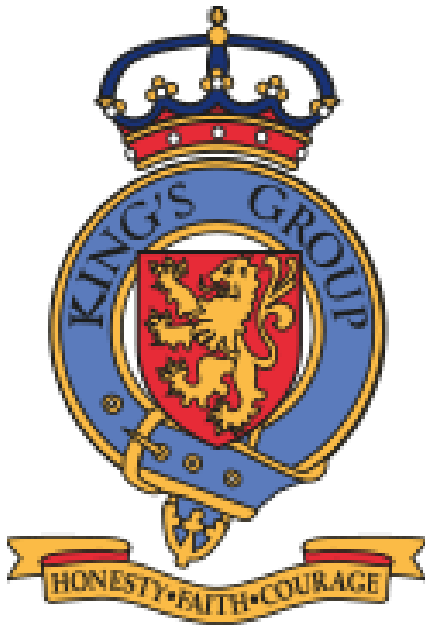


KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER

[Link to dates for the diary](#)



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm pleased to share that we now have a direct link at the top of this newsletter to the dates for the diary section – in response to many requests from parents/carers.

We have some lovely news to celebrate with the community this week. On 11th January, Mrs Richards, Director of KAB6, and her husband welcomed their new baby boy, Monty Rafferty Dillow. We all send congratulations to Mrs Richards and her family.

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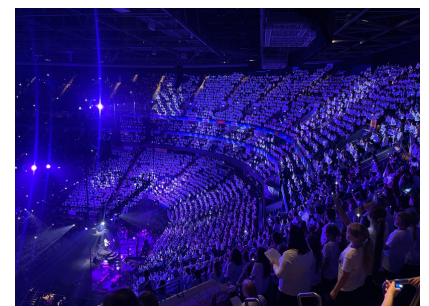
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On a more serious note, I am sorry to have to share that a student has been injured due to the careless driving of someone travelling too fast, and too close to the pavement, on Wood Lane. Luckily, the student is making a good recovery.

Please can I implore you, to drive with care when collecting children from school. It would help reduce traffic at the site if secondary parents arrange an off site pick up point for their children to walk to. Please continue to keep safety as the first priority and drive with care and respect so that we do not end up having a more serious incident.

I felt very proud to read about the success of the Young Voices trip to the O2 and how the children showed the incredible DARE values. Do take a look at Mrs Ranft's review and pictures on page 9.





We were pleased to welcome Year 9 parents and carers to parents evening on Thursday. A reminder that students will need to have made their final option choices by February 8th 2024. Instructions on how to put choices onto the system will be shared with students in tutor time.

It has become increasingly clear in the secondary phase that now the school has grown, parents' evenings are busy and it can be difficult to get appointments in some subject areas. I am considering this problem and how we can make changes next year to better enable parents to meet with teachers - whilst also keeping in mind the need to balance staff workload. Please note, if you cannot get an appointment, teachers will be able to email or call you after the parents evening event if you would find that helpful.

Finally, we are all very excited about The Addams Family show which opens on Thursday 1st February next week. Tickets are selling fast, but there are a few left if you still haven't got yours. Refreshment details are at the end of the newsletter.



I look forward to seeing you next week.

Kind regards,
Mrs Moore

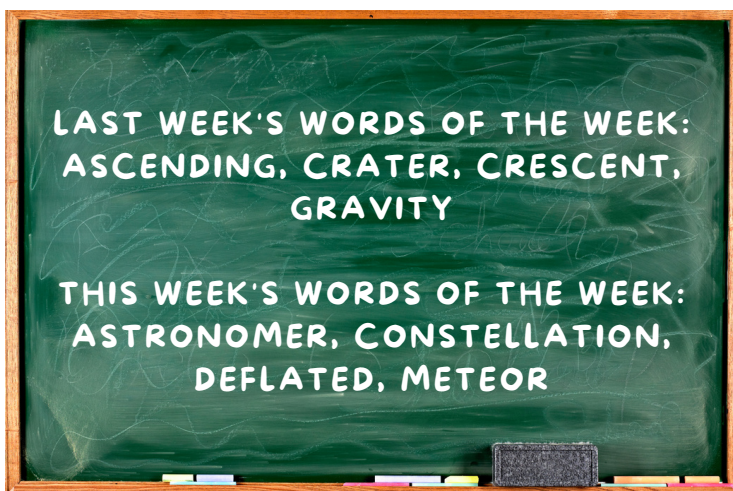
NURSERY & RECEPTION UPDATES

RUBY CLASS

Ruby Class has been reading 'Rosie's walk' and 'What the ladybird heard' to develop our knowledge and understanding of positional language.

We have been putting it into practice by completing an obstacle course where we had to go over, under, across, up, down and around lots of different obstacles in our nursery garden. It was so much fun!

We have also been drawing our own maps and giving each other 'directions' (our word of the week!).



JADE CLASS

Over the past few weeks, Jade Class has loved learning all about space. The children have been so enthusiastic about all eight planets and are becoming very confident in recalling lots of fantastic planet facts.

In addition to this, we also dedicated our 'Understanding the World' learning towards the moon. We learnt so many amazing things such as who the first person on the moon was, what the moon is made out of, and that Tim Peake, the first British astronaut, believed we will start living on the moon in the next six years!

To support our moon knowledge, we read the book 'Whatever Next' in Drawing Club. The children were then challenged to write and draw what the main character would take to the moon with him. We had a variety of brilliant items such as food, a rocket box and even an igloo!

In maths, we have started to look at addition problems. The children have learned how to read and write a number story and we have come up with an excellent, kinaesthetic way to remember the 'add' and 'equals' sign.

A massive well done to Jade Class on a wonderful first few weeks back at school. We can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings.



NURSERY & RECEPTION UPDATES

EMERALD CLASS

Emerald class is continuing to be fantastic astronomers and they are loving learning all about the wonders of space. We enjoyed using the book 'Whatever Next' to help us learn more about the moon and lots of us blasted off to space in our homemade rockets!

In Drawing Club, we imagined who we might bump into on the moon and the children drew some excellent aliens who did all sorts of weird and wonderful things! We learnt how the moon orbits the Earth, how it is full of craters and why the moon looks different in the sky. We had great fun using oreo cookies to help us create the phases of the moon!

This week, our space learning has focused around stars. We have learnt what a constellation is and created our very own constellations using glow in the dark star stickers. We've enjoyed seeing them shine bright in our homemade 'planetarium'.

In Spanish, the children have been learning the names of shapes (triangle, square, rectangle, oval and circle) and I have been so impressed with how often they have been using these Spanish shape words in the classroom!



WILLOW CLASS

Willow class had lots of fun pretending to be astronauts observing planets through their telescope from their International Space Station over the past two weeks. Last week, we learned lots of fascinating facts about the moon. Listening to stories read by astronauts stationed on the ISS was fascinating and helped us understand how the absence of gravity makes everyday life in space tricky.

Our learning has taken us a step further into space this week, learning all about constellations and how astronomers and travellers have used those star maps to guide their journeys for centuries. The children created their very own constellations and challenged themselves in writing their names. We also built our own planetarium where we enjoyed reading books under a starlit sky.

What better way to experience the stormy weather conditions than to make a kite and test the power of the wind. Our little engineers had lots of fun testing their own ideas to build the best possible kite. It was wonderful to see their great designs soar into the sky!



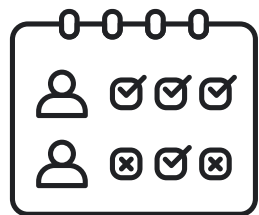
YEAR 1-6 LEARNING JOURNEYS

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| Year 1 | <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography: Ordering continents • Science: Bird feeders • English: 'Wolves' and 'Tidy' by Emily Gravett • Maths: Number pairs to 20 <p><u>Opal Class Learning Journey</u></p> <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art: Collage • Science: Bird feeders • Geography: Ordering continents • Computing: 2Paint <p><u>Moonstone Class Learning Journey</u></p> | <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths: Comparing and ordering numbers to 20, 1 more and one less. Adding within 20. • Art: Collage • Science: Bird feeders • English: Character Description <p><u>Ash Learning Journey</u></p> |
| Year 2 | <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE: Fitness • RE: Judaism • Music: Ukulele • Art: Sculpture <p><u>Topaz Class Learning Journey</u></p> | <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE: Judaism • Art: Clay techniques • Spanish: Instruments <p><u>Birch Class Learning Journey</u></p> |
| Year 3 | <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art: Printmaking • Science: Skeletons <p><u>Quartz Class Learning Journey</u></p> | <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths: Dividing 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers with remainders • English: Using persuasive language. • Computing: Branching databases. <p><u>Chestnut Class - Learning Journey</u></p> |

YEAR 1-6 LEARNING JOURNEYS

| | Binfield | Oakwood |
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| Year 4 | <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths: Multiplication and Division • English: Dream Giver • Science Trip to Baylab • Science Teeth Experiment • Art: Painting <p><u>Amethyst Class Learning Journey</u></p> | <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English: Spring 1 – Newspaper Reports • Science: Spring 1 – Animals Including Humans <p><u>Pine Class Learning Journey</u></p> |
| Year 5 | | <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE: Yoga • Other events: Silverstone <p><u>Sycamore Learning Journey</u></p> |
| Year 6 | | <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science: Light investigation • Music: Performance practice • DT: Making burgers • Other activities: Inter-school athletics <p><u>Oak Learning Journey</u></p> |

KABKAO UPDATES



REPORTING A SECONDARY ABSENCE

Please report any absences on the Class Charts app. If you need a code sent out to you again please email attendance.bi@kingsacademies.uk

Please continue to send appointments through to admin.bi@kingsacademies.uk and remember to include the appointment letter or screenshot of the appointment.



MEASLES HEALTH INFORMATION

Please see the link below for information regarding measles and what to do if you suspect your child may have it.

There are cases in London and a sustained outbreak in the West Midlands. At present, UKHSA have stated that measles is not currently circulating in the south-east and rashes are more than likely to be for other reasons (particularly in children). However, being prepared is important.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/22/what-to-do-if-you-think-your-child-has-measles-and-when-to-keep-them-off-school/>



AN EXCELLENT RESULT FOR HOLLIE!

Well done to Hollie in Amethyst's Class who took her acrobatics level 2 exam and achieved an excellent on her certificate!



SOLO DANCE SUCCESS FOR BERRY!

A huge congratulations to Berry in Emerald Class who came first in her very first solo dance competition. We are all so proud of you Berry!

KABKAO UPDATES

PREPARING FOR ADULTHOOD ROADSHOW

On Thursday 19th January the learning support team took a group of students over to Bracknell and Wokingham College to the 'Preparing For Adulthood Roadshow'.

It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to be able to not only see Bracknell and Wokingham college, but also speak to a range of professionals and learn about their options post 16 and 18.

Students were able to discuss a wide range of opportunities; both classroom and non-classroom based, as well as enjoying the delicious cakes and biscuits made by the catering students.



I highly recommended anyone in our SEND community consider a trip next year with your young person (Year 9+). I look forward to attending again next year.

Mrs Katie Mansell – Deputy SENDCO

A promotional poster for GEMS (Autism & ADHD Support Services East Berkshire). The poster features the GEMS logo at the top, followed by the title 'Parent and Carer Autism Online support session' and the date 'Friday 2nd February 10am – 11.15am'. It lists two topics for the session: 'Learn and discuss how to have meaningful communication with your child' and 'How to support your child with communicating with other people'. An illustration shows a woman sitting on a sofa with a laptop, with a video call interface above her. A 'Sign Up Today!' button is prominently displayed. At the bottom, it provides contact information for booking: 'To book your place contact GEMS: Gems.4Health@nhs.net 0800 999 1342'. It also includes a note about availability: 'Available for families residing in, or have a registered GP in East Berkshire'. A disclaimer at the bottom right states: 'Please provide your full name, email address, phone number, child's pathway (suspected/waiting assessment/diagnosed) and local authority'.

PARENT AND CARER AUTISM ONLINE SUPPORT SESSION

GEMS is hosting an online session to learn and discuss how to have meaningful communication with your child – and how to support your child with communicating with other people.

To reserve your space please email gems.4health@nhs.net and provide your full name, email address, phone number, child's pathway (suspected/waiting assessment/diagnosed) and local authority.

KABKAO UPDATES

YOUNG VOICES AT THE O2

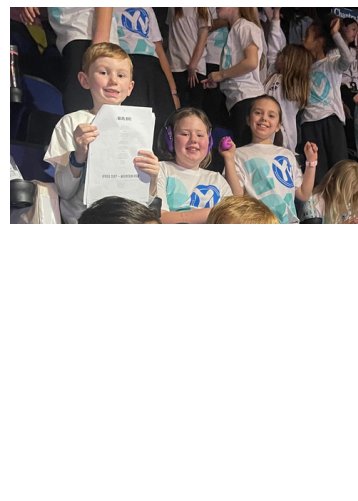
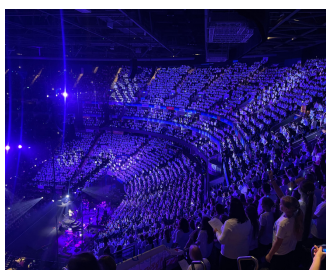
We are so proud of the children of both KAO and KAB choirs for taking part in Young Voices 2024 at the O2 last week. Every single child showed the DARE values throughout the trip and they were truly remarkable! From start to finish the children brought their enthusiasm as they took part in singing and dancing (and lots of screaming!) Many children are already excited for next year!

Two of our lovely Year 6's from KAO have written:

"Our experience at the O2 arena was off the chart amazing and we enjoyed every single part of it and we would love to go there again. The opportunity of being in such a significant choir was breathtaking. The concert itself was an extraordinary event where hundreds of schools participated to commence the young voices community. We are really glad we have had such a great opportunity. Thank you for including us in Young Voices 2024." – **Mason and Daria Year 6**

Thank you to the PTA for your funding towards the trip – you made it accessible for many children to go. Also thank you to our amazing staff for giving up their time to give these children to opportunity to perform!

Mrs Ranft



Dare To Be Remarkable

KABKAO UPDATES

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| Monday 29th January | Year 7 Assessment Window |
| Monday 29th January | SATs Parent Information Evening |
| Wednesday 31st January | KAO Year 3 to Pizza Express |
| Thursday 1st February | Addams Family Show |
| Friday 2nd February | Addams Family Show |
| Saturday 3rd February | Addams Family Show |
| Sunday 4th February – Saturday 10th February | Year 6 residential |
| Monday 5th February | Year 11 MFL speaking mocks |
| Monday 5th February | Year 7 Assessment Window |
| Tuesday 6th February | KAB Year 3 to Pizza Express |
| Wednesday 7th February | KAB open afternoon for current parents |
| Thursday 8th February | Year 12 parents evening |
| Friday 9th February | INSET Day |

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Autism and ADHD service

What my diagnosis means to me

Have you or your child recently been diagnosed with Autism or ADHD?
Would you like to understand more about what this means?

We are running virtual workshops which will give participants an opportunity to share their experience and understand more about their diagnosis in a safe setting.

The session will run for up to 1 hour and 30 mins and will have a maximum of 10 attendees.

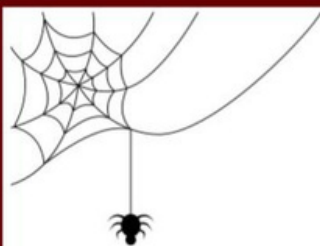
The cost is £20 plus booking fee per session (This event is non refundable).

Sessions are running on the following dates:
Children ages 8-12 years with autism - Thursday 8th February, 4:15-5:45pm
Adults 18+ with autism - Thursday 15th February, 7-8:30pm
Adults 18+ with ADHD - Monday 4th March, 7-8:30pm
Children ages 8-12 with ADHD - Thursday 7th March, 4:15-5:45pm

[Sign Up](#)

You can view all our events under this link - www.ticketsource.co.uk/gems4health
or contact: Gems4Health@nhs.net

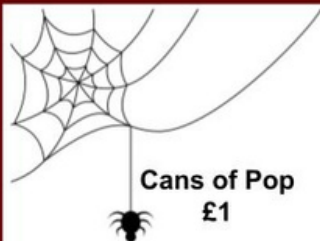
THE ADDAMS FAMILY SHOW REFRESHMENTS



Refreshments

Snacks, hot and cold drinks and alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase before and during the intermission.

Please use the pre-pay option on the evening to order intermission snacks and drinks.



Drink Refreshments



Cans of Pop
£1

Corona / San Miguel
£3 per bottle
(non-alcoholic - £2 per bottle)

Tea
£2
(including speciality blends and decaf)

Juice Boxes
50p

Standard glass of red, white or rose
£3

Coffee
£2
(including decaf)

Squash
50p



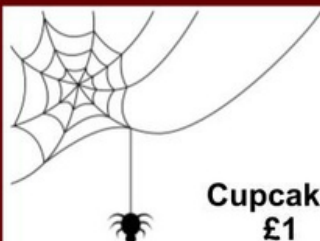
Prosecco
£3

Hot Chocolate
£2
(semi-skimmed milk)

Bucks Fizz
£2

Hot Chocolate with Cream and Marshmallows
£3

Gin-in-a-tin
£1.50



Food Refreshments

Cupcakes
£1

Bag of mixed sweets
£1

Hot Sausage Rolls
£1

Flapjack
£2

Popcorn
Cone
£2

Brownies
£2.50



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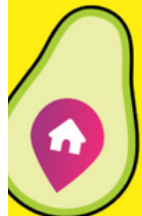
The Addams Family

SCHOOL EDITION

Tickets

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Performances-
Thursday 1st February - 7pm
Friday 2nd February - 7pm
Saturday 3rd February
Matinee - 1pm
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