

WEEK ENDING 13TH DECEMBER 2024

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS TATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it's been at both KAB and KAO, filled with festive cheer and excitement! The KAB Nursery Christmas Sing-Along was truly heartwarming, and KAB Reception's Christmas Show last week was a delightful celebration of seasonal songs. The Pyjama Parties were also a huge hit, bringing smiles and laughter to everyone. A big thank you to the PTA and all the volunteers whose support made these events so special for the children.

Year 4 at KAB and Year 3 at KAO had an exciting adventure bouldering at Oakwood Activity Centre, and everyone had a fantastic time. The KAB choir continued their caroling journey with a lovely trip to St. Clement House, spreading festive joy in the community.

Looking ahead, we can't wait for the final week of term! The KS1 and KS2 Christmas Shows will be a highlight, as well as our Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day. A reminder that the term will end at 12:15pm on Friday, 20th December.

Wishing everyone a joyful and festive finish to the term!

Kind Regards,

Jacqueline Tate
Head of Primary
King's Academy Binfield and King's Academy Oakwood



Dare To Be Remarkable

NURSERY & RECEPTION UPDATES

RUBY CLASS

We have been feeling very festive in Ruby Class and engaging in lots of Christmas themed arts and crafts. We were also absolute superstars in our Christmas sing-along show on Tuesday and wowed our parents with our beautiful singing. Miss Greaney and Mrs Wood are proud of you all!



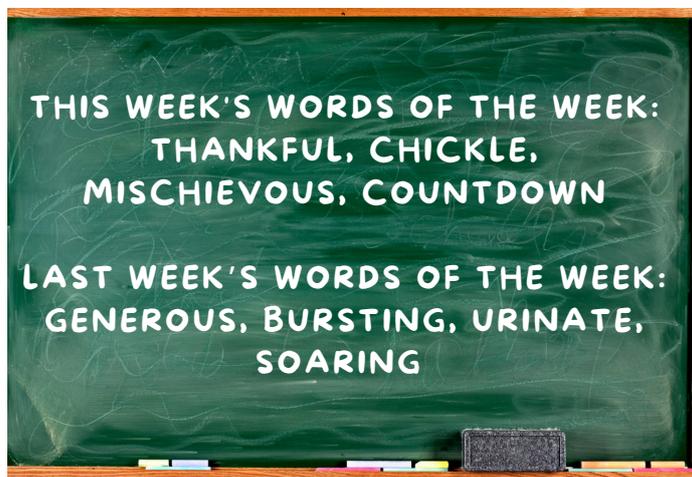
The children have amazed us with their enthusiasm and determination to learn their lyrics. They just can not wait to share their remarkable performance with their loved ones next week!



JADE CLASS

We have had such a wonderful and festive couple of weeks! On December 1st we had a peculiar visitor come to Jade Class, who left us a letter. We soon discovered it was the Elf on the Shelf! As a class, we came up with some names, took a vote and decided to call the Elf 'Rudolph-Adrian'. Rudolph Adrian has been causing so much mischief in our classroom and the children have loved witnessing all of his antics! Rudolph Adrian has also encouraged us to fill our classroom with Christmas decorations. Hence, this week we have been busy doing lots of Christmas crafts, putting up the tree and hanging a variety of decorations. Our role-play area has transformed into a Santa's Workshop and the children have very much enjoying wrapping presents using our Junk Modelling and placing them carefully under our Christmas Tree. We have also been very busy writing Christmas cards to our loved ones and cannot wait to deliver this to them when they are finished!

Additionally, the children have had lots of additional and exciting extra-curricular adventures. Last week, the children watched a hysterical Christmas pantomime!



WILLOW CLASS

It is looking a lot like Christmas in Willow Class where gorgeous decorations are dangling everywhere; looking particularly beautiful on our dazzling Christmas tree. Our little elves have also been very busy in their Santa workshop over the past two weeks; wrapping presents, making salt dough decorations as well as writing Christmas cards and wish lists. Willow Class has really blown their socks off over the past two weeks rehearsing their Nativity play with Year 1 and Year 2 for their upcoming performance.

NURSERY & RECEPTION UPDATES



We also were lucky enough to partake in Dance Club Taster Sessions and loved performing a new routine. Alongside this, I could not forget to mention the children's marvellous Christmas Show!

The children were absolutely amazing during their Christmas performance. Their singing was spectacular and certainly made us all feel very proud!

I cannot believe the Autumn Term has come to an end. The children have all settled so wonderfully and I cannot wait to welcome them in for a new year! I hope you all have a magical Christmas!



EMERALD CLASS

We have had a fabulously festive few weeks in Emerald Class!

Last week saw the arrival of a very mischievous little elf in our classroom. We have named him Chip and we are really finding him in the mornings and seeing what mischief he is up to! The children have loved sharing what their cheeky elves have got up to at home too!

We decorated our classroom for Christmas and performed our Christmas singing showcase to our parents.

We were so very proud of everyone in Emerald Class for their incredible performance- such wonderful smiles and singing! We also really enjoyed our special pantomime last week and Chiara got chosen to go up on stage!

Last week, we read a hilarious book called 'Father Christmas needs a wee' and in Drawing Club we designed some incredibly creative new toilets for Father Christmas to use!



This week began with the most beautiful rainbow arching over our school on Monday morning!

We have been enjoying making Christmas cards, doing lots of Christmas themed crafts and writing letters to Santa.

Well done on an amazing Autumn term Emerald Class and Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a very happy and healthy new year!



YEAR 1-6 LEARNING JOURNEYS

	Oakwood	Binfield
Year 1	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths - 2D and 3D shape <p><u>KAO - Ash Class</u></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths - 2D and 3D Shape • Science - Autumn and Winter <p><u>KAB - Opal Class</u></p> <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths - 2D and 3D Shape • DT - Stockings <p><u>KAB - Moonstone Class</u></p>
Year 2	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DT - Designing our pop up cards • Computing - Editing photographs • Science - Investigating absorbency <p><u>KAO - Birch Class</u></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English - Instructions • DT - Pop up cards <p><u>KAB - Topaz Class</u></p> <p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English - Instructions • DT - Pop up cards <p><u>KAB - Amber Class</u></p>

YEAR 1-6 LEARNING JOURNEYS

	Oakwood	Binfield
Year 3	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D&T - Hand Puppets • English - Balanced Arguments • Other Activities - Bouldering and Christmas Pyjama Party <p><u>KAO - Chestnut Class</u></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSHE - Online Safety • PE - Theatrical Dance Workshop <p><u>KAB - Quartz Class</u></p>
Year 4	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography - Rivers • Science - States of Matter • DT - WaterWheels • Maths - Multiplication and Division <p><u>KAO - Pine Class</u></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography - Rivers • English - Explanation Text <p><u>KAB - Amethyst Class</u></p>
Year 5	<p>Blog updates include: History - Mummification</p> <p><u>KAO - Sycamore Class</u></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History - Tutankhamun's tomb • Other Activities - Theatrical Dance workshop • Maths - Mixed numbers <p><u>KAB - Sapphire Class</u></p>
Year 6	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DT - Painting our bird boxes • Science - Shadow investigation • Computing - Creating our own website <p><u>KAO - Oak Class</u></p>	
Sport	<u>KAB/KAO Primary PE</u>	

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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Monday 16th December	KAO KS1/EY Christmas Show - 10.30am
Monday 16th December	KAO KS1/EY Christmas Show - 2pm
Tuesday 17th December	KAB KS1 Christmas Show - 10.30am
Tuesday 17th December	KAB KS1 Christmas Show - 2pm
Tuesday 17th December	KAO KS2 Christmas Show - 6pm
Wednesday 18th December	KAB KS2 Christmas Show - 6pm
Thursday 19th December	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
Friday 20th December	End of term. Finish at 12.15pm
Monday 6th January 2025	Back to school. Start of new term

MESSAGES TO MRS MOORE



Following the sad news that Mrs Moore will be stepping down as our Executive Principal, we will be putting together a message book to hand over to her to read at her leisure.

Should you wish to write a personal message to Mrs Moore, to be included in the message book, please email FAO Miss Hetherington to admin.bi@kingsacademies.uk by Tuesday 17th December.

**Attachments and
promotional posters to follow**



Bracknell Christmas Toy Bank

If Christmas brings financial hardship and worry, and a little extra support could be helpful for your family, the Toy Bank is here for you.

We invite you to come along and choose from a selection of kindly donated toys for FREE.

The Toy Bank is an inclusive space for anyone in the community who needs help to make Christmas extra special this year. Come and visit us:

**Saturday 14th December, 12pm-4pm
Involve Community Services, RG12 1AE
(opposite Bracknell library)**

If you have any queries, please email bracknelltoybank@gmail.com



Bracknell

Foodbank

Together with Trussell

Festive Season Opening Times:

Monday 23/12/24

18:00 - 19:30

Tuesday 24/12/24

10:30 - 12:00

CLOSED: 25 Dec - 2 Jan

Reopening for 2025:

Friday 3 January 2025

10:30 - 12:00

Tel: 01344 862699

foodbank@kerith.church

COPING AT CHRISTMAS

The Added Pressures of Christmas can be Tough, but it's Important to know there's always Someone you can Talk to...

NHS 111 online

Call 111 & select option 2 to speak to the NHS Mental Health Crisis Response Service 24/7

[Nhs.uk/mental-health](https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health)



Under 35s can Call 0800 068 4141, Text: 88247 or Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org 24/7

[Papyrus-uk.org](https://www.papyrus-uk.org)

SAMARITANS

Call 116 123 to talk to Samaritans, or email: jo@samaritans.org for a reply within 24 hours

[Samaritans.org](https://www.samaritans.org)



Call MIND's Mental Health Helpline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 0800 414 8247

[Mind.org.uk](https://www.mind.org.uk)



Text "SHOUT" to 85258 to contact the Shout Crisis Text Line, or text "YM" if you're under 19

[Giveusashout.org](https://www.giveusashout.org)



Mental Health Forum & Chat for Men from 5pm - midnight every day Call or Whatsapp 0800 585858

[Thecalmzone.net](https://www.thecalmzone.net)

[ChristmasCountdown.uk](https://www.ChristmasCountdown.uk)

Dear parent/carer,

Please find below a letter from Kooth about wellbeing support for students and families during the holiday period.

With the winter break fast approaching, at Kooth Digital Health we appreciate there will be some young people who may struggle during the holidays without the access to the daily pastoral support, teaching staff and friends that the school community provides. Seasonal illness and the closure of many services at this time of year can also lead to extended wait times for support across both adult and young people's NHS and community services.

WE ARE STILL HERE.

Kooth Digital Health offers free, therapeutic mental health and wellbeing support to young people in [East Berkshire](#) aged between [\[11-17\]](#). Funded and endorsed by the [\[NHS East Berkshire Integrated Care Board\]](#), our services remain available over the winter period, offering wellbeing support from the comfort of your own home, via any web-enabled device via the following referral form-

Ages [\[11-17 East Berkshire\]](#) [referral form](#)



Kooth offers free access to online text-based practitioner chats, self help tools and activities, journal spaces and advice from our non-judgemental, safe and moderated peer:peer communities.

With no threshold, waiting list processes, young people in East Berkshire can access support for ANY issues they may be experiencing. These may include; body image, self-esteem, loneliness, bereavement, academic pressures, stress, anxiety, friendships, sexuality, life changes etc.

The registration process is quick and safe, simply by [registering with the referral form](#)

Kooth delivers 1000's of online wellbeing sessions each year in Local Authorities across the UK. As 50% of referrals to CAMHS are unfortunately deemed inappropriate to their criteria, Kooth gives schools, professionals and families an alternative way of ensuring children and young people can access free support when they need it, in a way that they find comfortable to access, via any web-enabled device.

If you have any questions regarding the service, please contact Kooth directly. Simply email parents@kooth.com. A selection of Parent/Carer resources can be accessed using this link: [Kooth Parent & Carer resources](#)

Kind Regards

Have your say on the proposed school attendance strategy.



Parents/carers, schools, children and young people are invited to complete an online survey about school attendance.

The strategy proposes priority areas, including:

- ensuring clear roles and responsibilities for all partners
- consistency with shared approach and training
- supporting the most vulnerable
- meeting the needs of the local community

Complete the survey by **17 January** using the QR code or attend one of the online sessions on:

10 January from 10am to 11am
15 January from 12 noon to 1pm



To book a session contact:
Education.Welfare-Services@Bracknell-Forest.gov.uk

E-BIKES

What you need to know



You can only ride an e-bike if it (and you!) meet certain requirements.



Did you know you can only ride an e-bike if it meets certain requirements and you are 14 years or over?

Electric bikes are also known as 'electronically assisted pedal cycles (EAPC)' or e-bikes. E-bikes must have pedals that can be used to propel it, and it must show either the power output, or manufacturer of the motor **and** either the batteries voltage, or maximum speed of the bike.

The electric motor must have a maximum power output of 250W, and should not be able to propel the bike when it is travelling more than 15.5mph.

If an e-bike does not meet these requirements then it is classed as a motorcycle or moped, and needs to be registered, taxed and insured, you also need a driving licence and to wear a helmet.

If you are riding an e-bike which does not meet these requirements and it is not registered, taxed or insured, your e-bike could be seized.



E-SCOOTERS

What you need to know



It's illegal to ride a privately owned electric scooter in public

Did you know it's illegal to ride a privately owned electric scooter (e-scooter) in public?



That's because e-scooters are classed as motor vehicles in law. So, in theory, this means that you need an MOT, road tax and insurance to use one, however it isn't currently possible to register e-scooters in this way.

Privately owned e-scooters can only be used on private land, with the permission of the landowner.

You cannot use a privately owned e-scooter on the road, pavement or in a public space. If you do then you risk receiving a large fine, points on your driving licence and your e-scooter could be seized.

Some parts of the UK are running government trials of rental e-scooters. If you're over 16 and have a full or provisional driving licence, then you can use these on public roads and cycle paths.

Just check that your driving licence covers categories AM, A or B.

