King's Oak Academy: Lower School Newsletter

Work Hard Be Kind

23 June 2023





Dear King's Oak Academy Lower School families,

As we come to an end of another week of learning and growth at King's Oak Academy, I'd like to take a moment to provide you with a fortnightly greeting and update.

First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude for your ongoing support and engagement in your child's education. Your involvement plays a vital role in their academic journey, and I truly appreciate your partnership.

Over the past two weeks, our dedicated teachers and children have been busy with an exciting line-up of lessons and activities designed to inspire and challenge. From continuing to explore our class texts and planning own stories to math problem-solving and creative arts projects, our aim is to create a dynamic and stimulating learning environment.

We encourage you to continue fostering a love for learning at home by engaging in conversations about your child's day, encouraging reading, and providing a quiet space for weekly home learning and study.

Thank you for your ongoing support and trust in our school. Together, we will continue to provide a nurturing and enriching educational experience for your child. Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

Kind regards, Miss Cerepanova

Year 4 Transition Dates

Wednesday 28 June	Transition Information Event at
	3:15pm with Miss Ogden and rs
	Watts in the Canteen.

World Refugee Day

As you know, our termly value is 'Mutual Respect and Tolerance', which is a Modern British Value. We have been learning about respect in both class and whole-school assemblies this term.

On Tuesday 20 June, World Refugee Day, we took part in the Big Assembly. We watched a live broadcast presented by Daniel, a 9-year-old refugee from Ukraine and joined the live broadcast

to meet two refugee children who are currently living in a camp in Jordan who told us all about their hopes for the future. We learnt about their hopes for the future,



what subjects they like at school and their favourite books. With our classes, we explored what this experience must have felt like and engaged in follow-up learning about empathy and compassion.





Important Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 27 June	Road Safety Workshop Y3&Y4
Thursday 29 June	Progressive Sports Activity Day YR-
	Y4
Wednesday 5 July	Big Step-Up Day
Thursday 6 July	Sports Day YR-Y6
Friday 7 July	INSET DAY—CLF Conference—
	Academy Closed
w/b 10 July	Art Week
Friday 14 July (3.00-3.15pm)	Art Display
Friday 21 July	Last day of Term



New Playground Equipment

Once again, we have been incredibly lucky to have received a contribution from our Friends of King's Oak Academy group towards new playground equipment. School playgrounds play a crucial role in promoting physical activity, social interaction, and overall well-being among students. We are very grateful to have received this kind donation and have used the money to invest in some long-lasting equipment to support our children in their development of gross motor skills.









We want to ensure that your child enjoys these outdoor activities to the fullest while staying safe. Our staff closely monitor sun exposure and implement appropriate sun protection measures such as regular reminders about drinks, encouraging hat-wearing, and providing shaded and blanketed areas for breaks. Please don't forget to bring in re-fillable water bottles and apply sunscreen in the morning.



Lunchtime Fun in the Sun

With the continuation of summer and warm weather, we wanted to share an update about the various outdoor activities available to our children during social times. Our dedicated lunchbreak supervisor team have been working tirelessly to create a fun and engaging environment for our pupils to enjoy the sun while ensuring their safety. Children now have additional spaces to use at lunchtimes when eating their food, we have created shady areas around the playground, have provided resources for den building, small world and construction activities that children can use while taking a break from ore active play. When it is not as hot, we have been practising our gymnastics moves.

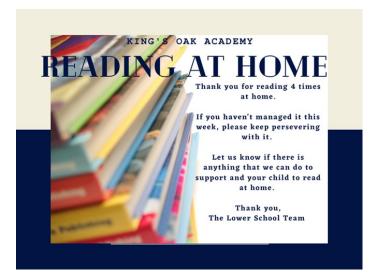








Reading at Home



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!





<u>David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation (DSWF)</u> workshops – Year 3 and Year 4

David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation (DSWF) is a highly effective wildlife charity funding key conservation projects across Africa and Asia. Their mission



is to **Fight**, **Protect**, and **Engage** on behalf of endangered wildlife around the world. Education is one of the Foundation's key strategic pillars. Their aim is to help create conservation advocates for the future, to ensure the long-term survival of the world's most endangered species.

Our Year 3 and 4 children had an opportunity to participate in DSWF workshops on Friday 23rd June in order to learn about different species, conservation and wildlife. Photos from this event are to follow in the next fortnightly bulletin.





New School Day Timings 2023-2024

	School Day Starts	School Day Ends
Lower School	Gates Open: 8.20am	Classroom doors open (end of school day (3:00 pm)
	Classrooms Open: 8.25am	* Lower School gates will open at 2:50 pm as usual.
	Gates Close: 8.30am	Gates close at 3:05 pm
Middle School	Gates Open: 8.25am	Gates Open: 3.10pm
	Year 5/6 Classrooms Open: 8.30am	
	Year 7/8 Classrooms Open: 8.35am	
	Gates Close: 8.35am	
Upper School	Gates Open: 8.25am	
	Classrooms Open: 8.35am	Gates Open: 3.10pm
	Gates Close: 8.35am	

Times Tables Rock Stars

Here are some of our most valuable players from this term so far:





We can't wait to see how you get on with this week's competition.

<u>Culture, Fun and Food Fest at King's Oak</u> Academy

Don't forget that this Saturday is the Friends of King's Oak Academy Culture, Food and Fun Fest, running from 11-3.

It's sure to be an excellent day in the sunshine and we hope to see you there! When attending, please ensure that your children are closely supervised at all times.



We are Hiring!

SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE PLAYSCHEME

Application
deadline 5pm Friday 30th
June

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- Play leaders £12per hour
- Play Workers £11 per hour
- July 31st August 25th
- Kingswood, Yate, Patchway, Stoke Gifford and Bradley Stoke
- Number of days varies dependant on location

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