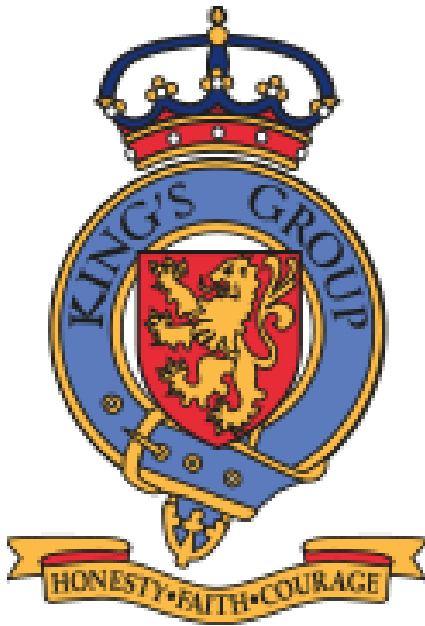


KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy start to the year, the holiday seems long in the past! Students have made a great start to term, and there have been lots of activities going on.

At KAO and KAB students have had an assembly launching activities linked with the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, the world's largest garden wildlife survey.

Today Year 5 have visited Silverstone. I am really looking forward to hearing about their trip next week.

Year 8 had a visit to Whipsnade Zoo and had a great time, despite the cold. Mrs Theobalds took lots of photos which she will make available to students via the tutor group google classroom.

Year 9 have had their Careers Day. This, and the options evening, took place on Thursday. Year 9 students have a lot of thinking to do in the next few weeks as they make decisions about the optional GCSE subjects they want to study at key stage 4.

Year 12 have completed their first set of formal A level assessments, students have worked really hard, especially considering their exams were straight after the holidays. The Year 8 formal assessment window starts next week.

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The weather has turned a lot colder and, though the forecast for next week looks cold but bright, I thought I would take the opportunity to remind you of the arrangements in cases of severe weather.

In the event of snow being forecast, please always presume the academy will open, unless notified by us via Schoolcomms. The school website and Facebook pages will also be updated with any announcements. If there is snow and this makes safe travel difficult for staff, who come from a wide range of locations, we will usually delay opening to enable staff to arrive at the site safely. There will be limited on site provision for children of families who need to arrive at school at the usual time.

You should assess your own journey and contact the school absence line if it is not safe for your child/children to make their way to school. Please always explain that their absence is due to the bad weather conditions if this is the case. More details about this can be found on the school website on the [Parents Info, --> Emergency closure page](#).

Have a great weekend and I hope you stay warm.

Kind regards
Mrs Moore

PARKING REMINDER

Please be considerate around the St George's Park entrance of the school when driving and parking during drop off and pick up times.

Please can we ask you that you:

- Do not use resident's parking bays to wait for your child
- Do not reverse onto resident's driveways to turn around
- Do not park over residents' drives
- Do not double park at the end of cul-de-sacs to wait or drop off.

Can we please also remind you that the St George's entrance is for Primary drop offs only. Please use Wood Lane for Secondary.

NURSERY & RECEPTION UPDATES

RUBY CLASS

Ruby Class has been reading the story 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?' and have been incredible at recalling the repeated phrases and reading the book independently.

We have been playing colour I spy and making our own binoculars to talk about the things we can see.

We loved the flurry of snow we had on Monday afternoon and had lots of fun exploring how to catch it, collect it and make marks in it.



LAST WEEK'S WORDS OF THE WEEK:
MIDNIGHT, REUNITED, JANUARY,
RESOLUTION

THIS WEEK'S WORDS OF THE WEEK:
ORBIT, FAECES, RAVENOUS,
ASTRONAUT

EMERALD CLASS

Happy New Year! It was wonderful to welcome Emerald Class back to school for the new term and we have been so impressed with how beautifully they have returned to school - full of energy and raring to learn more. We are all very happy to be reunited! In maths we talked about what a new year is, how we all celebrated and had a go at writing 2024. We also discussed any New Year's resolutions we might have made!

The children loved sharing all their Christmas news and have been writing thank you letters to Father Christmas for their presents. Some of our children went to watch pantomimes over the festive season and this inspired Emerald Class to put on their very own class panto during choosing time. There was lots of action on the stage and much booing and 'he's behind you!'

This week, we started our new topic 'Look Up' where we are learning about space. The children are showing huge enthusiasm for this topic already. Using the hysterical book 'The Dinosaur that Pooped a Planet' we have been learning all about the planets in our solar system and having lots of fun in our space station role play area.



JADE CLASS

It has been so wonderful to welcome Jade Class back to school for the first few days of 2024. To kick things off, we have been learning all about the New Year. The children have all learned what year we are currently in and how to write it, as well as how many days it contains. To further celebrate the New Year, many of our superstars have written fantastic New Years cards to their family and friends.

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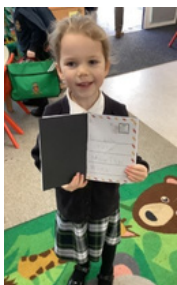
JADE CLASS (CONTINUED)

To further celebrate the New Year, many of our superstars have written fantastic New Years cards to their family and friends.

This week, we have begun our exciting space topic. We have loved learning about all of the planets in our solar system and enjoyed listening to the catchy solar system song! Our role play area has transformed into a space station and the children have loved pretending to be space commanders.

In Drawing Club, the children have been reading the book 'Whatever Next'. One of the scenarios required the children to create a brand new planet. The children have all come up with such fantastic ideas and we would just love to be able to fly and colonise on them!

Well done to all of Jade Class on a fantastic start to the New Year. We cannot wait to see what the rest of the year has in store!



WILLOW CLASS

Willow Class had a fabulous start of the Spring term and it is lovely to be back together, recharged and ready for 2024!

Our exciting topic this term is 'space' and the children have embraced their new topic with their usual enthusiasm.

They have been drawing maps of our solar system, sharing their already substantial knowledge and preparing our space station ready to launch next week!

In Maths the children have been learning about ordinal numbers as they discussed the order of the planets in our solar system in relation to the sun.

In Drawing club, the children were thrilled by the reading of 'The Dinosaur that Pooped a Planet'. They particularly enjoyed inventing a new spaceship for the crew to return home and their code made their new rocket do some rather peculiar things!

Willow Class was so grateful for the wonderful presents Santa brought them, that they spent hours last week writing 'thank you' in our post office role play area. They were reassured to hear from Nelly Lou's dad, who is a post person, that their letters will be safely delivered to the North Pole by the Post Office.



YEAR 1-6 LEARNING JOURNEYS

	Binfield	Oakwood
Year 1	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English: The features of a letter Art: Jeannie Baker Science: Carnivore, Herbivores & Omnivores, and Mammals Geography: Continents PSHE: Feelings <p><u>Opal Class Learning Journey</u></p> <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English: The features of a letter Art: Collages PE: Yoga Science: Mammals Geography: Continents <p><u>Moonstone Class Learning Journey</u></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English: Postcards and letters Maths: Numbers to 20 PE: Multisports Geography: Continents Science: Carnivores, Herbivores & Omnivores <p><u>Ash Class Learning Journey</u></p>
Year 2	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSHE: Zones Maths: Shape English: Spring term <p><u>Topaz Class Learning Journey</u></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths: Shape English: The day the crayons quit History: Bayeaux tapestry Art: Sculpture <p><u>Birch Class Learning Journey</u></p>
Year 3	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiplying in Maths Writing similes in English <p><u>Quartz Class Learning Journey</u></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths: Multiplying a two-digit number with a one-digit number Science: Learning about the different ways plants and animals obtain food and exploring what the right type and amounts of nutrition are for humans. Computing: Designing branching database. <p><u>Chestnut Class Learning Journey</u></p>

YEAR 1-6 LEARNING JOURNEYS

	Binfield	Oakwood
Year 4	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English: Newspaper report Maths: Multiplication and Division <p><u>Amethyst Class Learning Journey</u></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DT – WaterWheels: Testing with Willow Class Science: Spring 1 – Food Chains Other Activities: Autumn – PJ Party Other Activities: Spring – Snow! <p><u>Pine Class Learning Journey</u></p>
Year 5		<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geography: Introduction to coasts English: Vivid setting descriptions History: Mummification PSHE: Healthy relationships <p><u>Sycamore Class Learning Journey</u></p>
Year 6		<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music: Clarinet RE: Salvation and saviours Maths: Algebra <p><u>Oak Class Learning Journey</u></p>

KABKAO UPDATES

FOOTBALL MASCOT JOY FOR KABKAO PUPILS

Boys from Year 2 in KAO and Year 2 in KAB were mascots recently for Bracknell Town FC when they played against Hendon FC. Bracknell Town won 1-0 so the mascots were very excited to be a part of the day! Well done to Alexander, Tommy, Teddy, Lincoln, Ellis, Logan and Sebastian!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

January 15th January	Year 8 Assessment Window
Wednesday 17th January	Half KAB/KAO Year 4 to Baylab
Thursday 18th January	Young Voices Primary Choir at the O2
Thursday 18th January	Year 10 Parent's Evening 4pm - 7pm
Friday 19th January	Half KAB/KAO Year 4 to Baylab
Friday 19th January	Year 12 Media Conference
Monday 22nd January	Year 8 Assessment Window
Thursday 25th January	Year 9 Parent's Evening
Monday 29th January	Year 7 Assessment Window
Monday 29th January	SATs Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 30th January	KAO Year 3 to Pizza Express