

WEEK ENDING 24TH JANUARY 2025

# KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS TATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to share some wonderful updates from across KAB and KAO. Firstly, our staff have recently completed training for a new handwriting programme called Kinetic Letters. This programme will be rolled out to our students in the coming weeks, with the aim of improving their handwriting skills. We believe that with consistent practice, we will see positive results, and we look forward to watching our students' progress.

In other exciting news, students from KAB and KAO represented the Academies in a New Age Kurling competition. This sport is designed to be accessible to all, and we are incredibly proud of our students for their teamwork and determination. Well done to everyone who participated!

Looking ahead, our Year 6 students will be leaving on Sunday for their much-anticipated 6-night residential trip to Rhos-Y-Gwaliau in Wales. We are sure they will have an unforgettable time, filled with adventure and new experiences. We can't wait to hear all about their trip when they return!

Have a restful weekend.

Warm regards,

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# NURSERY & RECEPTION UPDATES

## RUBY CLASS

Ruby class has been learning all about syllables. We have been practising to clap, tap and drum the syllables in words and the children have blown us away with their enthusiasm for learning!

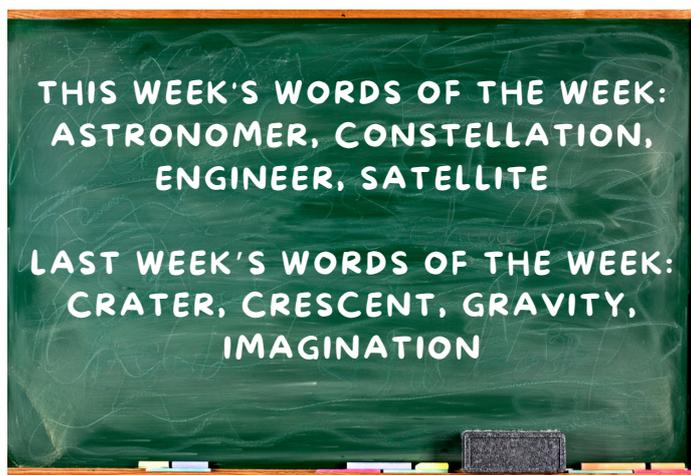
We have also been very lucky to welcome Blane's mummy into class to tell us all about her job as a hairdresser and what to expect when we go to a hair salon. We saw lots of different hair tools and talked about the importance of having our hair regularly brushed and washed too. Thank you very much for supporting our learning!



## JADE CLASS

We have had another exciting past few weeks in Jade Class! The children have thoroughly enjoyed our 'Look Up' Space Topic. We have had so much fun learning more about planets, moons and stars. One of the memorable highlights was watching the footage from Apollo 11 rocket launch (this contained the first people to walk on the moon!). Last week, we put on our astronaut 'hats' to enter the hall and we were greeted by a man in front of a humongous dome! This was, of course, our brilliant visit to the planetarium hosted by the Winchester Science Centre. After taking off our shoes and socks, we rushed inside the inflatable dome. When we looked up, the sky turned to night and we begun learning even more about our amazing solar system. The children were fascinated by the different volcanos on our various planets and loved learning the Olympus Mons was the same size as France!

This week, the children have been learning more about stars and constellations. We began the week by looking at a variety of constellations and tried to work out what their formations represented. Lots of us loved the 'frying pan' constellation! We then had a go at replicating these constellations using card, white pencils and star stickers.



# NURSERY & RECEPTION UPDATES

Within Maths, we have been focusing on the terms 'heavier' and 'lighter'. Through explorative play, the children have been examining different items on weighing scales to determine which object is lighter and which object is heavier. We have recently introduced the terminology 'mass' and will be extending this play to understand which objects have 'more mass' and which have less.

PE has also been very exciting as we have started to implement obstacle courses into our Thursday lessons! The children have loved developing their gross motor skills by crossing a variety of paths that have encouraged them to utilise balancing, crawling, running and jumping.

## EMERALD CLASS

Emerald Class is continuing to be very enthusiastic astronomers, and becoming so knowledgeable about Space! We think we may have some future astronauts amongst us! Last week, our text was 'Whatever Next' and we enjoyed learning more about the moon through this great book. We were very excited to have a visit from Winchester Science Museum's mobile planetarium and we had an out of this world experience blasting off to Space and visiting the planets in our Solar System. We were also lucky enough to try some real life astronaut food that Henry kindly bought us after he had visited London's Science Museum!

This week, our learning has revolved around stars and we loved making our own constellations with glow in the dark stickers. We enjoyed making our very own planetarium (under a table!) so that we could see our constellations twinkling!



In our Maths lessons, we have been looking at weight and enjoying exploring balance scales to see which objects are lighter and heavier. In our Drawing Club lessons we are continuing to be wonderfully creative and beginning to write simple phrases and sentences - amazing!

## WILLOW CLASS

Our short trip on the minibus to visit the mobile Planetarium at Kings Academy Binfield last week was a thrilling adventure! Visiting all the planets in our solar system was a memorable experience for our budding astronomers, who have been talking about Space and observing planets through their telescope from their International Space Station ever since!

Last week, we also learned lots of fascinating facts about the moon. Listening to stories read by astronauts stationed on the ISS was fascinating and helped us understand how the absence of gravity makes everyday life in space tricky.

Our learning has taken us a step further into space this week, learning all about constellations and how astronomers and travellers have used those star maps to guide their journeys for centuries. The children created their very own constellations and challenged themselves in writing their names. We also built our very own planetarium where we enjoyed reading books under a starlit sky.



# YEAR 1-6 LEARNING JOURNEYS

	Oakwood	Binfield
<b>Year 1</b>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maths - 1 to 20</li> <li>• English - Letters</li> <li>• Geography - Continents</li> <li>• Art - Collage</li> <li>• Computing - Making pictures</li> </ul> <p><a href="#"><u>KAO - Ash Class</u></a></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maths - 1 to 20</li> <li>• PSHE - Who Am I?</li> <li>• English - Letters</li> <li>• Geography - Continents</li> <li>• Art - Collage</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 - 1 to 20</li> <li>• English - Letters/Character descriptions</li> <li>• Geography - Continents</li> <li>• Art - Collage</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>• English - Letter writing</li> <li>• Science - Research habitats</li> <li>• Maths - Money</li> <li>• Art - Sculpture</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 - Money</li> <li>• Music - Ukulele</li> <li>• Art - Sculpture</li> <li>• Science - Living Things</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 - Money</li> <li>• Music - Ukulele</li> <li>• Art - Sculpture</li> <li>• Science - Habitats</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>English - Adventure Stories</li> <li>History - Ancient Sumer</li> <li>RE - Hinduism</li> <li>Science - Animals (Including Humans)</li> <li>D&amp;T - Hand Puppets</li> </ul> <p><a href="#"><u>KAO - Chestnut Class</u></a></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science - Animals (Including Humans)</li> <li>English - Adventure stories</li> <li>Guided Reading - Tutenkhamun</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>Maths - Multiplication and Division: Factors</li> <li>DT - Waterwheels</li> <li>Geography - Volcanoes</li> </ul> <p><a href="#"><u>KAO - Pine Class</u></a></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maths - Times tables</li> <li>Maths - Factor pairs</li> <li>Other activities - Gingerbread decorating activity</li> <li>Other activities - Christmas carol concert</li> <li>English - Dreamgiver</li> <li>Science - Teeth</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>Other activities - Silverstone trip</li> <li>Music - Remixing and looping</li> <li>DT - exploring casings</li> </ul> <p><a href="#"><u>KAO - Sycamore Class</u></a></p>	<p>Blog updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other activities - Silverstone trip</li> <li>Other activities - Christmas carol concert</li> <li>RE - Features of a Gurdwara</li> <li>Music - Remixing and looping</li> <li>Maths - Multiplication</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>Science - Building a circuit</li> <li>English - Identifying a theme</li> </ul> <p><a href="#"><u>KAO - Oak Class</u></a></p>	
<b>Sport</b>	<a href="#"><u>KAB/KAO Primary PE</u></a>	

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

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<b>Sunday 26th January - 31st January</b>	Year 6 residential to Wales
<b>Friday 7th February</b>	KAO Year 4 parents in for enrichment 2:30-3pm
<b>Monday 10th February</b>	Young Voices at Wembley Arena
<b>Wednesday 12th February</b>	Pine Class assembly - 2.45pm
<b>Wednesday 12th February</b>	Year 6 SATs talk for parents - 3.30pm
<b>Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February</b>	February Half Tem
<b>Monday 24th February</b>	Term starts
<b>Friday 28th February</b>	KABKAO Year 2 Windsor Castle trip

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