



King's Academy Binfield

Dare to be Remarkable

Head of Primary News

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week marks the start of our Parents' Evening session with two successful evenings at KAB. Next week will be Parents' Evening for KAO and we look forward to talking to you about how your child has settled into their new classes. This term, following positive feedback last year, we offered one virtual and one face to face event. It is clear to see that the face to face meetings have proven to be most popular and we will consider that when arranging parents' evenings in the Spring term. I hope you enjoyed reading the report from your child's class teacher. They were a pleasure to read and it is clear to see what a long way the children have come in a short time.

A huge welcome to our new PTA members and thank you for giving your time to fundraise and improve experiences for our students. The PTA have lots of lovely ideas for the next term and beyond and will be in touch with parents soon. Also a massive thankyou to our PTA members who have just stepped down. You found ways to raise money in the hardest of times.

It is understandable with the mixing of children and lifting of Covid restrictions that children will become unwell with colds and sickness bugs this term. We will continue to uphold hygiene standards to help stop the spread of any viruses. Children do need to be in school every day unless very unwell. The learning lost when a child is off has a significant impact upon them. We have seen an increase in parents requesting time off during term time which can only be given in exceptional circumstances which is highly unlikely to include a holiday. If a child misses 5 days in EYFS, this means they will have missed learning 5 new sounds that week and will need to catch up the following week which is difficult. Please keep term time absence to a minimum. Appointments for things like the dentist and opticians should be booked around school hours and any other time off for medical appointments such as hospital appointments need to be requested prior to the day and include the appointment letter in the request. We cannot allow for children to be collected early unless it has been approved by myself and constitutes an exceptional circumstance or medical appointment for the child.

This week I have received a number of complaints from both sites regarding parents speeding in, and around, the site. At KAB, as you drive through St George's Park, please be mindful that the limit is 9.5mph and that it is an exceptionally busy road with parents and students walking or cycling to and from school. At KAO, when entering the drop off point, please do so slowly and park considerately. I am pleased to see that congestion is easing now that many parents are exiting via Ellwood Fields - thank you to the parent who brought that route to our attention.

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This is our last newsletter before half term so have a wonderful rest and we will see you back on 1st November.

Best wishes,

Jacqueline Tate
Head of Primary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Tate". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative initial 'J'.

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Ruby

Ruby Class have been tuning into different sounds in the world around us. We have been on adventures around the school to see what we can hear. The children were fantastic at standing quietly as we listened for any sounds and were excited to hear diggers, aeroplanes and birds. We were very happy that we had the opportunity to explore the huge school field on our walk and even more excited to see the school tractor! We have been practising making our own sounds by playing lots of games and reading stories such as 'The Listening Walk' and 'Peace at Last'.

In P.E. we have been developing our gross motor skills as we used different equipment to crawl, climb, balance and jump. The children worked hard on all of the DARE values as they persevered to develop and achieve new skills. Well done Ruby Class!



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Emerald

We've had a busy couple of weeks of learning in Emerald Class and are continuing to have lots of fun at school!

We continued our learning on 'The Colour Monster' last week and the children were very excited to receive some letters from The Colour monster himself! Lots of children wanted to write back to him and they did a fabulous job using the sounds they have learnt to write letters back to him! They enjoyed making their own colour monsters and labelling them in our Literacy lessons.

This week, to help celebrate Black History month, we have been learning about Rosa Parks and what an inspiration she is to so many people. In maths, the children have really enjoyed exploring capacity in the mud kitchen and have also enjoyed learning about patterns and spotting patterns all around us! They made some beautiful pattern necklaces.



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Last week's word of the week: Adore
Word of the week: Inspiration

Opal

Opal class have had a busy couple of weeks! In Maths, we have been adding and making addition fact families which the children have been simply amazing at! In English last week, we learnt and wrote the story of the Snail and the Whale. I was extremely impressed by their writing and how much effort they put into their work. This week, we have been learning about rhyming words and having a go at making our own rhyming ladders. This has been quite challenging but also quite fun!

In Science, we have been learning about our senses and have been thinking about what senses we use by sorting objects. We even had some food to taste which everyone really enjoyed! In Music this week, the children have really been getting to grips with the rhythm and beat of a piece of music. For forest school this week, we made nature pictures using materials that we could find outside. The children made such beautiful pictures and worked so well together which was wonderful to see.

For the last two weeks, we have been continuing our 'show and tell' activities and we have loved every minute! The children have brought in such interesting things to talk about and everyone has been asking such lovely questions.

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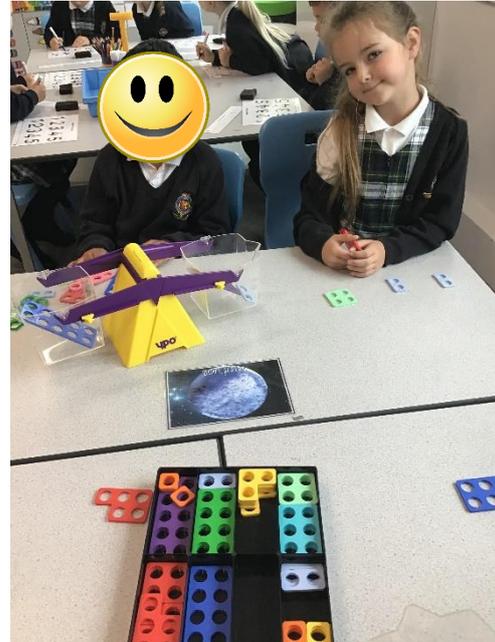
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Word of the week: Rhyme

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Topaz

I cannot believe we are almost at the end of our first half term already. The children have been absolutely fantastic and although they are tired and ready for half term, they continue to work hard and engage with all of our learning.

This week they have been looking at the poem *The Sound Collector* by Roger McGough and seven children have even been brave enough to read a verse each in our Friday celebration assembly. Reading poetry aloud is a wonderful way to build confidence with performing and speaking publicly and this is something we will continue to do in assemblies making sure all the children get this opportunity. They are starting to write their own poems now, imagining that the sound collector has come to our school. I cannot wait to see their finished poems, some of which we will be displaying in the corridor outside the classroom.

In maths, the children continue to work on addition and are now finding different ways to add a one digit number to a two digit number. We will continue to work on this so they are able to select a method by looking at the question and to use their addition skills to solve more challenging problems.

Finally, below are some examples of the children's beautiful art books (which we did not have in Year 1), the children have been learning about colour this half term and doing lots of painting, you can see here how we were learned about the artist Wassily Kandinsky and the children have created their own pictures inspired by his work.



Word of the week: Onomatopoeia

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