

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER

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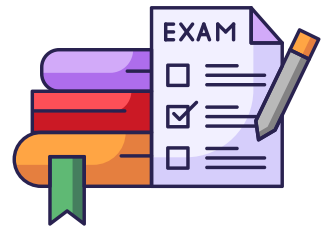


MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks to all students and staff for the continued hard work in preparing for Year 6 SATS and Year 11 GCSEs.

The first exams begin next week with Year 11 undertaking French and Spanish GCSE oral exams. Year 6 SATS week is now just a couple of weeks away. We wish all our students good luck, their determination and enthusiasm will pay off and I am sure they can all show how remarkable they are.



All GCSE exams have to be invigilated by independent invigilators. We are still short of a few invigilators on the days that we have exams in core subjects e.g. English and maths. If you are not a parent/carer of a student in Year 11 and could give some time to help with this, please apply for an invigilator role detailed on [Page 2](#).

Since parents and carers of Year 11 students are not allowed to invigilate under JCQ regulations, parents/carers of students in other year groups would be providing significant help and support and are 'paying forward' for the time when your children are in Year 11 and need this service.



All year groups continue to have their summative exam windows as scheduled this term. To help students prepare, please encourage them to

take a look at the [Year 11 revision website](#) which will give them an idea of what it will be like when they are in Year 11.

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The first meeting of the King's Academy Binfield and Oakwood Parents'/Carers' took place last week. Representatives from KAB Primary and Secondary phases and from KAO participated. The team has begun to establish terms of reference and identified the first two main areas for discussion as the development of home school communication and parking. The next meeting date was agreed and further information will be available shortly so watch this space!

Primary phase students in KAB and KAO were involved in the 'Rockstar Day' today. There were some amazing rock star costumes and the singing was fantastic. One of the highlights of the day was the TT Rockstars battles between houses, classes, KAB and KAO and even students and teachers. Winners will be revealed next week!

Finally, we have good news on the weather front for the week ahead, I hope you enjoy a sunny weekend.

Kind regards,
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 now 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.kgabinfoield.uk under vacancies for details.

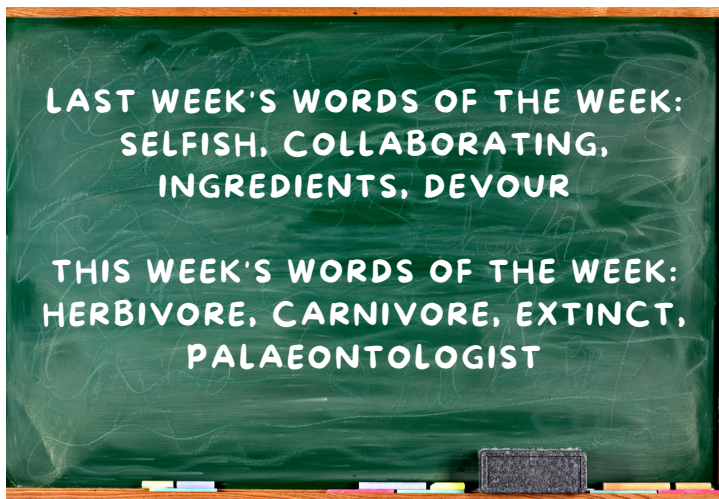
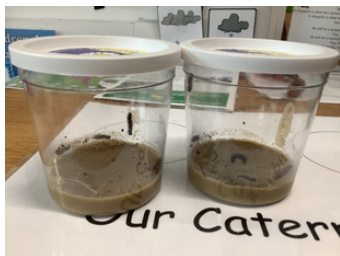


NURSERY & RECEPTION UPDATES

RUBY CLASS

In Ruby Class we have been learning all about the life cycle of a butterfly. We thoroughly enjoyed reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and talking about the different stages of the life cycle that feature in the book.

We are very excited to have our own caterpillars in the classroom and have been busy observing them grow over the last week. We can't wait to watch them turn into great big caterpillars before forming their chrysalis and pushing their way out as beautiful butterflies!



WILLOW CLASS

Our first week back to school was extremely exciting as we dived right into the wonderful traditional tale of the Little Red Hen. The children enjoyed making bread like the Little Red Hen and discovering how wheat is grown. They had a marvellous time learning amazing facts about the life cycle of a chicken with Lizzie from the Hen Trust Foundation. Lizzie had brought two of her favourite hens and the children delighted in stroking their wonderfully soft and fluffy feathers.

This week we have started our journey into the past, adventuring into the fascinating world of dinosaurs. Discovering a dinosaur in our playground triggered endless conversations among our budding palaeontologists. How did dinosaurs become extinct? Were all dinosaurs carnivores? What did they really look like?

After reading Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs, the children looked closely at its inspiring illustrations to create their favourite dinosaurs with junk modelling.



NURSERY & RECEPTION UPDATES

JADE CLASS

It has been such a wonderful start to the Summer Term! Last week, we had a fantastic visit from The British Hen Welfare Trust. Charity worker Lizzie arrived to Jade Class with a wagon covered with a mysterious cloak. Once revealed, we discovered that the wagon contained Windy and Breeze (two rescue hens)! Lizzie demonstrated the differences between free-range and caged hens, and we learned a variety of brilliant hen facts! We even had the chance to stroke the hens too!

Alongside this, Jade Class have been busy bakers by creating such delicious bread. We weighed out, mixed and stirred the ingredients to form a dough. Our favourite part had to be kneading the dough before cooking the bread and devouring it at the end of the week!

This week, we started our new topic 'Rawsome Dinosaurs'. Our superstars have been infatuated by the differences between herbivores and carnivores and have loved the challenge of creating a brand-new dinosaur during 'Drawing Club'! In Maths, we have now started focusing on numbers greater than ten. We have play lots of fun games to help us understand how many 'full tens' and 'extra ones' different numbers are composed of. Towards the end of the week, we have got our exciting Maths 'Rockstar Day'! We cannot wait to have a fun-filled Maths day alongside seeing all of your amazing costumes!



EMERALD CLASS

Last week, we were all very excited to be reunited after the Easter holidays and we enjoyed learning the story of the Little Red Hen. Emerald Class is amazing at retelling the story using actions! Just like the Little Red Hen, we made our own bread. Unlike the animals in the story, the children all helped each other beautifully! They did a fabulous job at weighing out the ingredients and thoroughly enjoyed devouring their delectable bread at snack time. The children used a story map to write their own versions of the Little Red Hen story, did some super maths using egg boxes and made some fantastic chickens in the craft area!

To bring the Little Red Hen story to life, we were lucky to have a visit from Lizzie from the British Hen Welfare Trust. She brought along her wonderfully behaved hens Windy and Breeze and taught us lots about chickens and their amazing eggs! Thank you to Lizzie, Windy and Breeze.

This week, we are being Palaeontologists as we begin our exciting dinosaur topic! We were shocked to discover on the school CCTV that a dinosaur had been stomping around our garden area and it sparked so many interesting conversations! We've enjoyed sharing our knowledge of dinosaurs and making up some new dinosaurs too! On Tuesday, we learnt about England's patron saint, Saint George and enjoyed making shields and swords after learning about how George slayed the dragon!



YEAR 1-6 LEARNING JOURNEYS

	Binfield	Oakwood
Year 1	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science: Spring hunt • Geography: Kenya and the UK • Other: Milestones visit • Art: Bridget Riley • English: The Gingerbread Man • Maths: Counting in 2s, 5s. Equal groups <p><u>Opal Class Learning Journey</u></p> <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science: Spring hunt • Geography: Kenya and the UK • Other: Milestones visit <p><u>Moonstone Class Learning Journey</u></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths: Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. • Other activities: Our Milestones Visit • Science: Materials <p><u>Ash Learning Journey</u></p>
Year 2	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DT: Catapults • Other: Easter • Music: Musical Me • Science: Living Things • Maths: Fractions • English: Summer Term <p><u>Topaz Class Learning Journey</u></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science: Living things and their habitats • Art • Maths • PSHE <p><u>Birch Class Learning Journey</u></p>
Year 3	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art: Collage • Geography: Using compasses <p><u>Quartz Class Learning Journey</u></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE: Christianity • English: mystery stories • Computing: Desktop publishing • Art: Collage • PE: Tennis • Computing: Comparing software <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: Greek myths Maths: Decimals DT: Musical instruments <p>Amethyst Class Learning Journey</p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English: Greek Myths Science: Electricity <p>Pine Class Learning Journey</p>
Year 5		<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE: Swimming Maths: Shape <p>Sycamore Learning Journey</p>
Year 6		<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DT: Levers and pulleys Other activities: Yoga <p>Oak Learning Journey</p>
Sport	KAB KAO Primary PE	

KABKAO UPDATES

KICKBOXING WIN FOR ELI



Congratulations to Eli in Year 4 KAO who was jumping for joy when he was awarded the Student of the Month in Kickboxing.

Well done for persevering and this great achievement.

WILL'S KARTING SUCCESS



William, who is in Year 9, is currently in third position after two races in the National Junior Global Karting League. He also recently beat Cameron Das (American F3 driver and YouTuber) at Daytona Milton Keynes.

William is getting ready for his first 24-hour team event and is busy testing and preparing at new tracks in some different karts which drive up to 70mph. He has also been accepted into TRX Motorsport to do more endurance racing too. Go, William!

AUSTIN SAVES THE DAY!



Well done to Austin in Year 1 KAO who won Player of the Day at Binfield Soccer School on Sunday – on his first week!

After being nervous at the beginning Austin got stuck straight in and did three great saves.

ISABELLE WINS SPORTS AWARD



Congratulations to Izzy in Year 9 who won Silver at the Pride of Bracknell Awards for the Sport and Achievement Young Person's Award.

Isabelle is an accomplished athletics athlete. She recently won the National Indoor Championships in the 60-metre hurdles and made the 75-meter final representing Berkshire in hurdles and combined events at her first English School Championships.

She achieved the fastest time in her heat, came third in the England Outdoor Championships final – earning her first national medal.

KABKAO UPDATES

YEAR 11 ENGLISH REVISION SKILLS



In Year 11 English, students have been recapping tools for success when it comes to revision with a session from the University of Reading.

Students were encouraged to think about methods of revision that will be most useful to them, and will encourage active thinking. There was a particular focus on revising key quotations with students preparing for their first English exam on the 13th May. It was a great session with lots to take away for everyone.

LENA'S GOALKEEPING VICTORY



Lena, in Year 4, won player of the match at the weekend. Her team is brand new and this is the first season they played as a team.

Lena also stepped up recently as goalkeeper and is doing brilliantly. This week she got a clean sheet in the semi final and made some great saves. The team is now through to the cup final in May. Well done, Lena and team!

DISABLED PARKING SPACES



Please can we remind everyone that the disabled parking spaces are to only be used for cars displaying blue badges.

Some parents/carers have been unable to park in these bays due to other cars that do not have a blue badge.

NEW ADDITIONAL NEEDS INFO HUB



The new [Additional Needs Info Hub \(SEND local offer\)](#) and [Family Services Directory](#) website will be launching on Monday 29th April.

The upgraded website provides free, impartial information and advice about special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and other family matters including:

- Support services
- Education and health care plans (EHCP)
- Childcare
- Leisure activities

Designed with parents, carers and young people with additional needs, the new upgraded local directory website is more engaging, accessible and easier to use and understand.

More details on [Page 21](#)

KAB6 UPDATE



This week our Aspire students attended a professional networking event to practice their skills and learn from a range of visitors. From CEO's to University ambassadors our students were able to engage in conversations about their futures and ask questions to people who have been there and have a range of advice to offer!

Ms Jackson organised and hosted the event, we are so grateful to her for facilitating this fantastic opportunity. A BIG thank you to all our guests that gave up their time to support our KAB6 students.

Congratulations Year 12 you have graduated from the Aspire Programme! Next stop... your future!

#beremarkable #kab6 #aspire #futures

Mrs West | Assistant Principal

KAB6 UPDATE



Last week we launched UCAS here at KAB6! If students want to go to university in the UK they have to apply through UCAS. The week started by going on the road to the UCAS Exhibition at the Farnborough Exhibition Centre. There were lots of Year 12 students from the local area and the South East. Students had the opportunity to visit and meet ambassadors from over 100 UK institutions. They also had the opportunity to attend Q&A sessions on personal statements, finance, accommodation and more! The students came away with lots of information and ideas to consider.

These events simply can't take place without hours of planning and organisation! It was a seamless trip! A big thank you to Ms Jackson and Mrs Newhouse for all their hard work and to the staff that supported us on the days leading up to and the day itself! #teameffort

We followed this event with an Information Evening for parents to launch the UCAS journey and support families as they navigate the process. The engagement of our parent community is so impressive and it is such a privilege to lead our students and families through this next stage in their futures, where I have no doubt they will #beremarkable

Mrs West | Assistant Principal

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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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
Wednesday 1st May	Primary PTA meeting - 6pm - 7pm
Thursday 2nd May	Year 10 parents evening
Friday 3rd May	Year 5 swimming
Friday 3rd May	KAO Year 5 to enrichment
Monday 6th May	May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th May	Year 7 assessment window
Wednesday 8th May	Emerald class assembly
Friday 10th May	Year 5 swimming
Friday 10th May	KAO Year 6 parents to enrichment
Monday 13th May	Year 6 SATS week
Wednesday 15th May	Jade Class assembly - 2.45pm
Friday 17th May	Year 5 swimming
Friday 17th May	Year 6 trip to Legoland
Saturday 18th May	DoFE Practice Expedition - 4pm - 6pm

**Attachments and
promotional posters to follow**

A vibrant summer-themed poster for a school fair. The background is a bright blue sky with a large yellow sun in the top left, a dark teal cloud in the top right, and a large light blue cloud in the center. On the right, a cluster of red, green, and yellow balloons floats upwards. At the bottom, a green grassy field features a girl on the left holding three balloons (red, yellow, yellow) and a boy on the right holding a red and yellow ice cream cone. The text is arranged in a clear, festive layout.

SATURDAY 29TH JUNE
12:00 – 3.00PM

JOIN US FOR OUR 2024
SUMMER
FAIR

KINGS ACADEMY OAKWOOD
SCHOOL
CHILTERN VIEW, BRACKNELL
RG42 4FY.



FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
BOUNCY CASTLES • GAMES • TOMBOLA • ICE CREAM VAN • STALLS AND MORE

If you would like a stall at our Summer Fair please follow this link to our PTA events page:
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/kingsacademy/index.cfm?event=Shop>

Children's LEGO Exhibition

Sunday 5th May
2024

AT LEGOLAND, WINDSOR.

Ages; 4-18 years

10am-4pm

Online tickets
only: £15pp
(link below)

Showcase your home

Lego builds at
Legoland, Windsor!

Individual and family
builds are allowed!

ORGANISED BY KINGS ACADEMY PTA

any queries please email; pta@kingsacademies.uk

This event is for children (from 4 -18 years) to showcase home built Lego models at Legoland. There will also be competitions throughout the day and tickets enable access to the park attractions after the exhibition.

Tickets are priced at £15pp and the tickets include use of the attraction rides for free if you are exhibiting. Tickets will not be sold to people who just want attraction tickets.

There are only 150 tickets available, which will be sold on a first come first served basis for academy students. Please message the PTA email address for unique codes to book tickets.
Pta@kingsacademies.uk



FIT4KIDZ

FUTSAL

THURSDAYS

17:30 – 18:30

RANELAGH SCHOOL

RANELAGH DRIVE, BRACKNELL RG12 9DA

£70 FOR THE TERM

18 APRIL – 23 MAY

BRACKNELL@FIT4KIDZUK.COM

07957 761 428

Calling all budding young footballers, Futsal Thursdays are back at Ranelagh school for a new 6- week program.

First session is free taster session!

We are welcoming any young boys and girls up to the age of 10 to join us in our program and learn the art of Futsal.

A great indoor facility awaits for you to develop into a skilful young player.



Pride Circle

Bringing LGBT+
Families together

Support U

**Welcoming and inclusive social
and support group for LGBTQ+
families to meet, mingle, and
make new friends!**

What We Offer:

- Monthly Social Meetups
- LGBTQ+ Friendly Venues
- Diverse Range of Activities
 - Supportive Community
- Safe, Inclusive Environment

Currently in Bracknell

Contact: Support@supportu.org.uk



**DANCING, SINGING, DRAMA,
MUSICAL THEATRE,
HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS**



Where: Charlotte Pratt Memorial Hall, Winkfield Row
When: Friday afternoon/evening (term time)
Age: 5-18

3 Classes available: Juniors, Inters and Seniors

£10 per session (termly fees)

For more info contact Sarah Gurney
Tel: 07970 956998
Email: spsarahstgeorge8@gmail.com



My name is Sarah Gurney, I am a West End choreographer/performer and I'm running a local musical theatre school here in Bracknell and would like to give local children a chance to build on confidence and performance skills. I also run holiday performance workshops.. Children get to perform a show in a theatre and it's great fun as you can see my next one is Frozen – see below.

GET READY TO....LET IT GO!

FROZEN 1 AND 2 EXTRAVAGANSA



SSG MAY HALF TERM WORKSHOP

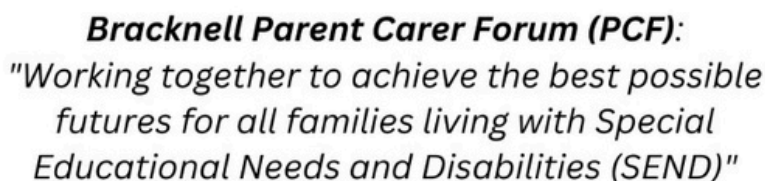
28TH, 29TH AND 30TH MAY

LOCATION: HEATHFIELD SCHOOL THEATRE, ASCOT

TIME: 9AM TO 3PM
SHOWCASE AT 2PM ON 30TH



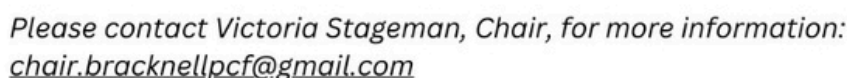
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Bracknell Parent Carer Forum (PCF) is recruiting trustees to start the journey towards becoming a Charity (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). Being a trustee is a valuable voluntary role, but it does involve responsibilities.

- oversee the overall management and administration of the charity
- ensure Bracknell PCF has a clear strategy
- ensure our work and goals are in line with our vision
- support and challenge the executive team to enable Bracknell PCF to grow and thrive
- work together to achieve the best possible futures for all Bracknell Forest families living with SEND.

We are looking for those who have knowledge of the issues affecting families living with SEND. In particular, we are also looking for people with expertise in HR, finance, grant bidding or strategic planning. People willing to bring energy, enthusiasm and commitment to the role, and who will broaden the diversity of thinking of our organisation to move it forwards are particularly welcome.





ACRO CAMP

Martins Heron Community Centre, RG12 9TZ
Monday 5th – Wednesday 7th August
Performance on the last day!
8:30–15:30
5–12 Years
£105 (after early bird)
To book: <https://elibah-camps-limited.classforkids.io>

 **EARLY BIRD =**
£87
Expires – 24th May



TAYLOR SWIFT DANCE CAMP

Martins Heron Community Centre, RG12 9TZ
Monday 12th – Wednesday 14th August
8:30–15:30
5–12 Years
Performance on the last day!
£105 (after early bird)

EARLY BIRD = £87
Expires on 24th May

To book: <https://elibah-camps-limited.classforkids.io>

Bracknell Forest's Family Services Directory and Additional Needs Info Hub (SEND Local Offer)



Providing free, impartial information and advice about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and all other family matters.

- SEND information all in one place - how to access services and support including Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)
- Education, childcare and early years funding
- Leisure and holiday activities
- Advice and support services
- Brokerage service for those struggling to find childcare

Family Information Service: fis@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

01344 353133

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/localdirectory



Where can I get help
with an EHCP?

Where is my nearest
baby clinic?

I'm struggling with my
child's behaviour – where
can I get help?

How do I apply for
childcare funding?