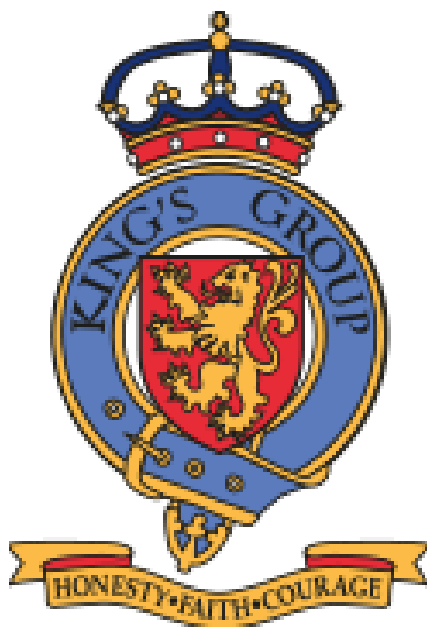


KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing week we have had this week! Following the performance of the alien pantomimes from key stage 1 students and the reception classes' Christmas carols, this week we have been delighted and entertained by our KS2 classes performing a wonderful array of Christmas songs arranged around the poem "Twas the night before Christmas..." and the Winter Showcase from students in Years 7 to 12. The D of E students also did a great job of organising the Christmas fair. My thanks go to all the staff for their hard work in helping students prepare, to parents/carers for your support and to all the students for really starting the holiday with a fantastic festive feel.

On Thursday we all came to school in Christmas jumpers and enjoyed Christmas lunch. We would like to thank all the Chartwells catering staff for their hard work in making Christmas lunch happen, everyone really enjoyed it.

All students return to school on Wednesday 3 January 2024. Primary phase will start at the normal time. Secondary phase students should arrive from 10:30am ready for tutor time at 10.45am. A limited breakfast service will be available from 10:30am. Lessons for secondary phase will commence at 11:05am (P3). Year 9 Immunisations will still go ahead but at the later time.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy start to 2024 in which we can all DARE to be remarkable!

Kind regards,
Mrs Moore



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COURTEOUS DRIVING REMINDER

We've learned of a KAB pupil being soaked after a car drove through a puddle at speed as it travelled along Wood Lane. We would like to remind parents and carers who drive at drop off/pick up time, to be mindful of their speed, and to drive in a courteous manner. Many thanks.

WINTER SHOWCASE AND WINTER FAYRE

We were delighted to host our Secondary Winter Showcase on Tuesday evening, it was a fantastic event. We were, as always, blown away by the talent on show. Students truly did 'Dare to be Remarkable'.



Prior to our Winter Showcase we were delighted to host our Duke of Edinburgh led Winter Fayre, there was an excellent turnout and it was great to see so many of our DoFE students getting involved, thank you for the support.



FAMILY SUPPORT COURSES FOR 2024

Please see **page 10** of the newsletter for details of the latest family support courses available from Bracknell Forest Council that will be running in 2024.

NURSERY & RECEPTION UPDATES

RUBY CLASS

Ruby Class gave the most wonderful performance at our Christmas Singalong on Tuesday afternoon. It is safe to say Miss Greaney, Mrs Woad and the children's families were beaming with pride. Well done everyone! Have a Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



EMERALD CLASS

What a festive few weeks we have had in Emerald Class! There was great excitement when an elf arrived in our classroom at the beginning of the month and the children decided to name her Candy. Emerald Class love seeing what mischief she has been up to- one of their favourite moments was when she decorated our Christmas tree with pants! What a cheeky elf!

Our Christmas tree has been decorated with the beautiful decorations the children have made at home and looks gorgeous.

The children worked so hard rehearsing their Christmas sing-song and did a fabulous job singing their hearts out to parents last Friday. We were so very proud of them all. We also enjoyed watching the KS1 nativity 'Christmas with the aliens' and had lots of giggles watching the

pantomime that came to school!

We have been busy doing lots of Christmas crafts to take home at the end of the term and have also had great fun reading the hilarious book 'Father Christmas needs a wee!'

This week's words of the week: Bursting, Generous, Numerous, Soaring

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2024!



JADE CLASS

Words of the Week: Bursting, Generous, Numerous, Soaring.

As Christmas fast approaches, activities in Jade Class have certainly become more festive! The children sang their hearts out and put on a magnificent Christmas carol performance. We were all so incredibly amazed with each and every one of them. They stole the stage with their brilliant singing and dancing and we could not be prouder.

Within the classroom, the children have loved our festive themed 'Drawing Club' book titled 'Father Christmas Needs a Wee'. Packed with humour, we see Father Christmas arriving at

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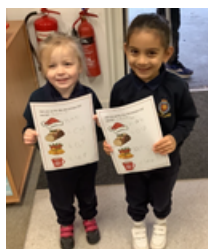
JADE CLASS (CONTINUED)

houses numbered from one through ten and drinking the corresponding number of drinks! The children have particularly loved inventing a new toilet for Father Christmas and their special codes have made their toilets do some rather peculiar things...

Alongside this, the children have been designing and writing Christmas Cards, making wonderful baubles for their trees at home, creating more Christmas crafts, and even preparing delicious reindeer soup!

Towards the end of this week, the children have thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas jumper day and all looked amazing heading down to the hall for their Christmas lunch in their Elf-ears. In addition to this, we had a fantastic time at our Pyjama Party and had so much fun reading Christmas stories, and playing festive games.

We have had such a lovely first full term at school, and we are so excited to welcome your little ones back into class after a well-deserved break. Have a fabulous Christmas everyone!



WILLOW CLASS

It is looking a lot like Christmas in Willow class where gorgeous decorations are dangling everywhere; looking particularly beautiful on our dazzling Christmas tree. Our little elves have also been very busy in their Santa workshop; wrapping presents, writing Christmas cards and wish lists over the past two weeks.

After their extraordinary Nativity performance, the children have been singing Christmas carols non stop and it is safe to say that 'Jingle Bells' is a firm favourite. We even made our very own jingle bells to sing along our favourite carol!

The children were in awe and wonders when Santa himself paid them a visit on Tuesday during our very popular Sleepy Story time. They paraded in their favourite pyjamas, took part in fun party games and enjoyed a scrumptious hot chocolate while listening to their favourite Christmas story! What a fabulous way to end a very special time of the year!

Wishing you all a merry christmas and a happy new year!



YEAR 1-6 LEARNING JOURNEYS

| | Binfield | Oakwood |
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| Year 1 | <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English: Dear Santa DT: Making stockings Other Activities: Christmas with the Aliens <p><u>Opal Class Learning Journey</u></p> <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DT: Making stockings Other activities: Christmas with the Aliens <p><u>Moonstone Class Learning Journey</u></p> | <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths: patterns with 2D shapes DT: Stockings Other Activities: Christmas with the Aliens. <p><u>Ash Learning Journey</u></p> |
| Year 2 | <p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths - Shape Music - The Orchestra Other - Christmas <p><u>Topaz Class Learning Journey</u></p> | <p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DT- Pop up cards Science- materials Other- Christmas show Geography- UK <p><u>Birch Class Learning Journey</u></p> |
| Year 3 | <p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DT - Sewing Rainforest hand puppets Geography - Rainforest animal research <p><u>Quartz Class</u></p> | <p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths - Dividing by 8. English - Writing a balanced argument. Christmas - PJ party! <p><u>Chestnut Class</u></p> |
| Year 4 | <p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths- Multiplication and Division English- Explanation text DT - Working wheels Geography - The Water Cycle <p><u>Amethyst Class</u></p> | <p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DT - Water Wheels Geography - Water Cycle Maths - Multiplication and Division Science - States of Matter <p><u>Pine Class</u></p> |

YEAR 1-6 LEARNING JOURNEYS

| | Binfield | Oakwood |
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| Year 5 | | <p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History- Cataloguing artefacts PSHE- Identifying risks and pressure <p>Sycamore Class</p> |
| Year 6 | | <p>This week's blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art: Jean-Michel Basquiat History: Mayan Calendar wheels English: Poetry Other Activities: Pyjama Party <p>Oak Class</p> |

FREDDIE'S A TOP PLAYER!

A huge well done to Freddie in Emerald Class at KAB, who was awarded Player of the Week at his football club. We are all so proud of Freddie!



RAF MAKES THE GRADE!

We've recently heard that Raf from Year 5 at KAO took part in his first grading with his MMA club, and has been awarded a yellow belt.

Well done Raf on reaching the next level!



ISLA'S TUMBLING SUCCESS

Isla A from Year 5 at KAO took part in her gymnastic club's Christmas Competition on Saturday. Despite having struggled to land some of the moves in during practice lessons, she came away with a bronze medal for



her front tumbles, and a gold medal for her backwards tumbles on the air-track. We're delighted that the hard work and perseverance paid off.

Well done Isla!



KABKAO UPDATES

Y9 MFL THEATRICAL TREAT

This term has been an exciting one for our Year 9 students as they were treated to an exceptional cultural experience right here at King's Academy Binfield. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of our dedicated staff, our students had the privilege of watching two captivating plays delivered in French and Spanish and performed by a professional theatre company.

The first of these performances was a delightful play in French about five students attending an Art Club after school and realising they are trapped in the room. The vibrant Spanish performance related the story of Carlos and Carlota dealing with the mistaken double booking of their airbnb house for the weekend.

Our Year 9 students were transported to different worlds, where the French and Spanish languages and the magic theatre blended seamlessly to create an unforgettable experience. These plays not only complement the language curriculum but also foster a deep appreciation for the arts and different cultures.

Behind the scenes, a big thank you goes out to all the staff and organisers who made these events possible and ensured that our students could enjoy these theatrical treats within the comfort of our school. Such initiatives contribute significantly to the holistic development of our students, fostering a love for languages, the arts, and global perspectives.

We hope that our Year 9 students thoroughly enjoyed these plays and that the experiences have not only broadened their horizons but also instilled in them a curiosity and appreciation for the diverse world around them.

We take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy holiday.

The MFL team.

REMARKABLE READING UPDATE

Please see the graphic below for more information about the secondary phase Remarkable Reading programme.



CHILDREN IN NEED FUNDRAISING TOTAL – FINAL FIGURE

Thank you!

To everyone that made a
donation!

Our final total for KAB/KAO
was

£1,954.26



The money has now
been donated to
Children in Need

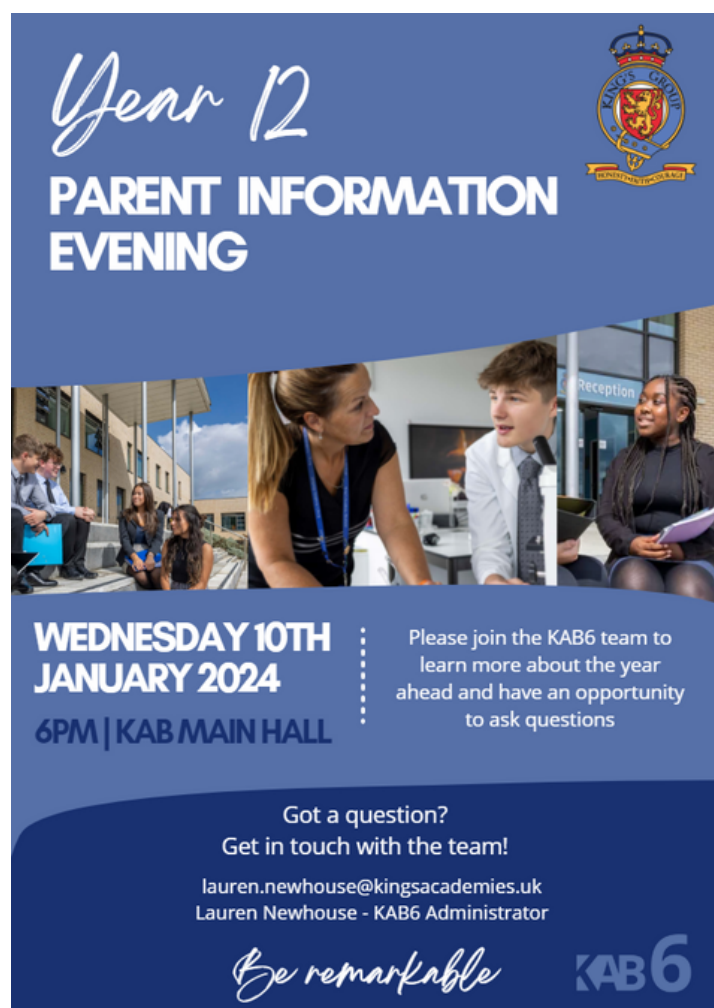


DARE To Be Remarkable

KAB6 UPDATES

YEAR 12 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

We would like to invite parents and carers to the Year 12 Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 10th January at 6pm. This evening will be an opportunity to meet Mrs West, Assistant Principal and Acting Director of KAB6. It will also be an opportunity to learn more about the provision at KAB6 and how you can support your son/daughter in the year ahead.



The poster is for the Year 12 Parent Information Evening. It features a blue background with a white cursive 'Year 12' at the top left. To the right is the Kings' School crest. Below the crest, the text 'PARENT INFORMATION EVENING' is written in white capital letters. In the center, there is a photograph of a group of students and staff members. Below the photo, the text 'WEDNESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2024' is written in white, followed by '6PM | KAB MAIN HALL' in blue. To the right of this, a white box contains the text: 'Please join the KAB6 team to learn more about the year ahead and have an opportunity to ask questions'. At the bottom, there is a dark blue section with white text: 'Got a question? Get in touch with the team! lauren.newhouse@kingsacademies.uk Lauren Newhouse - KAB6 Administrator'. The bottom right corner features the 'Be remarkable' logo and the 'KAB6' logo.

KAB6 APPLICATIONS

Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to have received so many applications for **KAB6 2024 Entry**.

Some students have had their **KAB6** interview and

received an offer of a place to join our Sixth Form community in September 2024. These offers are subject to GCSE results that meet the course entry requirements.

The **KAB6** and Senior Team will be hosting the remaining interviews for all applicants that have applied to **KAB6** on **Thursday 4th January**.

If your son/daughter has applied to **KAB6** they will have received an interview time and the member of staff they are meeting with. Students need to arrive to their meeting 15 minutes before their interview. They will have the opportunity to speak to **KAB6** leadership students and enjoy the **KAB6** common room before and after their interview. Students are welcome to stay at school in the library to study and complete homework ahead of their meeting. **Students will be able to access the KAB6 Cafe** which is the hub of our social activities. We **encourage parents to top up student accounts** so they can purchase items from the cafe. We will also provide a complimentary sweet treat!

If your son/daughter is planning to apply to **KAB6** we encourage them to do so as soon as possible so we can process their application and allocate an interview slot.

There is still time to apply! Deadline for applications is **Wednesday 3rd January 2024**.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the KAB6 team.

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KAB6 ASPIRE LAUNCH

This term has seen the launch of our ASPIRE extra-curricular programme in the sixth form.

At the beginning of term, sixth form students applied for the chance to take part in the programme, with an aim of getting themselves 'future-ready' - whether that be for university, apprenticeships, or the world of work.

Students have taken part in a range of activities and sessions, with external speakers giving students the opportunity to expand their knowledge on topics such as the future of energy, as well as a chance to develop skills such as networking and research.

Looking ahead to next term, students will be working on their own projects in which they have a chance to research an area related to their subjects, in addition to sessions with the army and a variety of other speakers.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| Tuesday 2nd January | INSET Day - school closed to students |
| Wednesday 3rd January | Start of Spring Term - all students in school |
| Wednesday 3rd January | Year 12 Assessment window begins |
| Wednesday 3rd January | Year 9 Immunisations |
| Thursday 4th January | KAB6 Interviews - 3:30-6:30pm |
| Tuesday 9th January | Year 8 Whipsnade Trip (rescheduled date) |
| Thursday 11th January | Year 9 Options/Careers Day |
| Friday 12th January | Year 5 Trip to Silverstone |
| w/c Monday 15th January | Year 8 Assessment Window Opens |
| Wednesday 17th January | Year 4 KAO Trip to BayLab |
| Thursday 18th January | Year 10 Parents Evening - 4-7pm |
| Thursday 18th January | Young Voices Choir - KAB & KAO Primary |
| Friday 19th January | Year 4 KAB Trip to Baylab |

Supporting Your Children Workshops

To book a space please email your full name to Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

These courses are universal (not specific for SEND or particular ages) and for adults supporting children **not** the children themselves so please arrange childcare if needed
Each course is a **standalone 2-hour session** - please be aware that spaces are offered on a **first come first served basis** and parents should not just turn up

Once you have completed an enrolment form your space will be confirmed

Please only book onto the sessions if you are **going to be able to attend** to avoid other parents missing out on the opportunity to have a place or let me know if you can no longer attend.

Helping children to overcome anxious thoughts and worries

A 2-hour session looking at:

- What happens when children become anxious?
- Impact current events have had on children's mental health.
- Techniques for helping children deal with their fears / worries



Wednesday 10th January 2024 (5 spaces remaining) 9.30 – 11.30 am

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre.

Monday 5th February 2024 (7 spaces remaining) 6.30 – 8.30 pm

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre.

Managing Behaviour in a Positive Way

A 2-hour session looking at:

- Gain insight into your parenting style / relationship with your child.
- Learn or revisit positive ways of managing behaviour!
- Strategies to deal with unacceptable behaviours



Monday 15th January 2024 (7 spaces remaining) 9.30 – 11.30 am

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Thursday 22nd February 2024 (7 spaces remaining) 6.30 – 8.30 pm

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Supporting Children to get a Healthy Night's Sleep

A 2-hour session looking at:

- The different sleep issues facing our families.
- Tips on how to get a good night's sleep.
- Help children develop good sleeping habits



Monday 26th February 2024 (12 spaces remaining) 6.30 – 8.30 pm

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Parenting pre / early-teens in a Positive Way (aged 10 - 13)

A 2-hour session looking at:

- Gain insight into the impact of your parenting style!
- Positive techniques for managing older children's behaviour.
- Boosting your relationship and communication with your child



Friday 1st March 2024 (11 spaces remaining) 9.30 – 11.30

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Reducing Sibling Rivalry

A 2-hour session looking at:

- Encouraging a more harmonious sibling relationship
- Learn / revisit techniques for children to cope with being a sibling.
- Boosting children's emotional literacy



Monday 5th February 2024 (14 spaces remaining) 9.30 – 11.30

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre.

Single Parent, Separated and Blended families – supporting children to cope with different family dynamics.



A 2-hour session looking at:

- Different family dynamics and how they can work
- Parental conflict resolutions
- Being the best parent that you can be for your child

Thursday 1st February 2024 (13 spaces remaining) 9.30 – 11.30 am

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Tuesday 5th March 2024 (13 spaces remaining) 6.30 – 8.30 pm

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Supporting a smooth transition to secondary school (YR 5/6 parents)



A 2-hour session looking at:

- What the transition involves
- The positives and concerns of transitioning to a new setting
- Boosting your child's ability to have a smooth transition

Tuesday 16th April 2024 (14 spaces remaining) 6.30 – 8.30 pm

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Thursday 23rd May 2024 (15 spaces remaining) 6.30 – 8.30 pm

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Wednesday 5th June 2024 (11 spaces remaining) 9.30 – 11.30 am

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

We're also delivering at the following schools please book direct with the school.

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| St. Josephs | 03/06/24 | 9 – 11 |
| St. Michaels EH | 04/06/24 | 9 – 11 |
| The Pines School | 07/06/24 | 9 – 11 |
| Great Hollands | 11/06/24 | 1 – 3 |
| Meadow Vale | 12/06/24 | 9 – 11 |

Supporting a smooth transition from Year R to Year 1 and beyond



A 2-hour session looking at:

- What's involved in transition from reception to year 1
- The best ways to support the transition.
- Boosting your child's resilience to cope with the change

Friday 3rd May 2024 (15 spaces remaining) 9.30 – 11.30 am

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Tuesday 7th May 2024 (14 spaces remaining) 6.30 – 8.30 pm

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre