



Dear King's Oak Academy Lower School parents/carers,

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Kind regards,

Miss Cerepanova

Gem Power

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Sapphire Power

The ability to stay focused



- Managing distractions
- Staying focussed/ listening
- Fighting off the monster distraction
- Learning over a sustained period of time

Get Caught Reading

As part of our school focus to boost reading, we have launched our "Get Caught Reading" challenge!



The children have been asked to "get caught reading" their favourite book or their current book in a place as fun and imaginative as possible (ensuring that they are safe!). We will announce our winners in our next bulletin however here are a few examples of recent entries from across the school:



| Date | Event |
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| Thursday 26 & Friday 27 January | Fit-4-Life Day Progressive Sports Enrichment days – class-level information to follow |
| Tuesday 31 January | YR Height, Weight and Vision Screening |
| Thursday 2 February | YR Height, Weight and Vision Screening |
| Monday 6 February – Friday 10 February | Children's Mental Health Week |
| Tuesday 7 February | Safer Internet Day |
| Friday 10 February | Last day of Term 3 |
| Tuesday 21 February | First Day of Term 4 |

Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day

Children's Mental Health Week - w/b 6 February
Safer Internet Day—Tuesday 7 February

This year's theme:

Children's Mental Health
Week - Let's Connect



Safer Internet Day - Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online.



This year, in order to celebrate our Citizenship curriculum, we are going to dedicate the whole of the afternoon to mental health, wellbeing and online safety themes. Pupils across the Lower School will have an opportunity to engage in a variety of learning opportunities to explore different ways of staying connected and make space for conversations about life online. We are also going to enjoy a special assembly delivered by a Mental Health Support Team colleague. We are very excited to share our learning with you. Further information about the specific activities will be shared closer to date.

Book Raffle

Thank you for continuing to prioritise daily reading as part of our home learning package last term. We were really fortunate to receive yet another new set of picture books, chapter books and non-fiction books for our pupils to enjoy in school and perhaps even take home as part of our Reading Raffle celebration.

Here are some of our latest lucky winners from Term 2 who have been reading at least four times a week!



Time Table Rock Stars



Last week, we enjoyed our first celebration of our Times Table Rock Stars in KS2.

Here are our most valuable players of the previous week:



Your next challenge will be a friendly competition running between Friday 20th 8am - Thursday 26th 5pm - Beech vs Redwood, Pine vs Juniper, Ash vs Hawthorn and Sycamore vs Aspen. We can't wait to see how you get on!

Road Safety

In order to keep everyone safe on our busy roads, we'd like for all Lower School pupils to cross the road while being accompanied by their home adult. We'd also like to ask you to support our immediate community members by being extra mindful when parking on roads and avoiding parking in private driveways. Our Reception children have already engaged in Road Safety workshops in class this academic year and there are further opportunities available for pupils across the school in the terms to come! As usual, we are very grateful for your continued support.

Karate Workshop

Years 3 and 4 took part in a fun filled Karate Workshop with Mark from GKR Karate!



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