



King's Academy Oakwood

**Dare to be Remarkable**



## Head of Primary News

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school has been buzzing this week with many exciting learning opportunities on offer. The children have a real love for learning and embrace every opportunity they are given. We are particularly proud of the love for reading that our students show!

The children took part in a Remembrance Assembly yesterday and showcased impeccable behaviour. The service was held remotely so that all children at KAB and KAO including our secondary students were involved. We listened to the Last Post being played on a bugle, the secondary students read poems and our student council hung messages of thanks to all those who fought during the Wars on a tree in our field. It was a special service to be part of!

We have started preparing for Christmas assemblies and productions and we are really hoping that we will be able to invite our parents in for those. We will keep you updated as the term progresses but the provisional dates are listed below. At the moment we anticipate that 2 family members will be able to attend per child.

If your child is coming to school with a lunchbox, please can you ensure that it doesn't contain any nuts as we have students and staff with allergies. Also, please be mindful of the sweet option you provide. We know that the children who get hot dinners also have a pudding option so are happy for you to provide an equivalent but unfortunately chocolate bars are not acceptable.

**On Monday 15th, your child can come to school wearing odd socks to promote Anti-bullying day. There will be a number of activities and learning opportunities throughout the week to promote anti-bullying.**

Have a wonderful weekend!

Jacqueline Tate  
Head of Primary

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## Christmas Productions/Assemblies (These may change due to Covid restrictions at the time)

### KAB:

Year N 6th December at 2:30pm

Year R 13th December at 09:30am

Year 1 and Year 2: 9th December at 10am and 2pm

### KAO:

Year R: 13th December at 10:45am

Year 1 and Year 2: 8th December at 10am and 2pm

Year 3 and Year 4: 7th December at 2pm or 6pm

### Willow

#### Words of the week:

Last week: Spectacular

This week: Delectable

We've had a busy couple of weeks of learning in Willow Class and are continuing to have lots of fun at school! Last week we had fun celebrating Diwali. We were lucky to have a visit from Niva's mum (Mrs. Nathu) who told us about the festival of light and made some delicious savoury snacks for us to try. We enjoyed listening to the story of Rama and Sita. We worked together to create a wonderful Rangoli pattern which Mrs. Nathu kindly drew for us. We adored making beautiful clay diva lamps.



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We ended our brilliant week by making bonfire snacks such as breadstick sparklers, marshmallows on sticks and fruit rockets. The children enjoyed eating them around a pretend camp fire in the classroom while we watched some fireworks.

This week, our text is 'The Little Red Hen' the children loved tasting and making bread. The children were amazing at retelling and acting out the story. On Thursday, we learnt about Remembrance Day and why some people choose to wear poppies at this time



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## Ash

### Word of the week: Thoughtful

Ash class have had an exciting couple of weeks! They absolutely loved going out of school on a local area walk this week for our Geography topic. We were spotting different human and physical signs and had some brilliant discussions about nature along the way.

Last week, in English, we explored the story 'Can't you sleep, Little Bear?'. The children matched different vocabulary to the pictures and came up with some of their own to begin getting them to use exciting 'wow words' within their writing. This week, we have been focusing on 'Owl Babies'. We have been doing some role play of the story with stick puppets where they got to come up and perform the story to their peers. I was so impressed with the different story language the children were including!

We have begun our 'Toys' topic in History this week where the children sorted old and new toys. We looked at the different materials used and had some fantastic discussions about how wood toys are coming back due to the environment.



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## Birch

Birch have been very creative over the first few weeks this term. They enjoyed creating their own firework art by using straws and blowing paint using such beautiful colours for Bonfire Night. The children have also enjoyed making finger-print poppies for Remembrance Day. Some made about 5 each!

As well as all of this art, children have been exploring the creative arts and composing rhythms and learning how to play them using different percussion instruments. They all worked so wonderfully together and really impressed me with their composition skills.

This half term in Science, we have been thinking about materials and all the different properties learning exciting new words to describe them. We went on a walk around school taking photos of all the objects we could find around school that had been made of plastic, metal, wood and glass. The class were so good at finding very obscure objects in every corner of the school.



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## Chestnut

Chestnut Class have made a super start to the new term and have impressed me with their inquisitive nature and their excitement for our new learning.

In Maths, we have been learning to use column addition and subtraction to add and subtract larger numbers. I have been so impressed with the way the children have not only grasped these new concepts but also their ability to explain the reasoning behind the methods. In English, we have been working very hard on punctuating speech accurately within fiction writing. There is a lot to think about and remember when using dialogue in writing but the children have been doing this with great accuracy.

We have begun a new geography topic of the Rainforest this term and the children have thoroughly enjoyed using an atlas to locate countries where rainforests are found. We have explored the location of these countries in relation to the equator, the tropic of capricorn and the tropic of cancer. We have also been comparing the climate to that in the UK.

In Science, we have continued our topic of Rocks and Soil with a focus on soil. We have explored the different layers of soil and what it is made up of. We have explored how soils are different as a result of different minerals. The children were very excited to bury 100% cotton socks in different places around the field. When we dig them up in eight weeks, we are hoping to find lots of holes as this will show the soil is healthy, due to the presence of lots of microorganisms.



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## Pine

### Word of the week: tangible

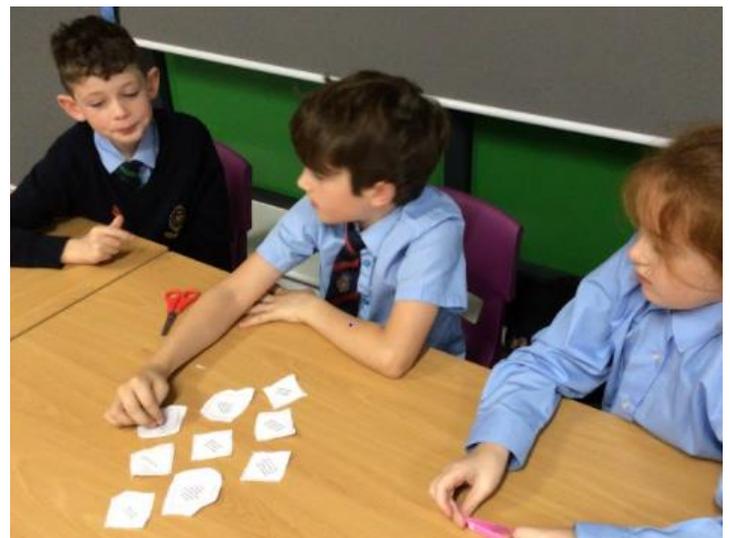
What a fun start we have had to this term in Pine class. The children continue to amaze me with their independence, hard work and creativity.

In English, we have been learning how to describe a setting. We have had great fun writing spooky stories; focusing on using our senses, choosing rich descriptive vocabulary and opening our paragraphs in a variety of ways. Ask your children about DADWAVERS.

In maths, our topic has been length. We started by learning to convert between mm, cm, m and km and then extended this learning to learn about perimeter. We had great fun working in groups to create our own shapes in the hall and then investigate the best ways to get an accurate result. Well done to those who figured out what the string was for.

In science, we started learning about changing states and set up an experiment to investigate influences on evaporation by growing salt crystals in various locations around the classroom.

In geography, we identified key British rivers and used an atlas to locate them on a map. We've also started a research project on a famous river of their choice which the children will prepare on Google Slides and then teach to the class. In RE, we started a new unit on Christianity and debated the most important thing that Jesus said.



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## Outside Achievements

We would like to say a massive well done to Reuben and Lorenzo in Year 4 and Luigi in Year 2 on their amazing achievements at their KickBoxing Club. Reuben has been graded Orange Stripe Belt, Lorenzo has been graded Red Belt and Luigi has been graded White Stripe Belt. We are so very proud of you all.



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