

WEEK ENDING 29TH MARCH 2024

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER

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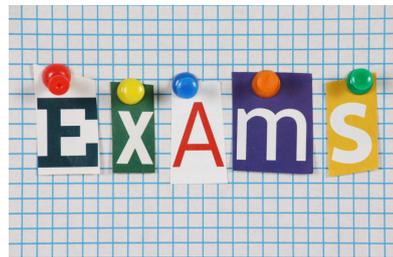
MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a very busy spring term which seems to have flown past.

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 11 students into school over the holiday for revision sessions. Please ensure you have completed the Google Form for the sessions they will be attending. If your child is unable to attend a session you have registered them for please let us know by calling or emailing admin.bi@kingsacademies.uk. We have to follow up on any registered students who do not attend a holiday session for safeguarding reasons.



All the information needed about GCSE exams and revision can be found on the Year 11 Exams website - <https://sites.google.com/kingsacademies.uk/y11revision/home>

The new Parent/Carer Forum will have their first face to face meeting with me on Thursday 18th April 2024 at 6-7pm. If you would like further information about participation in the new forum please email admin.bi@kingsacademies.uk with the subject line "Parent/Carer Forum".



To achieve an environment that gives every student the opportunity to develop their happiness, kindness and to receive the best possible education for future success, after the holiday we will be focussing on a culture of DARE to be remarkable through the use of 'Remarkable Routines'.



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Dare To Be Remarkable



To support everyone to understand our unashamedly high expectations we will be introducing the King's Academy 'Remarkable Routines' which will support students in knowing how to behave and staff in how to support them. This will provide predictability that enables all of us to do the right thing and make the right decisions through positive habits.

On Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 5.30-6pm there is an online parent/carer meeting giving you the opportunity to hear about the "Remarkable Routines" and to ask any questions you may have. Please sign up using the link from the letter sent earlier this week. This will begin in the secondary phase, the primary phase will start later in the term.



KAB Primary and KAO have had discos this week and the PTA have done a fantastic job organising these fun events for all the primary students. Thank you to all our parent volunteers. If you would like to be involved in the PTA, please contact pta@kingsacademies.uk and the PTA Chair will be in touch with you.



Whether you are going away over the holiday or supporting your children with revision for KS2 SATS or GCSEs, I wish you all a happy and safe break. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 15th April.

Best wishes,

Mrs Moore

EXAM INVIGILATORS NEEDED



Exam Invigilators wanted to help with Summer GCSE exams and Year 10 PPEs (mock exams).

You would need to be available from mid April to mid July, hours of work can be between 8.30am and 3.30pm. Full training given. £12.84 per hour (inc. of fringe and holiday pay)

If you are available to help, please contact Amber Walker at amber.walker@kingsacademies.uk for an application form or see our website www.kgabinfofield.uk under vacancies for details.



NURSERY & RECEPTION UPDATES

RUBY CLASS

Ruby Class has continued their transport topic about road safety. We have developed our understanding through stories, songs, craft and imaginative play.

We have also been very busy gardeners and have planted lots of flowers as well as potatoes, lettuce, carrots, peas and tomatoes. We can't wait to watch them grow! Whilst we were gardening, we made a very exciting discovery - a newt! The children couldn't believe their eyes and we had lots of wonderful conversations about what the creature was and why it was in our garden. We love wildlife in Ruby Class!



LAST WEEK'S WORDS OF THE WEEK:
FRAGILE, AGITATED, STATIONARY,
OBSERVE

THIS WEEK'S WORDS OF THE WEEK:
MIRACLE, TOMB, REURRECTION,
DELECTABLE

EMERALD CLASS

We continued our learning about the lifecycle of a frog last week and enjoyed using the hilarious book 'Oi Frog' to help us with our rhyming! In Drawing Club, the children enjoyed coming up with some new objects that the animals could sit on and loved writing their very own 'Oi Frog' books too!

The week ended with a cosmic adventure as Emerald Class were transported to Space in a mobile planetarium which came to visit our school from the Winchester Science Museum! The children absolutely loved this experience and demonstrated lots of the wonderful learning they remembered from the topic on Space we did in the Autumn term!

This week we have been enjoying learning about Easter in the lead up to the Easter holidays. We have made some Easter cards and had great fun rolling some boiled eggs down the hill!

On Tuesday, we put on our party clothes and had a fantastic boogie at the PTA disco! What a fabulous end to the term we have had!

Well done on an amazing Spring Term Emerald Class! Have a wonderful Easter break and see you back in a couple of weeks for lots more fun and learning in the Summer Term!



NURSERY & RECEPTION UPDATES

JADE CLASS

I cannot believe that we are coming towards the end of the Spring Term. How quickly time flies! Jade Class had a very exciting past few weeks to round off the term. One of the most exciting things has been our brilliant disco organised by the PTA. The children had such a wonderful time dressing up in their fabulous outfits and boogied the afternoon away!

In addition to this, we had our magnificent planetarium visit from Winchester Science Museum. The children, and adults, were in awe at the fantastic show they put on; we were amazed by the stars, constellations and planets!

Within the classroom, we have continued our learning about the life cycle of a frog. The children have been captivated by our recent Drawing Club book 'Oi Frog'. We all loved listening to the story and finding as many rhyming words as we could. Within Maths, we have continued our focus on the numbers 9 and 10. The children have loved playing a bean bag throwing game where we attempted to throw our beanbags into different numbered hoops to make the number 10.

I hope that you all have a wonderful Easter break and we all look forward to seeing you in the Summer Term!



WILLOW CLASS

Willow class thoroughly enjoyed their Planetarium visit last week and no doubt their minibus journey was the highlight of their day! They behaved beautifully and gave lots of pertinent answers during the show. They will long cherish the memorable playtime they had with our friends from Jade and Emerald class.

In Maths the children have continued to develop their understanding of number composition to 10, singing '10 Little speckled Frogs' with props to help us make ten in different ways.

As Easter approaches, we have been learning about the story of Easter and its significance for Christian people. We have been busy making delectable treats, showcasing our beautiful handwriting while writing Easter cards and solving Maths questions with a magic pen! We also had lots of fun taking part in an Easter egg hunt and racing in a spoon and egg race with Easter eggs we decorated. What a fabulous way to end this glorious Spring term.

Happy Easter everyone!



YEAR 1-6 LEARNING JOURNEYS

	Binfield	Oakwood
Year 1	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D & T - Smoothie making • History - Timeline of events during Queen Elizabeth II's reign <p><u>Opal Class Learning Journey</u></p> <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D & T - Smoothie making • Maths - Weighing • History - Timeline of events during Queen Elizabeth II's reign <p><u>Moonstone Class Learning Journey</u></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D & T - smoothies • Maths - weighing and capacity • PE - Basketball <p><u>Ash Learning Journey</u></p>
Year 2	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science - Plants • English - Spring Term • Maths - Multiplication and Division • Geography - Hot and Cold Climates <p><u>Topaz Class Learning Journey</u></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science plants • D and T - Catapults <p><u>Birch Class Learning Journey</u></p>
Year 3	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DT - Samosas • Science - shadows <p><u>Quartz Class Learning Journey</u></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D&T - Samosa making <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">• Maths - Fractions• Sound - Absorbing sound experiment, milk bottle investigation <p><u>Amethyst Class Learning Journey</u></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maths - Decimals• History - Royalty since 1066• Computing - Datalogging <p><u>Pine Class Learning Journey</u></p>
Year 5		<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art - Final pieces• Other activities- Assembly• Wagamamas <p><u>Sycamore Learning Journey</u></p>
Year 6		<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art - World War 2 silhouettes• Science - Zoologists <p><u>Oak Learning Journey</u></p>

KABKAO UPDATES

BRODIE IS A FANTASTIC MR FOX



Brodie, in Year 1, recently played the lead role in 'The Fantastic Mr Fox' at the end of term show for performing arts company Stagecoach.

We were all so proud of his confident performance in front of an audience and his ability to recite his lines beautifully.

SPRING REMARKABLE READERS

Remarkable Readers
Spring Term

Our Key Stage 3 readers have been busy book worms this term they have read hundreds of books! Sparx Reader is having an impact on our learners, improving their literacy, improving engagement and developing reading routines! Here are our remarkable readers of the Spring Term! Congratulations!

Year 7
Marmar- recently finished Elen's Island
Emily- recently finished The Race
Aahna- recently finished Sherlock Holmes: A Scandal in Bohemia

Year 8
Adona- recently finished Zachary Ying and the Dragon Emperor
Austin- currently reading Lost on Mars
Erica- currently reading A Single Shard

Year 9
Jonathan- currently reading the Shadowhunters series
Kirsten- recently finished Sherlock Holmes: The Adventure of the Beryl Coronet
Nina- recently finished The Wanderer



YEAR 9 MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION



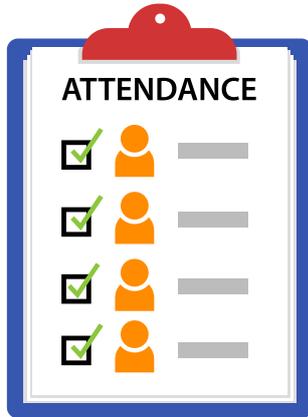
On 16th March a small group of year 9's took part in a mock trial competition against other Berkshire schools. We were assigned to either prosecution or defence and studied a case with witness statements and evidence. Students had to come up with questions, memorise witness statements and court procedures, as well as orate their arguments in Reading Crown Court. The defendant even had to stand in the dock!

On the day of the competition, there were lots of nerves, but everyone performed amazingly. The team even ended up winning their second case! Yet it wasn't about winning it was about an experience - an experience we will never forget because we overcame challenges in preparation and delivered in front of a packed courtroom. This perseverance has created lasting memories. We were very inspired by this experience; one of my friends said 'This is making me rethink my whole career path!' - **Harry Year 9**



KABKAO UPDATES

ATTENDANCE REMINDER



We set our base standard at 97%. We understand that at times students are very unwell and unable to attend school, however we have noticed that a number of students have been having frequent days off school for relatively minor issues such as hayfever or menstrual pain.

We would ask for your support in ensuring your child has the highest levels of attendance. If a child is really unwell we will contact parents, but if they are able to be treated with paracetamol or antihistamine please do send them with the relevant medication to be left at reception.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE



Safeguarding our students continues throughout the year. If you have any safeguarding worries or concerns please email: safeguarding.bi@kingsacademies.uk

The Safeguarding Section of our website can be found [here](#).

Students have been reminded of the ways they can access support through resources placed on their tutor group Google Classroom.

Here are some resources you may find useful:

Online Safety

- [Report Abuse – CEOP](#)
- [NSPCC – Preventing abuse](#)
- [Childnet Top tips and Internet Safety Advice](#)

Mental Health and Wellbeing

- Young Minds – www.youngminds.org.uk
YoungMinds is the UK's leading charity committed to improving emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people.

- The Little Blue Book of Sunshine – www.bracknellandascotccg.nhs.uk
A free resource for all year 9- 13 pupils to help them cope with stress, emotional health and mental health issues.

- [Kooth](#) – Free online support.



KABKAO UPDATES

SECONDARY EQUIPMENT CHECK



Having the correct equipment for learning will ensure students are ready to be remarkable and we know that over the academic year some of the student's stock of this has become somewhat depleted. Below is a list of basic equipment we expect all students to have with them everyday:

- Pens (blue, black, green)
- Pencils
- Highlighters
- Ruler
- Chromebook - fully charged
- Scientific calculator
- Colouring pencils
- Pencil case
- Dictionaries (French/Spanish)
- Maths/Geometry set
- Headphones
- Reading book
- Water bottle

KINGS WONKA BAR SUCCESS!



A HUGE THANK YOU to KAB and KAO for our PTA Kings Wonka chocolate bar event!!!

We really were in a "world of imagination" last Friday afternoon with our chocolate bar sale. It was so wonderful to see so many happy children across the three schools, whether they were golden ticket winners or not!! Thank you also to the parents and staff that enabled this event to happen. Particular thanks to Mr Clarkson from secondary, parent volunteers Natasha & Celine at KAB and Stephanie, Claire, Tesna, Sarah & Kerry at KAO.

This was our PTA vice chair Gemma's idea who not only designed the wrappers but also wrapped 500+ chocolate bars herself!!!! Thank you also to PTA committee member Farana for running the stall despite fasting for ramadan.

It was wonderful to have the school communities come together and have so much fun in the process. Thank for all the support. Have a wonderful Easter everyone.

Kings Academy PTA



KAB6 UPDATE



KAB6 Admissions Update

We were delighted to have so many applications to KAB6 for September 2024. It was a pleasure to meet all of the applicants during the interview process. If your child has applied to KAB6 they will have received communication regarding their application.

KAB6 Offer

If your child has received an offer they need to respond to the offer by **Thursday 28th March**

KAB6 Induction Day

Tuesday 25th June

All applicants that have received an offer will receive an invitation to our induction day. This day will be an opportunity for students to meet the team and attend taster lessons of their chosen programme of study.

If you have any questions regarding
KAB6 Admissions
please contact Mrs Newhouse
lauren.newhouse@kingsacademies.uk

We look forward to meeting all
prospective students at the Induction
Day. Until then we wish them all the
very best in their exams!

Good Luck!

Mrs West - Assistant Principal

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

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Monday 15th April	Return to school
Monday 15th April - Friday 26th April	Year 9 assessment window
Wednesday 17th April	KAB6 UCAS Fair
Thursday 18th April	Parent forum meeting - 6-8pm
Friday 19th April	Year 5 swimming
Friday 19th April	KAO Year 3 to enrichment
Thursday 25th April	Years 8/9/10 virtual SEN parents evening
Friday 26th April	Primary Rockstar Day
Friday 26th April	Year 5 swimming
Friday 26th April	KAO Year 4 parents to enrichment
Saturday 27th April	DoFE day walk
Tuesday 30th April	Moonstone assembly - 2.45pm
Wednesday 1st May	Year 12 Hampton Court History trip
Wednesday 1st May	Opal assembly - 2.45pm
Wednesday 1st May	Ash assembly - 2.45pm
Thursday 2nd May	Year 10 parents evening
Friday 3rd May	Year 5 swimming
Friday 3rd May	KAO Year 5 to enrichment



Easter fun

at Bracknell Forest Family Hubs

Join us at one of our fun Easter-themed play and activity sessions suitable for the whole family. These sessions are free to attend, and no booking is required. Please be aware sessions may become busy.

- **Tuesdays, 2 and 9 April – 1.30pm to 2.30pm**
at **The Willows Family Hub** (provided by the Oaks Team)
- **Wednesday, 3 April – 9.30am to 10.30am**
at **The Rowans Family Hub** – including an Easter egg hunt
and **at The Alders Family Hub**
- **Thursdays, 4 and 11 April – 9.30am to 10.30am**
at **The Willows Family Hub**
- **Fridays, 5 and 12 April – 9.30am to 10.30am**
at **The Rowans Family Hub** – Active play session
Active play sessions are most suitable
for families with smaller children.

Email: early.help@bracknell-forest.gov.uk
Call: 01344 354382
Facebook: Bracknell Forest Family Hubs
www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/family-hubs

