wonderful learning opportunities for your children which will be expanded over the coming terms.

I am extremely excited to let you know about our 'Friday Enrichment Offer'. Every Friday afternoon, after half term and until the end of the academic year, all adults within school (teachers, support staff and admin staff) will be running enrichment sessions which will teach the children new skills or give them the opportunity to take part in something that interests them and furthers their learning. The sessions on offer cover things such as: ballet, STEM, cookery, craft, first aid, nature, construction, computing and much more! The children have applied for three different sessions and will find out which enrichment course they will be taking part in after half term. We will of course share updates on these sessions with you in the newsletter.

You will know what your child is learning about this term through the Spring Term Curriculum letters which were sent out a few weeks ago, you can also look at the 'primary curriculum' tab on our website to find out more. Parents' Evening is coming up at the end of March and the second school report will go home just before this to let you know how your child is getting on at school. One thing we haven't yet been able to offer but will be offering early in the summer term are 'book looks'. The opportunity for you to pop in after school to look through your child's books with them. We will be offering this on a number of days after Easter so please look out for a future letter from your child's class teacher.

I hope you have a wonderful half-term and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 22nd February.

Best Wishes,

Jacqueline Tate

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Important Dates:

Friday 11th February: Inset Day (academy closed to all pupils)

Monday 21st February: Inset Day (academy closed to all pupils)

Thursday 3rd March: World Book Day

10th/11th/12th March: Secondary Phase production of We Will Rock you!

Friday 11th March: Year 1 Windsor Castle Trip

Wednesday 15th March: Wellbeing Day

Tuesday 29th March: Fantastic Fred NHS Theatre Show KAO

Wednesday 30th March: Parents Evening

Thursday 31st March: Fantastic Fred NHS Theatre Show KAB/Parents Evening

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Ruby:

Last week Ruby class read 'Rosie's Walk' and developed their knowledge and understanding of positional language. We had a fantastic time putting these new words into practice on our obstacle course outside. The children showed a huge interest in drawing their own maps and using them to give each other directions. On Thursday afternoon we took our maps onto the field to see if we could find any treasure. We couldn't believe it when we found a real treasure chest!

We have also been looking on Google Earth to find Binfield and Kings Academy and were excited to recognise some of the things we could see. The children wanted to see if we could find: animals, trains, Peppa Pig Land and Legoland on Google Earth too and shared their knowledge and understanding with each other as we zoomed in on different places.

This week we are taking part in 'Children's Mental Health Week' and focusing on things that make us feel happy. Ruby Class have been taking part in yoga, painting, music, dancing and gardening. We have been talking about our aspirations and have some wonderful ambitions in the class. Well done Ruby Class.

Word of the week:

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This week: Aspiration



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Emerald:

Word of the week:

Last week: Bedraggled

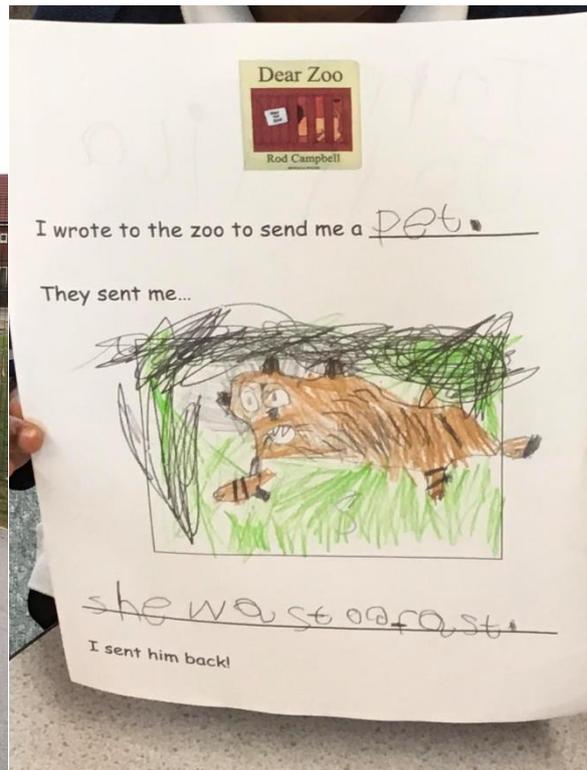
This week: Endangered

Last week, the children in Emerald Class had great fun learning all about Lunar New Year. They heard the story behind the Chinese Zodiac and loved acting out the story using animal masks. They did a super job ordering the animals in the correct finishing place in the race. Perhaps you could find out what animal year you were born in?

After watching a clip of Chinese dragon dancing, the children felt inspired to make their own dragon and paraded it around the playground, accompanied by percussion instruments. The children showcased their great cutting and sticking skills whilst making gorgeous lanterns which adorned our Chinese restaurant role play area. The week ended with a special treat of sampling some delectable Chinese food!

This week, our learning has revolved around the popular book 'Dear Zoo' and we've been learning more about wild animals and why some are kept in zoos. We've been creating our very own Emerald Class 'Dear Zoo' book, thinking about what adjectives to use to describe the animals and in maths have been exploring height and length. We've ended the week by learning more about Valentine's Day as it is coming up in half term, including the story of St Valentine himself.

Wishing you all a restful, safe and enjoyable half term! Well done Emerald Class on another fantastic half term of learning and fun!



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Opal:

Word of the week

Last week: venomous

This week: population

Opal class have been continuing with their unit on continents in Geography. The children are now experts at finding continents on an atlas and have so many interesting facts about the 7 continents! We have particularly enjoyed learning the continent song and also what animals can be found on each continent. In English, we have been using our knowledge of the continents to create an information booklet. Their writing for this has been wonderful! I am so proud of how much effort they have all made with their information booklets.

In Maths over the last two weeks, we have been learning about place value to 50. We have been exploring numbers and how many tens and ones they have along with how this can support us to order and compare numbers to 50. In Music, the class had a fantastic lesson last week where they had a first try at playing recorders!

In Computing this half term, the children have been practising logging into Purple Mash and creating their own digital artwork. In Art over the last couple of weeks, we have been creating our own shoebox habitats! The children used their research and designs from the beginning of the half term to think about what materials they were using. I am so impressed with their habitats, they look incredible!



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Topaz:
Word of the week
Last week: data
This week: biodiversity

Topaz class has had a wonderful last two weeks of this half term. They received lots of messages from Fairy Land after reading Instructions, by Neil Gaiman and Charles Vess. They did a favour for Mayor Bon-Bon (the Mayor of FairyLand) when all the punctuation in FairyLand was stolen and received maps of FairyLand as a reward. The children wrote the most amazing instructions on how to travel safely through FairyLand.

We finished our class reader Fantastic Mr Fox and wrote detailed character descriptions of Mr Fox himself. In Maths, the children have been doing statistics. We learned how to collect data in a range of tables including tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams. The children worked hard to interpret the data and ask and answer questions.

In Science the children made their own paper (which has come out as a slightly fragile almost cardboard like consistency) and have begun an experiment to investigate the biodegradability of different materials.

Finally, as a class they have collectively received more than 1000 dojo (or house) points this year and their reward was an afternoon of making slime in the secondary science lab with some assistance from the amazing staff and students from the secondary science department.



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