

# KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS TATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and exciting week it's been at KAB and KAO! Year 5 students at both academies had a fantastic visit from the local firefighters, who brought their fire engine along for a hands-on fire safety talk. The children were thrilled to learn about fire safety firsthand and had lots of questions for the team. Thank you to the firefighters for making this such an engaging experience!

This week, students at KAO took part in the ongoing UK Bebras Challenge, continuing their efforts in this fun and educational competition. KAB students took part in this challenge last week. We've also had a number of prospective parent tours at both KAB and KAO recently, and I'm proud to say that our students have been wonderful hosts—behaving respectfully and politely, and making the visitors feel welcome.

It was a delight to see all the fantastic hairstyles for Crazy Hair Day in support of Children in Need! From wild curls to vibrant colours, the children really embraced the spirit of the day. And speaking of fun, it was great to see so many odd socks worn in support of Anti-Bullying Week - a simple yet powerful reminder that we are all unique and should celebrate our differences.

As we move closer to the festive season, Christmas is already starting to take shape at both KAB and KAO. The choir has begun rehearsing Christmas songs for the Young Voices concert, and classes are busy preparing for their upcoming productions and shows. It's shaping up to be a season filled with joy and creativity!

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead!

Warm regards,  
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# NURSERY & RECEPTION UPDATES

## RUBY CLASS

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THIS WEEK'S WORDS OF THE WEEK:  
CANOPY, CASCADING,  
FLABBERGASTED, SNUG

LAST WEEK'S WORDS OF THE WEEK:  
CELEBRATION, DESPICABLE,  
ONOMATOPEIA, RANGOLI

## JADE CLASS

It has been wonderful welcoming Jade Class back to school for Autumn 2! Since returning, Jade Class has quickly picked up the routines and structures. We have been so excited to start our new phonics groups. All of our superstars are making such fantastic progress with their phonics. We are so proud of them! Thank you so much to all of you who have recorded your reading on BoomReader. It really is so helpful to see all the fantastic reading that is happening at home. In order for us to change your child's reading book, please keep making sure their reading is recorded on BoomReader.

We began the term by learning about Diwali and Bonfire Night. This helped us to understand why everyone was able to witness and hear the breathtaking fireworks during the half-term! We were fortunate enough to have had the wonderful Mrs A visit our classroom where she spoke about how many people celebrate Diwali. A massive thank you to Mrs A who ended her Diwali talk with a fabulous Diwali party! Following on from this, we then made our own Diya lamps out of clay. We cannot wait to paint and decorate them once they are all dry!

In addition to this, we have been focusing on shapes within Maths, with a particular emphasis on circles and triangles. To consolidate their learning, the children all made some fantastic Rangoli patterns using both circles and triangles.

This week, we have been reflecting on the importance of Remembrance Day. We spoke about why we wear poppies at the beginning of November. Our role play area has transformed into a Poppy Appeal Charity Shop. Lots of the children have loved making their own poppy merchandise to sell to the Jade Class customers.

Our Christmas Showcase is not far away! Jade Class has begun practising some of the songs that they will be performing. We cannot wait to blow the house down with our amazing Christmas singing!



## EMERALD CLASS

Last week, we learnt about two important celebrations - Bonfire Night and Diwali! As lots of our class had seen Fireworks at the weekend, we learnt all about Guy Fawkes and why we 'Remember, Remember the 5th of November!'

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To help us learn more about Diwali, we had a very special visit from Mrs Aggarwal. She told us all about why Hindus celebrate Diwali and told us the story of Rama and Sita. She brought in lots of special things to show us how her family celebrate this special time. We all loved doing some Diwali dancing at the end! Thank you Mrs A! Throughout the week, we moulded our very own Diya lamps out of clay and painted them with beautiful colours.

We started this week by learning about the importance of Remembrance Day and why we buy poppies at this time. The children observed the two minute silence and enjoyed making some of their very own poppies.

On Tuesday, we had great fun wearing our 'Odd Socks' to help us remember to always be kind to everyone.



Our special book this week is 'The Leaf Thief' which is about a squirrel who is rather flabbergasted to discover his leaves have been 'stolen' by the wind! We were very excited to receive a letter from the Squirrel and we went to collect lots of beautiful Autumn leaves for him to make his nest lovely and snug!

## WILLOW CLASS

We had two fun-filled weeks in Willow Class! The children first enjoyed learning all about Bonfire Night and how Guy Fawkes tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament. We commemorated his failed attempt by making our own scrumptious breadstick sparklers and fruit kebabs which we devoured while watching fireworks altogether!

We loved learning about Diwali and listening to the story of Rama and Sita with Mrs Agawal; how Rama defeated the evil demon Ravana with the help of the Monkey King Hanuman. We chalked alluring Rangoli patterns by our entrance door, learned a dance routine, created gorgeous Mehndi patterns and even made our own diya lamps with clay!

Alongside making great progress in their phonics, the children have really enjoyed 'Drawing Club', a new style towards teaching writing pioneered by Greg Bottrill. After reading a new book each week, the children are given the task of drawing pictures and writing special letter and number codes which make their pictures do wild and magical things! We have been blown away by the creativity that transpired during last week's lesson when we focused on the story of Diwali.



# YEAR 1-6 LEARNING JOURNEYS

	Oakwood	Binfield
<b>Year 1</b>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maths - addition and subtraction</li> <li>• Science - Autumn leaves</li> <li>• History - sorting toys</li> <li>• English - Beegu: questions</li> </ul> <p><a href="#"><u>KAO - Ash Class</u></a></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science - Animals including humans: Taste</li> <li>• Science - Autumn and Winter: Signs</li> <li>• Music - Seaside: Writing our own music</li> <li>• English - Can't you sleep little bear?</li> <li>• History - sorting toys from the past</li> <li>• Maths - Subraction</li> </ul> <p><a href="#"><u>KAB - Opal Class</u></a></p> <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maths - addition and subtraction</li> <li>• Science - Autumn leaves</li> <li>• History - Toys from the past</li> </ul> <p><a href="#"><u>KAB - Moonstone Class</u></a></p>
<b>Year 2</b>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maths - Addition and Subtraction</li> <li>• PSHE - Feelings</li> <li>• Science - Materials</li> </ul> <p><a href="#"><u>KAO - Birch Class</u></a></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maths - Addition and Subtraction</li> <li>• PHSE - Feelings</li> <li>• PE - Dance</li> </ul> <p><a href="#"><u>KAB - Topaz Class</u></a></p> <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maths - Addition and Subtraction</li> <li>• Design &amp; Technology - Pop-up Cards</li> <li>• PSHE - Feelings</li> <li>• PE - Dance</li> </ul> <p><a href="#"><u>KAB - Amber Class</u></a></p>

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	Oakwood	Binfield
<b>Year 3</b>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science - Forces</li> <li>• Geography - Rainforests</li> <li>• Guided reading - Dictionaries</li> </ul> <p><a href="#"><u>KAO - Chestnut Class</u></a></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PE - Dance</li> </ul> <p><a href="#"><u>KAB - Quartz Class</u></a></p>
<b>Year 4</b>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English - A2 Setting Descriptions</li> <li>• Maths - Addition and Subtraction</li> <li>• RE - Autumn 2 - Christianity</li> </ul> <p><a href="#"><u>KAO - Pine Class</u></a></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English - Spooky settings</li> <li>• Geography - Rivers</li> </ul> <p><a href="#"><u>KAB - Amethyst Class</u></a></p>
<b>Year 5</b>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History - Pharaohs</li> <li>• Art - Different types of line</li> <li>• Other activities - Fire Brigade Visit</li> </ul> <p><a href="#"><u>KAO - Sycamore Class</u></a></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music - South and West Africa</li> <li>• Maths - Improper fractions and mixed numbers</li> <li>• English - Formal writing &amp; Relative clauses</li> <li>• Other Activities - Fire Brigade visit</li> </ul> <p><a href="#"><u>KAB - Sapphire Class</u></a></p>
<b>Year 6</b>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English - Macbeth Act 1</li> <li>• Science - Light and refraction</li> <li>• History - historical evidence gathering</li> </ul> <p><a href="#"><u>KAO - Oak Class</u></a></p>	
<b>Sport</b>	<a href="#"><u>KAB/KAO Primary PE</u></a>	

# KABKAO UPDATES



## CHELSEA GOALKEEPER TRIAL FOR PARIS

Well done to Paris, Year 5, who had a trial for the Chelsea Academy/Emerging Talent Centre to be a goalkeeper. She has been called back for a second trial.

Good luck, Paris!

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## CAMERON'S SWIMMING SUCCESS

Cameron, in Year 5, took part in his second gala for his club and gained a 1st in backstroke, 2nd in butterfly and 3rd in front crawl.

Nice work, Cameron!



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## LAYLA'S AMAZING HAIR DONATION

During the half term break, Layla, Year 5, decided she wanted to cut her hair short so went ahead with it.

Not only that, she talked about wanting to do something for children who are experiencing hair loss from medical treatments and decided to donate 8 inches of her hair to the [Little Princess Trust](#) for sick children who want to live a normal life.

What a wonderful gesture, Layla.



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## KEITA'S SWIMMING ACHIEVEMENTS

Keita, Year 5, took part in a competitive swimming competition last weekend, organised by Bracknell and Wokingham Swimming Club for all their swimmers from Stage 7 up to Presquad teams.

Keita did very well and was very proud of herself -

- 25m butterfly (fly) - 1st place
- 25m backstroke - 1st place
- 25m frontcrawl - 1st place
- 25m breaststroke - 2nd place

She also has a GOLD medal in her age group!

Congratulations, Keita!

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## JUDE'S SWIM WIN

Jude, Year 5, completed his first swimming gala last weekend - winning two awards.

He came 1st place in the freestyle stroke and 2nd place in back stroke. He has worked very hard and enjoyed every moment of the swimming gala.

Well done, Jude!



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## DARIA'S FIRST SWIM WIN

Daria, Year 5, recently started swimming, and last weeks took part in her first mini-competition. She came second in the most challenging style, which is the butterfly, and fourth in backstroke.

Great work, Daria!



# DATES FOR THE DIARY

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<b>Tuesday 19th November</b>	Chestnut Class assembly - 2.45pm
<b>Wednesday 20th November</b>	First aid training for Year 5 KAO
<b>Thursday 21st November</b>	First aid training for Year 5 KAB
<b>Thursday 21st November</b>	Year 6 trip to KAB secondary
<b>Wednesday 27th November</b>	KAO Year 1 Milestones Trip
<b>Thursday 28th November</b>	KAB Year 1 Milestones Trip
<b>Thursday 28th November</b>	Year 6 trip to KAB secondary
<b>Thursday 5th December</b>	KAB Reception Christmas Showcase - 2.30pm
<b>Friday 6th December</b>	INSET Day
<b>Tuesday 10th December</b>	Nursery Christmas Sing Along - 10.45am
<b>Tuesday 10th December</b>	Nursery Christmas Sing Along - 2.45pm
<b>Wednesday 11th December</b>	KAB and KAO Christmas pyjama party - 5pm
<b>Monday 16th December</b>	KAO KS1/EY Christmas Show - 10.30am
<b>Monday 16th December</b>	KAO KS1/EY Christmas Show - 2pm
<b>Tuesday 17th December</b>	KAB KS1 Christmas Show - 10.30am
<b>Tuesday 17th December</b>	KAB KS1 Christmas Show - 2pm
<b>Tuesday 17th December</b>	KAO KS2 Christmas Show
<b>Wednesday 18th December</b>	KS2 Christmas Show - 6pm
<b>Thursday 19th December</b>	Christmas dinner
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	End of term. Finish at 12.15pm
<b>Monday 6th January 2025</b>	Back to school. Start of new term

**Attachments and  
promotional posters to follow**

November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: Piano Taster Lessons**

**“Making music for everyone”** is at the heart of what we do at Berkshire Music Trust. Inspiring and motivating people to enjoy making music with guidance and support from an exceptional team of teachers.

I am pleased to say that I have a small amount of space for more piano students in my timetable at Kings Academy Binfield on Fridays and I am offering free taster lessons to any children who would like to try it out before signing up for lessons. Please contact me via email to arrange a lesson: [chrissansum@berksmusictrust.org.uk](mailto:chrissansum@berksmusictrust.org.uk)

The school recognises the benefits that learning an instrument brings, not only to a child’s musical education but in helping to develop creative thinking, motor skills and listening skills which can support learning across a wide range of subjects.

If you would like your child to experience the benefits of instrumental tuition, lessons start from only £10 per session to learn in a small group, £14.70 for £12.50 a group of two, or from £20.60 for an individual lesson. You can also contact our finance team for payment options [finance@berksmusictrust.org.uk](mailto:finance@berksmusictrust.org.uk)

If you would like to register formally for lessons and see the T%Cs, please visit our website: <http://www.berksmusictrust.org.uk>

Don’t worry if your child does not own an instrument. Berkshire Music Trust offers an excellent, subsidized instrument hire scheme with rates starting from just £26.50 per term. Your teacher will provide details of this scheme.

Should you have any further questions, feel free to email me for further information.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Sansum  
Piano Teacher  
Berkshire Music Trust



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# BIG PLAY DAY



Love playing your instrument with your class at school?

- 🎵 Come and have fun making music with friends!
- 🎵 Whether you know just a few notes or a few more, there's a part for you!
- 🎵 Show off your skills in a performance for your parents!

**Saturday, 23 November**

Workshops: 10:30am - 12:30pm

Performance: 12:30pm - 1:15pm

**Tickets: £3**

Bracknell Music Centre, Ranelagh School, RG12 9DA

Suitable for beginners learning with their class at school.

Bring your instrument and let's play together! 🎵🎸

Learn your part with your teacher

Rehearse with the band on the day

Perform at the end of the event



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