



King's Academy Oakwood

**Dare to be Remarkable**



## Head of Primary News

At both King's Academy Binfield and King's Academy Oakwood the staff have been blown away by how wonderfully our new children have settled into school and life and how well our existing children have coped with the new changes!

As I walk around both academies, everything is calm with lots of fun and engaging learning happening; you would never know we are at the start of the Autumn Term. It has been so wonderful to see all children having the opportunity to mix with others outside of their classrooms. The return of assemblies in the hall has been a favourite of mine and our first assembly all together was a very special moment. The children have been enjoying their singing assemblies with Miss Begbie and have started learning harvest songs with 'Cauliflowers Fluffy' being a favourite for them all!

We were pleased that our after school sports coach returned this week for KS2 children offering tag rugby and basketball. A full range of teacher led sports clubs will be released next week with you able to sign up for a club for your child. We will be offering a range of clubs from Disney singalong to fitness. This year we will be offering some of these clubs during the lunch hour as staying after school until 4:15pm can be a challenge for some of our youngest students whilst they get used to the long school day.

If you have a child in Year R or Year 1 and you haven't yet signed up for the phonics talk, please do if you are able to! Miss Kenney, Miss Mederson and myself are really looking forward to meeting you and talking about how you can support your children at home.

See below for information about the wonderful start to term had by all of our students.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs Tate

Head of Primary

## Reminders:

Thank you for sending your children to school looking so smart. We know that some of our uniform rules are stricter than other local primary schools, but we are also preparing these children to enter the secondary phase at KAB and do not want to allow something in the primary phase only for it to change

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as they enter the secondary phase. Clear consistent rules are easiest for all and the children look incredibly smart. Just a reminder about some of our important uniform policy points:

- No bows or other adornments in hair
- Hair to be tied back if longer than shoulder length
- Only one small plain gold or plain silver stud to be worn in the ears (no sparkles, hoops etc)
- Trousers, socks and tights to be plain black with the winter uniform
- White socks to be worn with plain white trainers for PE
- No branded/logo items
- Shoes should be plain black, flat and logo free (no trainers or boots)

If you have any questions regarding our uniform policy, please email our admin address and your email will be forwarded to the most appropriate person to help. **Our PTA has a wonderful selection of pre-loved uniforms for anyone needing any extra!**

I know that at both sites, parking has been a challenge at the start and end of the day. We are extremely lucky to have any parking onsite as many other local schools do not, however it can be extremely frustrating as a parent to be stuck trying to get your child to and from school. Please remember that your child can arrive anytime between 08:30 - 08:45 and so you do not need to be at the academy for exactly 08:30. Once you have dropped your child into class, please move off straight away to allow another parent to have the space. At KAB please be mindful of the secondary students entering and leaving the academy. At KAO the building work is causing a slight headache for parents, please rest assured that Miss Scully and I are in constant communication with the site manager to try and make things easier for everyone. If you would like to email the site manager directly, please ask Miss Scully for the email address.

**Children and adults must not ride scooters or bikes anywhere on site. Please ensure that all toddlers and students disembark before entering the academy grounds.**

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## Willow Class

Reception children seem to have settled into life at Kings Academy Oakwood well and have enjoyed exploring their new surroundings. They have been investigating all the areas in their outdoor provision as well as searching for the first signs of autumn and enjoying the space. It has been amazing to see how they are already completely engaged in playing with their new friends.

This week we began our topic 'We're all Wonders!' by reading the story 'We're all Wonders' by R.J Palacio. The children discussed what makes them unique and enjoyed making their own special collage pictures.

We hope all of the children have enjoyed their start to reception as much as we have.

**Word of the week:** Unique



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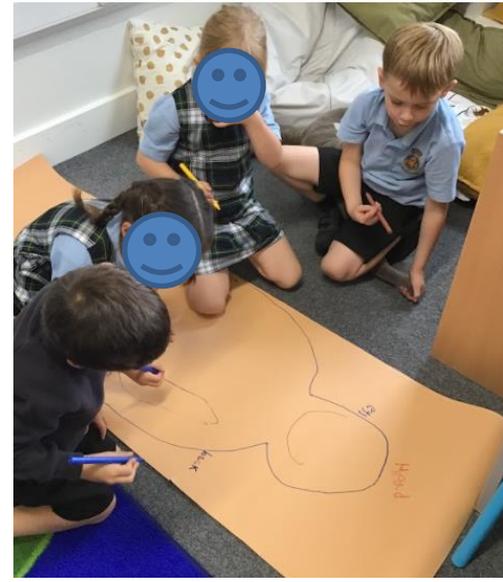
## Ash Class

Ash has had an amazing start to Year 1. I have been blown away by how the children have adapted to the new learning styles. Over the past couple of weeks, we have been studying the book 'Animalphabet' where the children were matching the pictures to their names and placing them in order of the alphabet.

The children have been so enthusiastic in Science where they had the opportunity to look inside their bodies at their organs and skeletons using our interactive t-shirt! The children really enjoyed drawing around each other and labelling our different body parts.

In Maths, the children have been working hard on matching numbers in their numerical form to their written form. Additionally, we have been learning about more and less within 10 and how to use different mathematical resources to support our understanding of concepts.

### Word of the week: Thrilled



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## Birch Class

It has been so amazing to see how well Birch Class have settled into the routines of Year 2.

The class have been enjoying an array of different activities and learning opportunities. In our learning this week, we have been planning our own superhero adventure stories inspired by Mini Grey's Traction Man. The children were so creative with their ideas and it will be so exciting to read their imaginative stories.

We have also been exploring the U.K. in geography, learning about the different landmarks and we will soon be making some traditional treats from some of the countries! In maths we have been revising place value, using different manipulatives to represent two digit numbers as well as comparing them using the greater than and less than symbols.

We were also very lucky to have someone come in and teach us some mini-tennis as well. The children improved so much in such a short time and can't wait for next week's lesson!

## Word of the week: Precious



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### Chestnut Class

Chestnut class have had a very busy first couple of weeks back in school and have been learning to adjust to the routines and expectations of Key Stage Two. I must say, the children all look very smart in their new uniforms!

Over the past two weeks, we have been enjoying exploring the Stone Age in history and have found out how tools and hunting weapons changed during this time period. We also explored the different kinds of foods that people ate during the stone age, and did our own version of stone age hunting with foam javelins on the school field. This week, we had our first visit from Berkshire Maestros, who will be teaching the children to play the clarinet throughout year 3. After our introductory lesson this week, I know how excited the children will be to get started properly next week!

In Maths, we have been exploring the place value of numbers to 1000 and have been using practical resources to aid us in both understanding the values of hundreds, tens and ones and partitioning numbers.

**Word of the week:** Submerge



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## Pine Class

What a wonderful first 2 weeks we have had in Pine Class. I have been so impressed by how quickly the children have settled and got to know all the new routines; showing great maturity and independence as they get used to the expectations of year 4. We have started our learning in all areas of the curriculum. In maths, we have been having great fun using equipment to represent numbers showing our understanding of place value up to 10 000. In English, we have started reading the book 'Way Home' and are focusing on choosing the right words to bring our characters to life as well as using inference to 'show NOT tell' our character's feelings.

**Word of the week:** Inference



## Outside Achievements

Huge congratulations to George and Avery in Year 4 for being awarded a certificate, at the end of the last academic year, for learning all 3 fingers on their violins and also learning some tricky pieces with Berkshire Maestros. Keep up the good work!



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