

Dear King's Oak Academy Lower School families,



I hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the midpoint of Term 4, I wanted to take a moment to update you on the latest happenings at King's Oak.

Term 4 is always a busy time at KOA, and this year is no exception. We've had a range of exciting events, including the World Book Day, PE enrichment sessions, drama workshops and cultural celebrations. These activities provide valuable opportunities for our students to learn, grow, and build meaningful connections within our school community.

Looking ahead, we have several exciting activities planned for the remainder of the term. From the British Science Week to the Big Day of Maths, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education.

Warm regards,  
Miss Cerepanova & Team KOA



## Gem Power and Value of the Term

This term we will be learning about the Amethyst Gem Power. This gem helps us think about *the ability to collaborate and cooperate with one another successfully*. Our termly value is 'High Inclusion' this term. We will also be focussing on one Modern British Value.

**Learning Gem Power of the Term:** Amethyst Power

**KOA Value of the Term:** High Inclusion

**British Value of the Term:** Mutual Respect and Tolerance

### Amethyst Power

*The ability to collaborate and cooperate*



- I collaborate with others to achieve more than I can do on my own
- I cooperate with others and can share and compromise
- I can be led
- I can work with diverse groups of people
- I contribute my fair share
- I can be a leader

### High Inclusion

*We include everyone when...*



- We show belonging
- We respect the right to be heard
- We join in and collaborate
- We make sure everyone is valued, respected and supported
- We all achieve

## Heads of Phase

Please continue to work closely with your children's class teachers to share and discuss learning and pastoral needs and achievements. Should you need to speak to another school practitioner or make a pastoral or academic inquiry, our Heads of Phases are often available on the gate or by appointment.



Head of Early Years  
(Reception & Year 1) and  
Blossom Class Teacher –  
Mrs Charlotte Whiteford

Head of Y2-4 and Rowan  
Class Teacher - Miss Joss



## Upcoming Important Dates:

Important dates	
<b>Monday 11 March – Friday 15 March</b>	British Science Week
<b>Friday 15 March</b>	Big Day of Maths
<b>Monday 18 March – Thursday 21 March</b>	Travelling Book Fair
<b>Thursday 21 March</b>	Parents'/Carers' Eve 15:30-19:00 – Bookings will open on 7 March; please look out for a separate letter about this event later this term.
<b>Tuesday 26 March</b>	Parents'/Carers' Eve 15:30-18:30 – Bookings will open on 7 March; please look out for a separate letter about this event later this term.
<b>Thursday 28 March</b>	Last Day of Term

## UK Parliament Week

This year, we held our democratic student Council elections during the UK Parliament week between 18 and 24



November with all Lower School pupils enthusiastically joining in with voting, debating, making speeches and electing their representatives.



Miss Palmer-Turk, our Lower School student Council lead, was instrumental in organising the event and promoting the British Values across the

school. This week, she proudly received her UK Parliament week champion certificate!

## Progressive Sports Enrichment

PE enrichment sessions for Y1-Y4 takes place every Monday afternoon. This means that each week a different year group will participate in an enrichment session. This term, children will participate in New Age Curling Sessions or Seated Volleyball sessions.



Our children had a marvellous time learning and playing New Age Curling which was a wonderful



opportunity to use our **diamond** and **amethyst** powers to problem-solve and collaborate!

## Drama Kids Academy Workshops

Last week, our Year 1 children took part in Drama Kids Academy Bristol workshops.

They all had an excellent time playing drama games, engaging in speech work and creating a mini play that all children were part of.

It was wonderful to see our children shining brightly with **diamond** and **topaz** powers!



## World Book Day

We had an absolute blast celebrating our love of books and reading on the World Book Day. As you know, we took our celebrations further this year and have enjoyed a wide variety of WBD activities throughout the week: mixed year group reading, Friends of KOA book swaps, librarian visits, whole-school assembly, illustration and poetry writing sessions and more!

We'd like to use this opportunity to thank our Friends of King's Oak group who worked tirelessly on the day and behind the scenes to provide both exciting competition opportunities and organising and facilitating the KOA Book Swap this year.



## Year 6 and Year 1 Authors story sharing

Year 6 have been working hard in Authors to write a prequel story for our class text, The Promise by Nicola Davies.



As our closing event, Year 6 read their stories to Year 1, who were a fantastic audience! One Year 1 child thought the prequel sounded familiar, and when she realised the connection, she asked to read The Promise to her Year 6 buddy!



## Reading at Home

**KING'S OAK ACADEMY**

# READING AT HOME

Thank you for reading 4 times at home.

If you haven't managed it this week, please keep persevering with it.

Let us know if there is anything that we can do to support and your child to read at home.

Thank you,  
The Lower School Team

## Travelling Book Fair -

Monday 19 March – Thursday 21 March:

A Scholastic Book Fair is a pop-up book shop that brings the very best in children's books to your school. Every Book Fair is packed with hundreds of the best children's books for all ages – from award-winners and the newest titles to pocket-money pick-ups and treasured classics. The range includes picture books, early readers, chapter books, books for reluctant readers, older fiction, non-fiction, home learning and lots more.

Children will have an opportunity to explore these books during the school day and parents/carers will be able to drop into the Year 1 Classroom area (like last year) and purchase books at the end of the school day, 3pm - 3.30pm.

This year along with paying by your phone via a QR code, parents/carers will be able to pay with cash. Each child was given a World Book Day Token on Thursday 7 March and will be able to use it when purchasing a book.

 **TRAVELLING BOOKS**




**Scan the QR code to pay for your books online or visit [travellingbooks.co.uk/pay](https://travellingbooks.co.uk/pay)**

# 20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day...

- Will have a world of imagination & creativity opened to them
- Will have better general knowledge
- Will be exposed to 1.8 million words a year
- Will improve their communication skills
- Will improve critical thinking skills
- Will have reduced stress levels
- Will have a broad vocabulary
- Will learn how to develop empathy
- Will improve their test results (100%)



## 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:

- 27 March 2024 - Transition from Year 11 To Post 16
- 01 May 2024 - Transition for Year 6 To Year 7
- 22 May 2024 - Accessing Literacy and 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).

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



## Parent Webinar

Tips and strategies for parenting children with neurodivergent traits and sensory sensitivities

This webinar explores the sensory challenges that may be experienced by children, especially those with neurodivergence. It examines strategies that can help when these challenges arise and discusses behaviour through the lens of communication.

March 27th, 2024  
Webinar: 19:00 – 20:00  
Q & A – 20:00 – 20:30

Register in advance for this webinar: [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_0PhQhrJSRhuEVa7z5WVGJFA](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0PhQhrJSRhuEVa7z5WVGJFA)

## Online Gaming

# NSPCC

Online games can be a great way for children and young people to keep busy and stay in touch with friends and family, but it's important that they play safely.

Things to consider if your child games online:

- age ratings of games they play
- messaging and contact functions on the games
- in-game purchases
- trolling, grieving and scams
- how to report problems
- where they can get further support.

Also, if you have more than one child in your home, be aware that games suitable for one child to play or watch, may not be suitable for another.

Below, is a link to an NSPCC website that will help you understand the risks and get advice to help children play online games safely:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>



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# **WHOLE SCHOOL COLOUR RUN SATURDAY 27TH APRIL**

*ENTRY OPENS AT 10AM ON SATURDAY 23RD MARCH  
AND CLOSSES AT 6PM ON FRIDAY 19TH APRIL.*

*SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION  
OR TO SIGN UP.*





We are looking for an experienced childcare practitioner - qualification preferred but not essential, we provide the opportunity to train!

This is an all year round role, with the option to work 4 or 5 days a week. Interviews will continue on a rolling basis until we find the right candidate. Wages are dependent on experience.

Joining our team means:

- You'll get 5.6 weeks of paid holiday
- Plus another 2 weeks off paid at Christmas
- Free uniform, parking, and training (both internal and external)
- We close all bank holidays! These are paid, without needing to take it from your holiday allowance

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