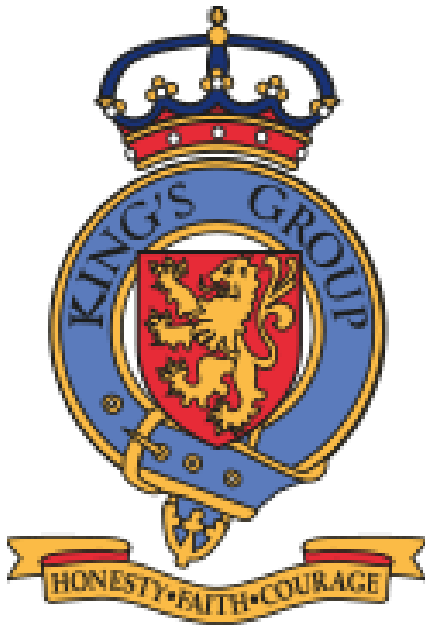


# KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER

[Link to dates for the diary.](#)



## MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy half term I would like to thank you all for your help and support. Students would not make the progress they do without your support at home and with the school.

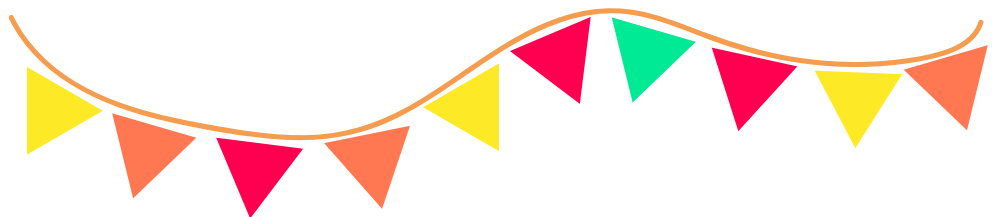
After half term I will be writing to you all to launch a new parent/carer voice forum and asking for volunteers to take part in this to help provide views on decisions being made in the school that affect students. Please look out for the letter after the holidays. I hope that you may feel able to give some of your time to help in representing parent views to continue to move the school forwards.

Thank you to all our staff for your hard work this half term and well done to everyone for showing our true DARE values - Determination, Aspiration, Respect and Enthusiasm.

I hope you have a lovely half term break.

Kind regards,

Mrs Moore



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# NURSERY & RECEPTION UPDATES

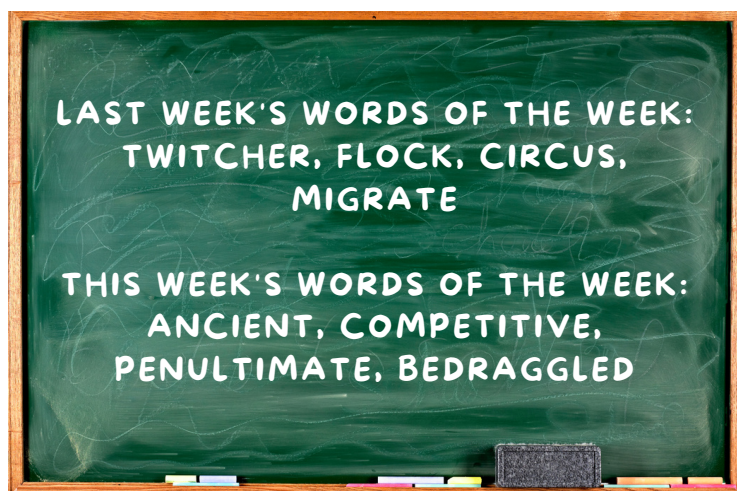
## RUBY CLASS

We have been busy learning all about the birds we see at school and in our garden whilst taking part in the 'RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch.'

The children have been so enthusiastic to read both fiction and non-fiction bird books, draw and paint bird pictures and go bird watching on the field too!

We are very lucky to have blue tits nesting in our bird box at nursery and have been making sure they have plenty of food to eat.

Well done Ruby Class, it is so important to respect and care for our wonderful wildlife.



## WILLOW CLASS

Willow Class has been learning about the Lunar New Year this week. We were very lucky to have a special visit from Mrs Lu who helped us understand how people celebrate this special occasion all over the world. We learnt that this year is the year of the dragon and how children are given red envelopes filled with money. Willow class had a go at making their own envelopes and saying Happy New Year in Mandarin.

Last week we learnt all about the different birds that populate our gardens. Willow Class were excited to take part in the RSPB's Big Schools' Birdwatch and were thrilled to spot some wood pigeons, black birds, magpies and red kites with their binoculars.

Our very successful twitchers also made bird feeders to help the birds through the winter months when food is scarce. Their efforts really paid off when they spotted a robin devouring the delicious seeds mix they had prepared.





# NURSERY & RECEPTION UPDATES

## JADE CLASS

We have had a very exciting and fun-filled past few weeks in Jade Class! Last week, we all become 'Twitchers' and took part in the RSPB Big School's Birdwatch. Over the week, we made some wonderful bird feeders and binoculars.

On Friday morning, we grabbed our binoculars, pencils and clipboards and headed to the secondary field to look for some magnificent birds! We were thrilled to spot a variety of birds, including magpies, pigeons, sea gulls, blackbirds and red kites.

This week, we have turned our attention towards 'Lunar New Year'. We read a fantastic story by Christopher Corr called 'The Great Race' which explained the story of the Chinese Zodiac. The children have loved learning all about the traditions that occur on Lunar New Year and we are fortunate to have Mrs Kit and Mrs Lu as well as Mr and Mrs Wong to share with the children how they celebrate such a fabulous occasion!

Well done to all of our superstars on completing another half-term at school. We look forward to welcoming you back for Spring 2!



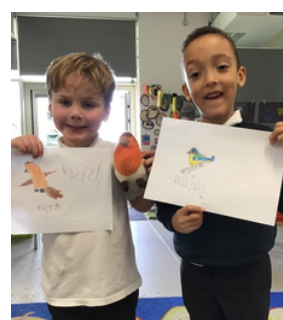
## EMERALD CLASS

Last week Emerald Class took part in the 'Big Schools' Birdwatch'. We spent the week learning about British garden birds and on Thursday, donned our homemade binoculars and clipboards and went on an adventure to our big school field to see what birds we could spot. The children were amazing twitchers and spotted magpies, pigeons, seagulls and blackbirds.

Over the week, they really enjoyed making delicious bird feeders and did some observational beautiful drawings of birds too.

This week, we have been learning about Lunar New Year. The children are really enjoying serving up lots of Chinese delicacies in our role play Chinese restaurant and are getting rather skilled at using chopsticks! They have also enjoyed learning the story of the Chinese Zodiac and finding out what animal year they were born in!

We were so incredibly lucky to have a visit from Nick (in Jade Class) and his mummy and daddy and a visit from Mrs Lu and Mrs Kit to help us learn more about this special celebration. Thank you so very much to our special visitors and wishing everyone who celebrates 'Kung Hei Fat Choi!'



# YEAR 1-6 LEARNING JOURNEYS

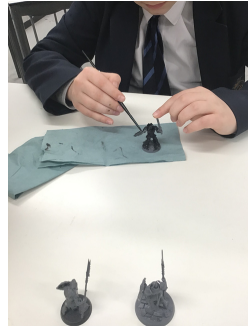
	Binfield	Oakwood
<b>Year 1</b>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maths: Addition and Subtraction</li> <li>• Art: Collage using natural materials</li> <li>• Geography: Continents, landmarks</li> <li>• English: Non-fiction texts</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Opal Class Learning Journey</u></b></p> <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computing: 2Paint</li> <li>• Geography: Landscapes</li> <li>• Art: Collage</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Moonstone Class Learning Journey</u></b></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maths: Addition and subtraction</li> <li>• Art: Collage using natural materials</li> <li>• PSHE: Our families</li> <li>• Computing: Using 2paint to create pictures</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Ash Learning Journey</u></b></p>
<b>Year 2</b>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art: Sculpture</li> <li>• English: Spring Term</li> <li>• Science: Recycling</li> <li>• PE: Fitness and Hockey</li> <li>• Maths: Money</li> <li>• History: Castles</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Topaz Class Learning Journey</u></b></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art: Sculpture</li> <li>• Science: Recycling</li> <li>• RE: Sacred books</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Birch Class Learning Journey</u></b></p>
<b>Year 3</b>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trip to Pizza Express</li> <li>• Art: Printmaking</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Quartz Class Learning Journey</u></b></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trip to Pizza Express to make pizzas.</li> <li>• Art: printmaking.</li> <li>• Science: Identifying the main bones of the human using their scientific names.</li> <li>• RE: Hindu beliefs.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Chestnut Class - Learning Journey</u></b></p>

# YEAR 1-6 LEARNING JOURNEYS

	Binfield	Oakwood
<b>Year 4</b>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English: Dream Giver</li> <li>Maths: Multiplication and division</li> <li>PE: Gymnastics (2)</li> <li>Music: Tenor Horn Assembly</li> </ul> <p><u><b>Amethyst Class Learning Journey</b></u></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science: Animals Including Humans: Digestive System</li> <li>Art: Georgia O'Keeffe</li> <li>Geography: Eastern Europe</li> </ul> <p><u><b>Pine Class Learning Journey</b></u></p>
<b>Year 5</b>		<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music: Remixing and looping</li> <li>DT: Torches</li> <li>MFL: Spanish weather forecasts</li> <li>Geography: Holbeck Hall Hotel Case Study</li> </ul> <p><u><b>Sycamore Learning Journey</b></u></p>
<b>Year 6</b>		<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music: Clarinet performance</li> </ul> <p><u><b>Oak Learning Journey</b></u></p>

# KABKAO UPDATES

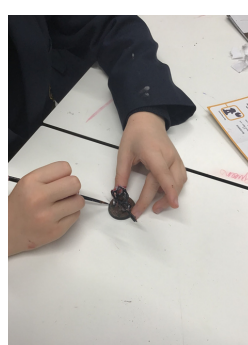
## JOIN IN THE FUN AT WARHAMMER CLUB



The Warhammer Club meet every Thursday at KAB from 3.05pm to 4.15pm. Here's what some of the students have to say:

SD (Year 7): "Warhammer is a fun game where you make the characters, paint them and play with them. The video that the company made, made me want to keep going to the club. It is fun with friends and talking while painting."

AC (Year 8): "Welcome to Warhammer club. We build mini figures, paint them and 'go to war' with other people! There's hundreds of them, you can paint them in any way you want. If you have more than the other person, you can have a 'world war'! It is a great way to talk to your friends or in a group of people and make new friends. So come on down and join the club!"



# KABKAO UPDATES

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

<b>Saturday 10th February</b>	Year 6 return from residential
<b>Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February</b>	Half term
<b>Monday 19th February</b>	Year 11 PPE2 week
<b>Monday 19th February</b>	Year 2 trip to Windsor
<b>Wednesday 21st February</b>	Half day – Primary finish at 12.15pm
<b>Wednesday 21st February</b>	Half day – Secondary finish at 12.45pm
<b>Monday 26th February</b>	Year 11 PPE2 week
<b>Monday 26th February</b>	KAO open afternoon for current parents
<b>Tuesday 27th February</b>	Year 3 class assembly
<b>Thursday 29th February</b>	Primary talent show
<b>Thursday 29th February</b>	Year 8 parents evening
<b>Sunday 3rd March</b>	Year 12 geography trip to Snowdonia
<b>Thursday 7th March</b>	World Book Day



## EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



### Educational Support -Online Session for Parents and Carers

**Thursday 29th February 10am to 11am**

Join our online session to:

Learn more about Educational support whether formal or informal (educational setting/tutoring) with an opportunity for a question and answer at the end

- Facilitated by Kate Fuller
- Qualified teacher
- School leader and autism advocate
- Current manager of the Tuition Service for Bracknell Forest Council

**Sign Up Today!**

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD (suspected/pathway/diagnosed)

**To book your place contact GEMS:**

 [Gems.4Health@nhs.net](mailto:Gems.4Health@nhs.net)  **0800 999 1342**



## BINFIELD FIRE UNDER 13s LOOKING FOR PLAYERS





### PLAYERS WANTED

Binfield Fire Under 13s football team are looking for new players to join their squad for next season.

If you will be in school Year 8 from September 2024, and you're keen to play football in the higher divisions of the East Berkshire league and have prior experience at playing for a football team please ask your parents/guardians to send us a message on [binfieldfire@gmail.com](mailto:binfieldfire@gmail.com) and we will get you along to training for a trial.



## ADVIZA SECTOR WEBINAR – VETERINARY MEDICINE




### Sector Webinar: Veterinary Medicine

What qualifications do I need to be a Vet? What will the job be like? What job opportunities are there for me? If you would like the answers to these questions, sign up for this webinar to see if a career using Veterinary Medicine might be an option for you.

Hosted by: Sian Rosser BVSc MRCVS FHEA GCLT, Senior Lecturer in Veterinary Clinical Practice, School of Veterinary Medicine, Surrey University.

**Wednesday 21st February 2024  
6 - 7pm**

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