



Dear King's Oak Academy Lower School families,

The halls and classrooms of King's Oak Academy have been buzzing with creativity this term! From wonderful Modroc and clay creations in art to heartwarming musical performances, our children have

embraced their artistic talents and have been showcasing their imaginative spirit. The school has truly come alive with the sounds of joy and the colours of creativity. We hope that you enjoy the many performances from different year groups that we have in store for you over the next two weeks.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to each parent and carer for your unwavering support. Your involvement and commitment to your child's education make a significant impact, and we are grateful for the trust you place in us.

Wishing you a peaceful holiday season filled with love, laughter and cherished moments with your loved ones.

Best regards,
Miss Cerepanova

Gem Power and Value of Term

This term we will be learning about the Emerald Gem Power. This gem helps us think about *the ability to manage emotions, bounce back and show resilience*. Our termly value is 'Work Hard'.

Learning Gem Power of the Term: Emerald Power
Value of the Term: Work Hard

Emerald Power

The ability to manage emotions, bounce back and show resilience



I am brave enough to have a go
I know mistakes are opportunities to learn
I have bouncebackability
I control my own emotions
I am resilient
I can manage disappointment
I am able to label my emotions

Core Value: Work Hard

We work hard when...



We are 'Ready to Learn'
We persevere
We manage disappointments
We can do hard things
We give 100% every day

Important Upcoming Dates

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Monday 11 Dec and Thursday 14 Dec	Reception Christmas Carol Performance
Tuesday 5 and 6 December	Year 1&2 Nativity
Thursday 7 December	Year 3&4 festive performance
Thursday 7 December	Festive Jumper or Cultural Dress Day
Thursday 7 December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 December	End of Term – Half Day
Monday 1 January	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3 January	First Day for Term 3

Reception Fresh Air Friday Welly Walk

Last week, our Reception children, staff and families ventured out once again to explore and enjoy our local community. They went to the Warmley Memorial Garden to lay wreaths they have collaboratively created in class. We are so proud of our children for showing respect and curiosity throughout and for keeping themselves and their friends safe during the walk. We are immensely grateful to all of our families who joined us on the walk as we wouldn't be able to do it without your ongoing support and commitment.



All parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to join in on our next walk which will be next term as we explore the local area again. Please get in touch with the office or Reception team if you'd like to join us.

Friends of King's Oak Christmas Raffle

Tickets are just 50p each and we have some amazing prizes up for grabs with more being added all the time.

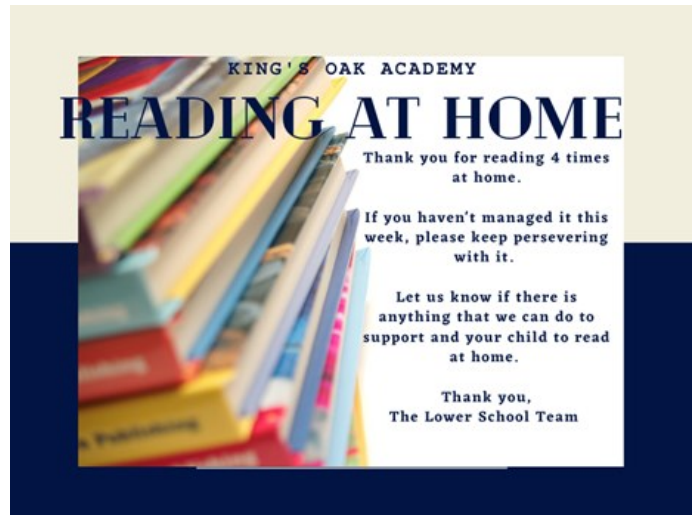
Buy your tickets online at <https://www.pta-events.com/friendsofkoabristol/index.cfm...>

We will also be selling tickets at the Christmas show refreshments and at the Christmas Family Party on 8 December.

A full list of prizes is available at:

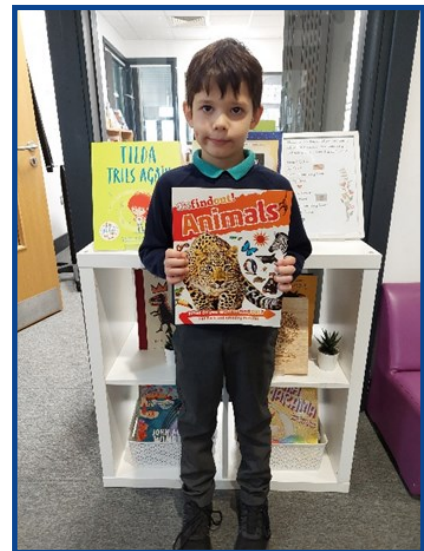
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Reading at Home



Lower School children have been very proud of their home reading for both pleasure and practice this term. Thank you for supporting them with these experiences; we know that reading truly opens doors to both the world of imagination and academic success for our learners. Thank you to those parents and carers who have joined our Year 1 and Year 2 teams for 'books and biscuits' this term as well.

Here are just a couple of our recent Reading Raffle proud winners:



Below is Miss Baber's next challenge for Lower School pupils. You can record your thinking in any format you like and hand to your class teacher or Miss Baber directly when you are in school by the end of the term! Class teachers will celebrate entries in class and Miss Baber will share her favourite entries in assembly

MATHS IN PICTURES

The Falling Origami Papers Problem

Eight origami papers fell on the floor.
Work out the order in which they landed.



**PLEASE SHARE YOUR THINKING WITH YOUR CLASS
TEACHERS AND MISS BABER**

SEND Family Support Sessions

We are very pleased to confirm that from Wednesday 29 November Miss Roscoe the Head of Inclusion and Lead SENDCo, will be holding SEND Family Support Sessions for the families of King's Oak Academy from 5-6pm, in the LRC (Middle School site).

These dates are:

- 29 November 2023 – Neurodiversity – *already commenced*
- 13 December 2023 - Social, Emotional and Mental Health
- 03 January 2024 - Speech and Language
- 28 February 2024 - Sensory Needs
- 27 March 2024 - Transition from Year 11 To Post 16
- 01 May 2024 - Transition for Year 6 To Year 7
- 29 May 2024 - Accessing Literacy & Numeracy- (Including Dyslexia and Dyscalculia)
- 26 June 2024 - Social Communication and Interaction
- 17 July 2024 - Summer SEN Offers and Summer Support in the Local Area.

In these sessions parents and carers of SEN students can meet to discuss a range of SEN strategies, develop a supportive network, and learn about SEN resources within the local area.

Spaces for these sessions are limited to 25 people and can be booked via Eventbrite (a link for this has been sent home to families, if you have not received a link please drop us a message).

Please note that each session will need to be booked separately.



Anti-bullying Pop Up Day—Friday 1 December

This year's theme: 'Make A Noise About Bullying'.



We have already had anti-bullying assemblies delivered across the Lower School site with special visits from Mr Wilkinson and Miss Side. On Friday, all King's Oak Academy children had an opportunity to learn about speaking up, harmful effects of bullying and things we can all do to support one another. This will also be an additional chance to learn about acts of kindness and sprinkle our Ruby Power all around our school!

What is Anti-Bullying Week?

Anti-Bullying Week is a nationwide initiative that highlights the issue of bullying and encourages individuals to take action against it. It emphasises the importance of fostering a culture of respect and support, where bullying is not tolerated, and every person is valued.

Below, are some kindness discussion points we explored:



Progressive Sports Enrichment

Lower school children have had a wonderful time in their Progressive Sport enrichment sessions this term. They have been able to demonstrate heaps of emerald and sapphire power in box fit sessions while learning new skills.



Next term, we will be introducing children to Curling!

Explorer Dome Sessions

Our Years 3, 4 and 1 children had an absolutely magical and awe-inspiring time during their onsite visit from the Explorer Dome this term. It was a fully interactive, immersive, and hands-on experience for all our learners. Year 3 & 4 scientists completed an investigation into light and colour, explored what light is, where it comes from and how it travels. They were able to use mirrors and prisms to explore reflection and refraction and get hands on with light inside the darkened Dome. Our Year 1 scientists enjoyed the 'Winter Show' and had an opportunity to explore the science behind the seasons and discover more about mid-winter festivals from around the world.



Festive Events 2023

Please see week 3 Lower School newsletter or a separate letter sent to you about the festive events this term.

<https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/letters/festive-meal-and-end-of-term-arrangements/>



To help parents and carers make appropriate arrangements for the final day of term on Friday 15 December 2023, please see below for confirmation of the timings for this shortened school day.

Lower School: 08:25 start as usual

Lessons and breaktime will take place as normal

End of term celebration activities organised from mid-morning until the end of the school day

11:30 – 12:30 Lunchtime

12.30 Gates & classroom doors open for collection

12:40 Gates closed

Teddy Bears After School Care on 15 December:

Cathryn and the Teddy Bears team are offering afterschool childcare, on site at King's Oak Academy on the final day of term from 12:30 until 3:30pm. Please call 07760237663 or email info@teddybearschildcare.uk if you would like to book this wrap around childcare for this day.





CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

This year the Friends of King's Oak are running a Christmas Gift shop. We are offering all children from Reception up to and including Year 6, the chance to buy a gift for a member of their family.

On Thursday 14th December, all children who have pre-ordered, will have the opportunity to come to the lower school hall and pick a gift for their chosen recipient. They will write out a tag and then be able to bring the gift home at the end of the day.

Gifts are just £2.50 and available to book online.

All orders **MUST** be placed by 9pm on Friday 8th December to allow us to buy in the stock.

We are unable to accept payments on the day. Please get in touch if you have any issues regarding pre-ordering online.



To pay, simply scan the QR code or go to

<https://www.pta->

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Friends of King's Oak Christmas Raffle

Prizes include:

Noah's Ark Zoo Farm Voucher

Beauty Within voucher

DJ Bridgee'o's Entertainments Come and Bounce voucher

Elle Loves voucher

Baileys & Lindt Chocs from Sainsbury's

Prosecco & Lindt Chocs from Sainsbury's



Avon Valley voucher

Noah's Ark Softplay voucher

Sporting Chance Holiday Club Voucher

For a full list of prizes, please visit

<https://sites.google.com/view/friendsofkingsoakbristol/events/christmas-raffle>



Buy your tickets online by scanning the QR code or by visiting visiting the above site. Tickets will also be available to buy at all Christmas shows up to and including 12th December and at the Christmas party on Friday 8th December.



Tickets just 50p each

Winners will be drawn on Wednesday 13th December and notified shortly afterwards.



Friends of King's Oak

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

BOOK HERE



- Music from DJ Bridge'o'
- Snow machine
- Raffle
- Licensed Bar
- Tuck Shop



**FRIDAY
8TH DEC**

6-8PM

The Canteen, King's Oak
Academy, Brook Rd,
Kingswood, BS15 4JT

TICKETS JUST £2.50 EACH

CHILDREN AGED 3 & UNDER GO FREE BUT MUST
HAVE A TICKET

**(ALL CHILDREN MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)**

Due to limited capacity tickets are ONLY available to buy online and will NOT be available on the door.. Anyone turning up without a ticket will be refused entry. Scan the QR code above to book. Please get in touch if you have any difficulties booking online.





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SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE PLAYSCHEME



Free Winter Holiday Playscheme For Children aged 5-11

**Join us for seasonal
arts, crafts sports and
games**

**A HOT LUNCH WILL BE
PROVIDED**

**Beacon Rise Primary School,
Hanham Rd, Kingswood,
Bristol BS15 8NU**

Monday 18th to Thursday 21st
December 2023
10:30am-2:30pm

Booking essential

Bookings open 10am, 17th November

For those on **Benefit Related Free School Meals** please book
under the **HAF Winter Kingswood** listing

for **everyone else** please book under the **Winter FREE
Playscheme Kingswood** listing

Booking link - <https://eequ.org/southglosplayscheme>





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