

Dear King's Oak Academy Lower School families,



As embark upon Term 6, we would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our children and their families. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable half-term break and are ready for the exciting term ahead - it is my pleasure to welcome you back to the final term of this academic year! It has been wonderful to see everyone back so refreshed and ready for Term 6. In the Lower School, we are expecting this to be a busy term and are really excited for transition events, KOA Sports Day, Lower School Art Week, our sports enrichment activities, our first primary Forest School Day, Wildlife Foundation workshops and many more learning opportunities to enjoy and get involved in!

Though the beginning of this term has felt a little chillier than we had hoped, we are expecting this term to be rather warm and sunny. Please remember to bring your water bottles to school every day to keep hydrated and apply sunscreen prior to coming to school to ensure that we can all enjoy the sun safely. Sunhats may also be advised, where appropriate, for outdoor activities.



Kind regards,
Miss Maria Cerepanova



Please see a message from Miss Katherine Ogden below:

Lower School Staff Updates



Maria Cerepanova: At the end of the academic year Maria will be moving to take up the Vice Principal position at Frome Vale Academy (CLF). Maria's promotion into this role is testament to the hard work, dedication, and positive impact she has had within Lower School, and we are delighted to see that she will be continuing to work with children within the Cabot Learning Federation. We are currently making arrangements for Maria's successor and hope to be able to share an update with you soon.



Charlotte Whiteford: As you know Charlotte is an exceptional Early Years practitioner and has served the King's Oak Academy Lower School provision since it opened. We are pleased to announce that alongside her work at King's Oak, Charlotte, is currently in the process of opening an external outdoor play group for children aged 0-5. To enable Charlotte to pursue her new business venture she will be reducing the number of days that she is working at King's Oak Academy from September (3 days) and will be taking up the role of Early Years and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead so that she can continue to have a significant and positive impact within our Lower School provision.

Gem Power and Value of the Term

This term we will be learning about the Diamond Gem Power. This gem helps us think about the ability to solve problems, take responsibility for our learning, and seek solutions. Our termly value is 'Mutual Respect & Tolerance', which is a Modern British Value.

Gem Power of the Term: Diamond Power

Value of the Term: Mutual Respect & Tolerance

Diamond Power

The ability to solve problems



- I know which problems I can solve myself
- I am responsible
- I am organised
- I question my teachers so I understand
- I can use resources to help me solve problems
- I try to find solutions
- I know which problems an adult can help me with

British Values:

Mutual Respect & Tolerance



Accepting somebody for who they are, even when they're different from you or you don't agree with them.
Understanding that we all don't share the same beliefs

Our Learning

Thank you for attending our Open-Door days over the past couple of terms. It has been fantastic to be able to regularly share our learning with you and we know that our children appreciate these opportunities to welcome you into their classrooms.

You would have now received a termly communication from your child's year group, including a termly letter, curriculum overview and additional home learning menus in KS2. These will also be available on our website. Links to year group pages are below:

Year 4 Homework Menu Term 4			
Starters	Draw a map of South America. Can you label the countries? Can you label the capital cities?	Make a list of all the appliances in your home that use electricity.	Try and beat your high score on TTSS!
Main	Write a set of instructions for your favourite game.	Create a treasure map. Use compass directions to explain how to find the treasure.	Create a monster using junk modelling. What special features does it have?
Dessert	Write a book review of your reading book. Why do you like it?	Research artists Glen Alps or Jerry Di Falco. What are they best known for? Do you like their artwork? Explain your answers.	Create your own exercise routine. Remember to warm up and cool down.



Year 4 Information for Year 4

Below are some important dates and information which will be relevant for this term.

- P.E. will continue to be an integral and fun part of the term, as we will be going outside, please ensure that children have suitable clothing.
- Reading: We will be continuing with the 'Read with the Stars' scheme. Children from the school are now being asked to complete a quiz with a score of 100% or more on a quiz.
- There will be a school assembly on Friday 12th March at 10:00am. All children will be asked to bring in a book to read to their class. If children can't bring a book, they can bring a book to read to their class.
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Year 4 Information for Year 4

Year Group	Website Page
Reception	https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/lower-school/reception/
Year 1	https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/lower-school/year-1/
Year 2	https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/lower-school/year-2/
Year 3	https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/lower-school/year-3/
Year 4	https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/lower-school/year-4/

Health and Fitness Week – w/b 24.6.24

This year, we are delighted to be able to offer a range of enrichment activities to raise the profile of health and fitness. Below, are the events we have planned to take place during the course of the week!

Wednesday 26 June – Forest School Enrichment Days

Throughout the day, all lower school children will have an opportunity to engage in outdoor and adventurous activities in our Forest School area, enjoy gathering around a fire, connecting with the nature, and using a variety of learning gem powers to engage with the environment, learn and play! Mrs Lindsey, our Forest School practitioner, has worked tirelessly to plan this exciting day, to update the forest school area and continuously add to our outdoor learning offer.

We are so excited for this opportunity for all to access our Forest School provision to develop independence, imagination, gross motor skills, oracy skills and specific Forest School skills, such as using hand tools, tying knots, making shelters and woodland craft!



Thursday 27 June – Reception to Year 6

You have previously received a 'save the date' text message and a letter providing details of this event.

We are pleased to let you know that Sports Day for Reception to Year 6 will be on Thursday 27 June 2024. Children will take part in Sports Day races throughout the morning, which will be run by our Middle School Sports Council.

There will be different timings for different Year groups, so please see below for details of when your child's Sports Day events will run.

The race timings are as follows:

- **Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 races will be from 9am until 10.10am. The KS2 gate will open at 8.45am and close at 10.20am.**
- **Years 3 and 4 races will be from 10.40am until 11.50am. The KS2 gate will be open at 10.30am and close at 11.50am.**
- **Years 5 and 6 races will be from 1.15pm until 2.45pm. The KS2 gate will open at 1.00pm and close at 2.45pm. (Parents will need to leave the Lower Site promptly, so that it can be secured for the end of the day.)**

Please ensure your child attends school on Sports Day wearing their PE kit. It is also advised that they wear sunhats and have had suncream applied before coming to school and bring their own water bottle. Parents and Carers should enter and exit the field via the Lower School KS2 playground. The playground gates will be closed at 8.30am as usual and reopened at the time mentioned above. Please be aware that there will not be access to the school building and therefore there will be no toilet facilities for Parents and Carers.

We are looking forward to you joining us seeing the students demonstrate their amazing sporting abilities!

Friday 28 June - Sports for Champions Athlete Visit

You have previously received a letter providing details of this event.

We are excited to announce that the Sports for Champions event has been arranged for Friday 28 June as part of a week of sports at King's Oak Academy.

On the above date we will have a special visit from athlete Corey Samuels. Corey is a professional Basketball player for the Bristol Flyers in the British Basketball League (BBL). Corey will visit the school and deliver an inspirational assembly which is accompanied by a personalised PowerPoint presentation about his career, achievements, training regimes and sacrifices made, and talk about the highs and lows of his career. The students will then have the chance to take part in a Q&A session with Corey.

Following on from this, Corey will lead and motivate the children through a 4-stage fitness circuit, consisting of 4 simple exercises – spotty dogs, leg drives, half push ups, and star jumps to cool down.

Each exercise lasts for 60 seconds and repeated per class/year group for roughly 7/10 minutes. Students will be sponsored to take part in the fitness circuit, and this will be how we raise money towards the fundraiser.

We are pleased to have been able to organise such an exciting fundraising event in partnership with Sports for Champions and are keen to make sure we make the most of the event by raising as much money as possible.

Sponsorship money can be given via our Crowdfunder page using this link - <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/kingsoak> If possible, please use this for your fundraising as it allows us to easily see how much money has been raised so far.

Your child's sponsorship form needs to be returned to school, to allow us to see how much each student has raised and allocate prizes accordingly. All sponsorship forms and sponsorship money must be in by Friday 28 June 2024.

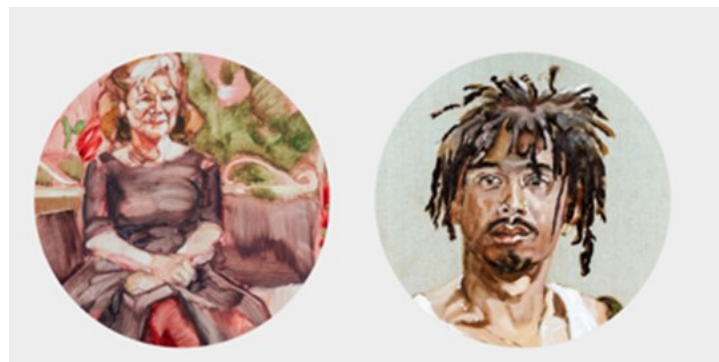
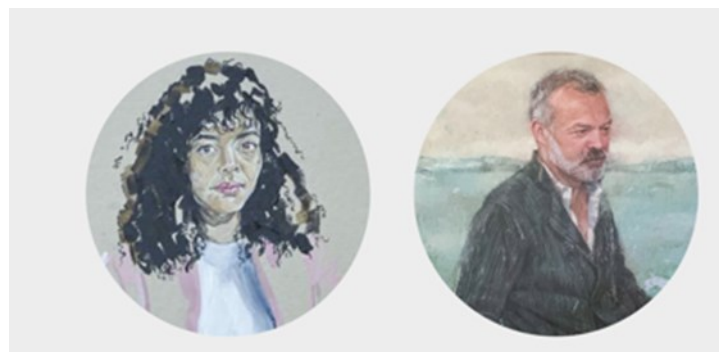
For your information 60% of the funds raised by students for this event will go towards the school to provide resources to enhance sport and PE lessons in school. We are very excited to participate in this fantastic opportunity and appreciate your support in helping your child get sponsored to take part.

Outdoor Learning Project

This year, we are participating in our local authority's 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! Along with our Reception children contributing to the South Gloucestershire Recipe Book, we also have an exciting project taking place in our Reception garden and forest school. We'd like to thank Mrs Lindsey for creating exciting plans for our outdoor environment and the CLF wider site maintenance and premises team for making Mrs Lindsey's vision a reality! Watch this space!

Lower School Art Week and Display Event

I am pleased to announce that we will be holding an Art Week during the w/b 15 July for all Lower School pupils in order to raise the profile of being an artist at our school, introduce our children to new and unexpected art forms and enjoy being creative.



Each class is going to curate their **Art Week** display for parents/carers to enjoy on **Friday 19 July**, from 3.00pm to 3.15pm. You will be welcome to come into the classroom just after school to view your child's class 'gallery' and then exit via the KS1 and KS2 gates at 3.15pm.

Progressive Sports Enrichment

This term, children participated in **golf** themed curriculum enrichment sessions. Children benefitted from a unique blend of physical activity, skill development and character building. The sessions did not only aim to enhance their hand-eye coordination, balance, and focus but also demonstrated values such as patience, discipline, and sportsmanship. We had great fun practicing our stance and swing!

Further Progressive Sport Sessions this term:

Year Group	Date
Year 3	Monday 17 June 2024
Year 4	Monday 24 June 2024





Thank you for your continued support with home reading. Here are some of our latest lucky Reading Raffle winners who have been reading at home. It is always really wonderful to find out about our children's reading habits and preferences!



SEND Family Support Sessions

- 26 June 2024 - Social Communication and Interaction
- 17 July 2024 - Summer Sen Offers & Summer Support in The Local Area.

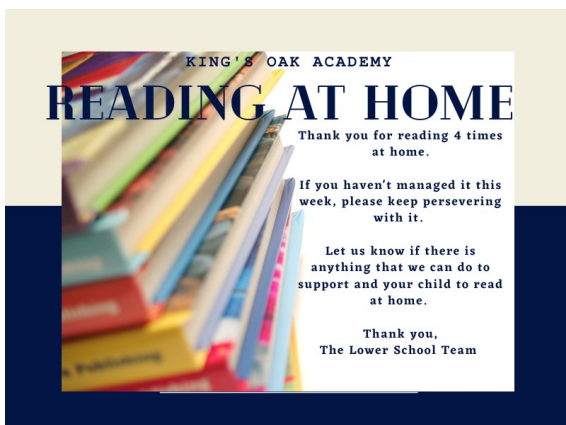
In these sessions parents and carers of SEN students can meet to discuss a range of SEN strategies, develop a supportive network, and learn about SEN resources within the local area.

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).



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

Reading at Home



Miss Baber's Maths Challenge - June

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



**HOW MANY RODS OF EACH COLOUR AND IN TOTAL?
HOW MANY RED RODS ARE THE SAME LENGTH AS THE
LONGEST ROD? WHAT OTHER QUESTIONS MIGHT YOU
ASK?**

**WHAT IS THE RATIO OF THE LENGTH OF A RED ROD TO
THE WHITE RODS?**

WHAT OTHER PAIRS SHARE THIS PROPERTY?

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

Lower School Clubs Term 6

Lower School	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
Monday	2-5	Choir	Lower School	3:10 – 4:10	Miss Palmer-Turk
Monday	3-4	Girls Football	Astro	3:10 – 4:10	Miss Baber
Monday	R-2	Create & Ex-	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	
Friday	1-2	Football	KS2 Playground	3:00 - 4:00	
Daily	R-7	After-School Club (Teddy Bears)	Lower School Site	7.30-8.30am & 3pm-5.45pm	Teddy Bears provision team

Important Upcoming Dates:

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<u>Term 6</u>	
Monday 17 June	Y3 Golf Enrichment
Wednesday 19 June	Avon Fire and Rescue whole-school session
Wednesday 19 June	Y4 Middle School Information Event – 3.20pm
Friday 21 June	Reception Welly Walk
Monday 24 June	Y4 Golf Enrichment
Monday 24 – Friday 28 June	Health and Fitness Week
Wednesday 26 June	Forest School Enrichment Day
Thursday 27 June	Reception to Year 6 Sports Day
Friday 28 June	Sports for Champions Athlete Visit
Saturday 29 June	KOA Summer Fayre 11am – 2pm
Wednesday 3 July	Big Step-Up – Transition Day
Friday 5 July	INSET DAY – CLF Conference
Tuesday 9 July	Y4 Class Walk
Friday 12 July	Reception Welly Walk
w/b 15 July	Art Week
Tuesday 16 July	LS Dog's Trust Assembly and Workshops
Thursday 18 July	Year 2 and 4 Road Safety Workshop
Friday 19 July	Art Week display showcase for families 3pm-3.15pm in classrooms
Friday 19 July	Reception Graduation Party – 2pm
Tuesday 23 July	Last Day of Term

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

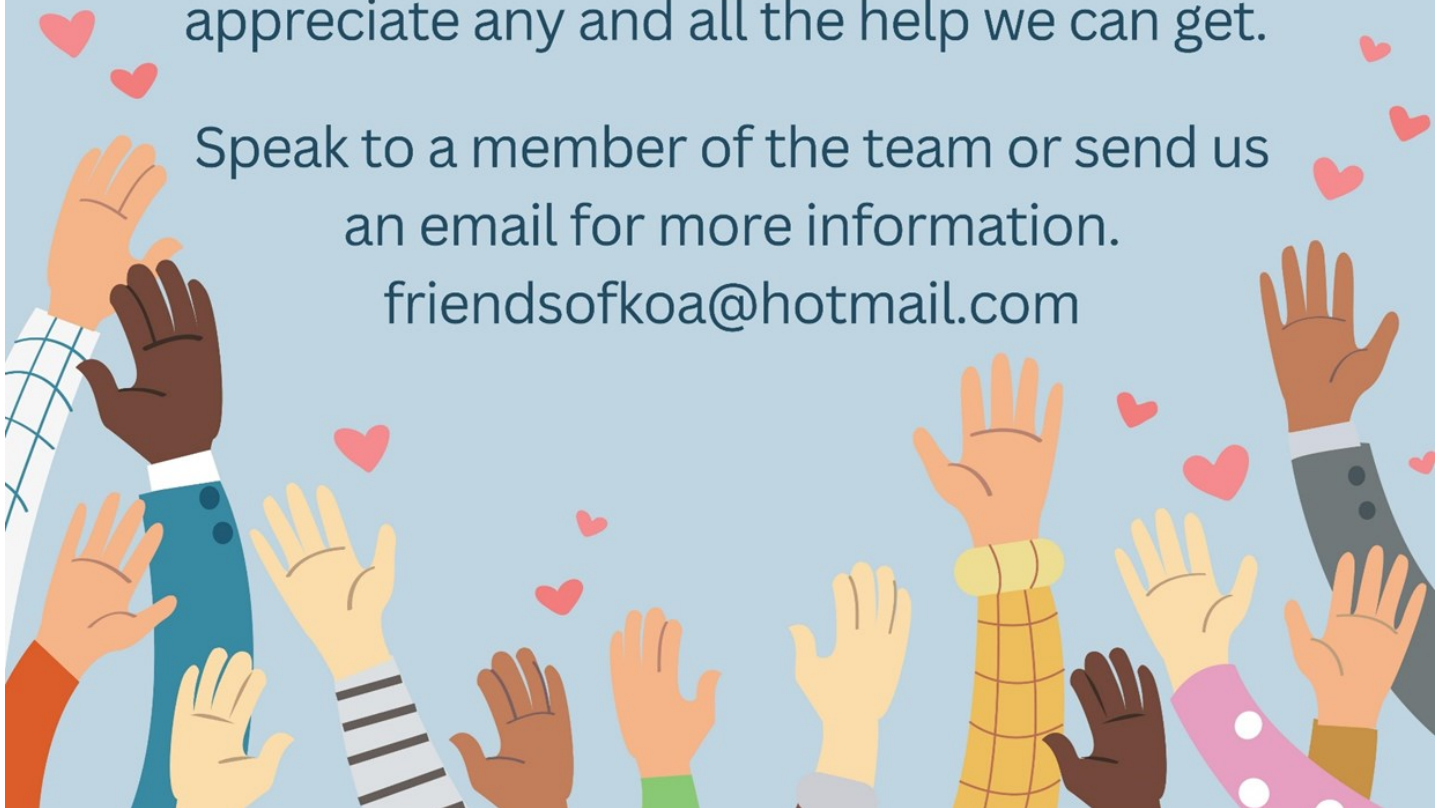
We are looking for passionate, dedicated people to join our team.

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

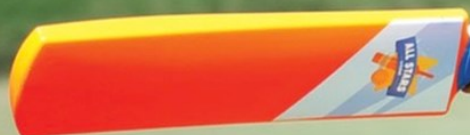
Ages:

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

