

Dear King's Oak Academy Lower School families,



We hope this newsletter finds you well after the refreshing Bank Holiday break! As we dive back into the school routine, we want to take a moment to reflect on the growth and learning that continues to blossom within our school community.

With the arrival of May, our school is buzzing with outdoor exploration and nature-inspired activities. From gardening projects to outdoor PE sessions, our children are immersing themselves in the wonders of the season. As always, we are hoping that the weather will continue to improve in the coming weeks!

Finally, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our volunteers who generously give their time and support to enrich our school community. Your dedication is truly appreciated, and we couldn't do it without you! Please do let us know if you would like to get involved with our wonderful Friends of King's Oak Group or if you would like to become a reading volunteer in school.

Thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration as we nurture and empower the next generation of global citizens.



Kind regards,
Miss Maria Cerepanova

Gem Power and Value of the Term

Learning Gem Power of the Term: Topaz Power
British Value of the Term: Democracy and Individual Liberty

We have started to explore our termly Learning Gem Power and our termly values in classes and will continue to work on these in assemblies throughout the term

Topaz Power

The ability to communicate



- I control my voice
- I ask a range of questions
- I can speak formally
- I speak in full sentences
- I use excellent grammar when I speak
- I can use the correct vocabulary
- I can build on the point of others
- I use my voice to express my feelings, communicate my thoughts and ideas
- I stand to speak when appropriate

British Values:

Democracy and Individual Liberty



- Individual Liberty is the right to believe, act and express oneself freely.
- Democracy is a culture built upon freedom and equality, where everyone is aware of their rights and responsibilities.

Progressive Sports Enrichment

This term, children participated in **Cricket World Cup** themed sessions. They engaged in a variety of activities aimed at developing their cricket skills and fostering teamwork. They started with warm-up exercises to prepare their bodies for physical activity, followed by skills practice focusing on batting, bowling, and fielding techniques. Under the guidance of the coach, they practised proper stance and grip for batting, learned how to deliver accurate bowls, and honed their catching and throwing abilities when fielding. Throughout the session, emphasis was placed not only on individual skill development but also on the importance of communication and collaboration within the team.



Modern British Values Pop-Up Day - Friday 24 May

This term, in order to further raise the profile of the Modern British Values at King's Oak, we are going to hold another 'Pop Up' afternoon running across the all-through. In the Lower School, this will take place on Friday 24th May. Enrichment sessions will focus on the Modern British Values, using this as an opportunity to model, promote, and reinforce these values and learn about the Parliament, British laws, democracy and voting.



The Big Legal Lesson Big Challenge

Q: If you could introduce a new law what would it be?

Q: Why is it needed?

Q: Who would it affect?

Tell your MP about your idea using **worksheet 3**.



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What is an active citizen?

Someone who has the **knowledge**, **skills** and **confidence** to make a **positive difference** to the **society** in which they live – **locally**, **nationally** and **globally**.



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KOA Student Council Visit to Minerva Primary Academy - Tuesday 30 April 2024



The Lower School Student Council, ready to roll!

We were very glad that the Friends of KOA helped us to get a mini-bus so we can do fun things like this!



First we all gathered to share our names and the classes that we represented. A difference that we noticed was that we have named our classes after trees and MPA named their classes after areas in Bristol. We were very excited to learn more about what we do the same and differently.



We were then taken on a tour of the school. We loved MPA's playground and hope to use some of their ideas at our school too!

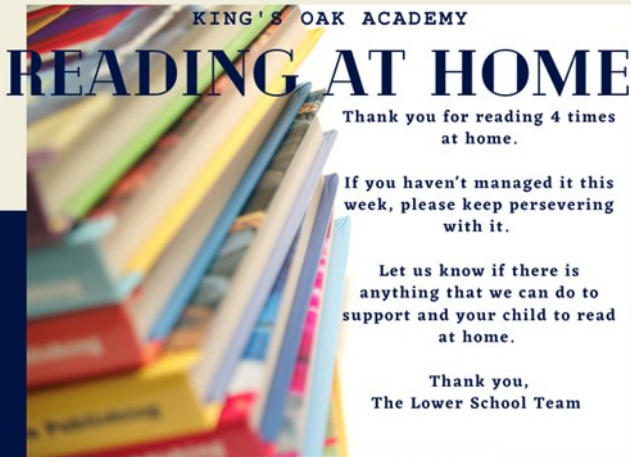


Reception Cake Baking Session

This year, we are participating in the local authority project that will ultimately lead to the creation of an 'outdoor food recipe book' that will be made available to all primary schools in South Gloucestershire. Mrs Lindsey, our forest school leader, has been supporting this project by providing opportunities for planting and growing our own produce! Last week, Reception children learned about preparing own food by making delicious carrot cupcakes. They particularly enjoyed smelling the ingredients and, of course, tasting their lovely creations!



Reading at Home



Thank you for supporting your children to flourish into independent, enthusiastic and fluent readers by encouraging them to read at home.

Here are just a few of our recent Reading Raffle winners:



SEND Family Support Sessions

We are very pleased to confirm that 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:

- 22 May 2024 - Accessing Literacy & Numeracy- (Including Dyslexia and Dyscalculia)
- 26 June 2024 - Social Communication and Interaction
- 17 July 2024 - Summer Sen Offers & 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).



Miss Baber's Maths Challenge - May

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! Class teachers will celebrate entries in class and Miss Baber will share her favourite entries in assembly.

MATHS IN PICTURES



WHAT QUESTIONS SPRING TO MIND?
THE LARGE YELLOW WHEEL HAS 'SLOTS' AROUND THE
EDGE – HOW MANY WILL THERE BE IN TOTAL AND HOW
DID YOU DECIDE?
WHAT FRACTION OF THESE 'SLOTS' ARE HIDDEN?
THE HEIGHT OF THIS PART OF THE MACHINE IS
APPROXIMATELY 1.5 M. WHAT IS THE DIAMETER OF THE
LARGEST WHEEL, THE SMALLEST?

PLEASE SHARE YOUR THINKING WITH YOUR CLASS
TEACHERS AND MISS BABER

Lower School Clubs Term 5

| Lower School | Year Group | Activity | Location | Time | Staff |
|--------------|------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Monday | 2-5 | Choir | Lower School | 3:00 – 4:00 | Miss Palmer-Turk |
| Monday | 3-4 | Girls Football | Astro | 3:10 – 4:10 | Miss Baber |
| Monday | R-2 | Create & Explore | KS1 playground/hall | 3:00 – 4:00 | Sporting Chance After School Clubs |
| Tuesday | 1-6 | Gymnastics | LS Hall | 3:10 – 4:10 | |
| Wednesday | 1-3 | Multi-Sports | KS2 playground | 3:10 – 4:10 | |
| Thursday | 3-6 | Football | KS2 playground | 3:10 – 4:10 | |
| Daily | R-7 | After-school club (Teddy Bears) | LS site | 7.30-8.30am & 3pm-5.45pm | Teddy Bears provision team |

Important Upcoming Dates:

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| Friday 10 May | YR - Welly Walk 2 |
| Monday 13 May at 9am | Reception Forest School Family Sessions – Catkins Class only |
| Wednesday 15 May | Road Safety Show Year 3 & Year 4 |
| Monday 20 May at 9am | Reception Forest School Family Sessions – Blossom Class only |
| Monday 20 May | Year 3 Air Bus workshops |
| Tuesday 21 May | Year 4 Air Bus workshops |
| Tuesday 21 May | David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation - Wildlife Habitat Workshop – Year 2 |
| Friday 24 May | YR – Welly Walk 3 |
| Friday 24 May | Last Day of Term 5 |
| Term 6 | |
| Monday 3 June | First Day of Term 6 |
| Thursday 27 June | Reception to Year 6 Sports Day – save the date |
| Tuesday 16 July | Lower School Dog's Trust assembly and workshops |
| Thursday 18 July | Year 2 & Year 4 Road Safety workshops |

JOIN US FOR

Coffee



&
Cake

EVERY THURSDAY

9-10AM

LOWER SCHOOL HALL

CHILDREN WELCOME




King's Oak
ACADEMY

FRIENDS OF KING'S OAK

WE NEED YOU

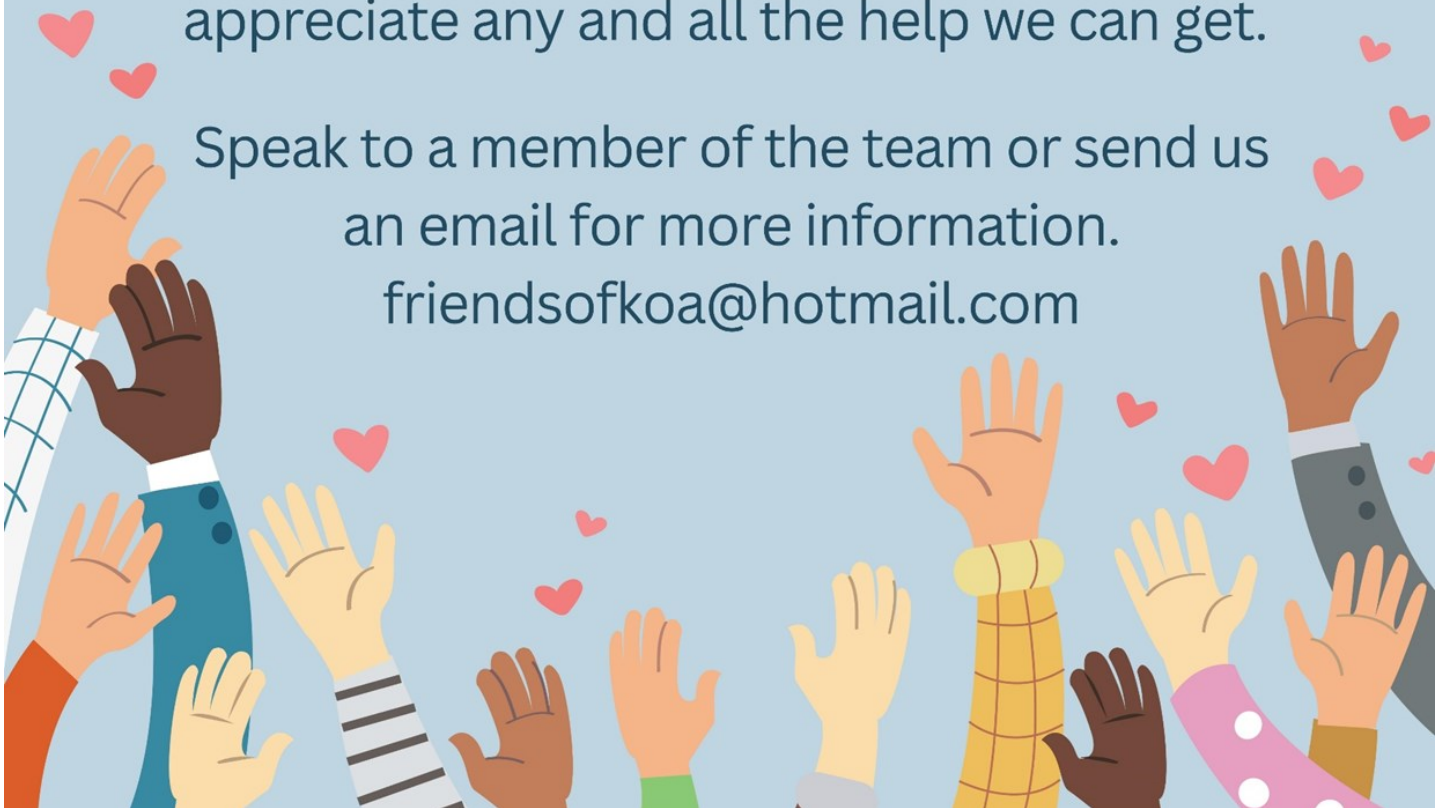
We are looking for passionate, dedicated people to join our team.

Be part of our amazing team of volunteers and help us continue to support the education and development of students at King's Oak Academy.

There are many ways you can get involved. You can commit as much time as works for you, whether its attending a meeting or helping at events, we appreciate any and all the help we can get.

Speak to a member of the team or send us an email for more information.

friendsofkoa@hotmail.com



It all starts with...



We all play at:

Bitton Recreation Ground, Bath Road
Bitton, Bristol, BS30 6HX

Session dates:

Fridays - May 10th until July 5th

Session timings:

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Ages:

5-8 years old

Contact:

leeswindlehurst@yahoo.co.uk

Including free personalised T-Shirt



Register using the QR code from the 10th April or at

allstarscricket.co.uk

