



Dear King's Oak Academy Lower School families,

I hope that you are settling into the rhythm of the school year. As we find ourselves at the midpoint of the term already, I wanted to take a moment to extend our heartfelt welcome and express our sincere gratitude for being

part of our school's community. Your presence and active involvement in your child's education are truly appreciated.

First and foremost, we would like to welcome our new families who joined our community this term. Your decision to entrust us with your child's education means a lot, and we are excited to have you on board. We hope that your experience at King's Oak has been positive and fulfilling so far, and we look forward to getting to know you and your child even better in the coming weeks and months.

To our returning families, we extend our heartfelt gratitude. Your continued commitment to our school is the cornerstone of our success. Your trust, involvement, and dedication are the driving forces that inspire our children and teachers.

As we move forward into the second half of the term, we anticipate more exciting opportunities for growth, learning, and achievement for our pupils. We will continue to work together to provide the best possible educational experience for your child, nurturing their academic, social, and emotional development and supporting them in working hard and being kind.

Kind regards,
Miss Cerepanova

Term 1 Open Door Day



Open Door-Day is back!

When? Friday 6 October 8.25am - 8.50am

What? This will be an exciting opportunity for you to visit your child's new classroom from 8.25 – 8.50 to look at your child's recent learning and explore it alongside them. You can visit more than one classroom during that slot. Please sign in upon arrival and sign out using the classroom signing out sheet.

How? Please enter via the gate as usual. Classroom doors will open at 8.25 and you will be invited to come in. Please then exit via the school office by 8.50.

Important Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 4 October	Individual and siblings' photos R-Y4 only
Thursday 5 October 09:00— 10:00	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday 6 October 08:25—08:50	Lower School Open Door for existing parents/carers
Thursday 12 October 15:30—19:00	Parents'/Carers Evening (1)
Tuesday 17 October	Halloween Disco
Wednesday 18 October 15:30—18:30	Parents'/Carers Evening (2)
Thursday 19 October	INSET Day
Friday 20 October	INSET Day

Gem Power and Value of the Term

Learning Gem Power of the Term: Ruby Power

Value of the Term: Be Kind

Ruby Power

Supporting others, being aware of others and how what you do and say might make them feel



- I perform acts of kindness
- I listen and value others
- I know the power of a smile
- I praise and help others
- I show respect and tolerance
- I can show empathy to others

Values Through Story

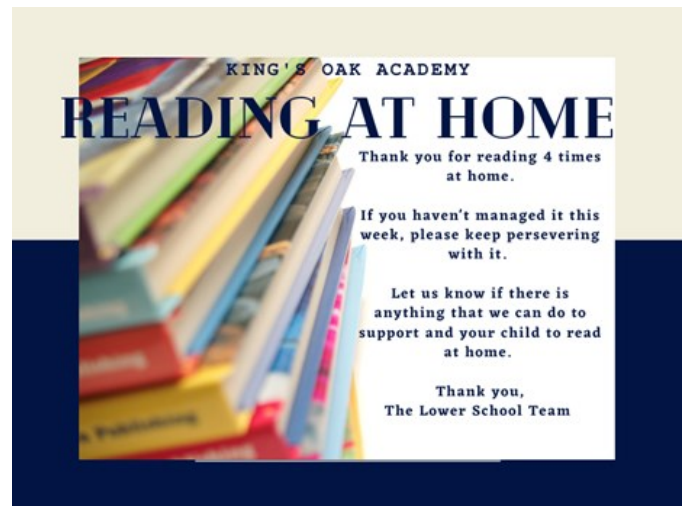
Last week, we explored another story linked to our value of 'Be Kind'. We thought about showing kindness to everyone and everything, our environment in particular. We joined Rocket on her adventure to clean up her environment and talked about recycling, kindness towards animals and our planet.



Tudor Day in Year 3



Reading at Home



Thank you for reading with your child at home. It is always a joy to have conversations with children about their reading routines and opportunities they have to practise reading at home with their adults. We ask that all children are read at least four times a week in order to develop their fluency and understanding of the text. Frequency of reading and regular practice is particularly important between the ages of 4 and 11, when children are still learning to be readers. In school, we read with all of our children in daily reading lessons, phonics lessons and one-to-one, through both our Class Teachers, Teaching Partners and our wonderful volunteers.

These are some of our proud Reading Raffle winners:



Pre-loved Uniform Sale and Donations

Our Term 6 uniform swap and sale was a great success! I'd like to use this opportunity to thank our dedicated Friends of King's Oak Academy group for their commitment and dedication to organising events that benefit our school's community.

The group are working hard behind the scenes to plan and organise our next uniform sale event at the beginning of Term 2, on **Friday 10 November**. We would appreciate all uniform donations; thank you to those of you who have already been able to donate!



UNTIL FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER, YOU CAN DONATE YOUR UNWANTED UNIFORM ITEMS BY DROPPING THEM INTO THE LOWER, MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL OFFICES.



Progressive Sport Enrichment Days

This year's enrichment sessions for Y1-Y4 are going to be slightly different. Rather than a whole day once a term the sessions are going to be every Monday afternoon for the term. This means that each week a different year group will participate in an enrichment session.

See below for each year group and when their enrichment session will be for Term 1. Note, Year 1 have already had their session.

Year Group	Date
4	Monday 2 October

Please ensure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit on their enrichment day.

A few of our classes have already enjoyed their sessions this term and were able to engage their strategic brains! There was a lot of fun and competition to be had – even Miss Baber joined in and tried her luck!



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER
IN THE YEAR 1 GARDEN ROOM
(SAME PLACE AS LAST TIME)
FROM 2.45PM



ALL ITEMS WILL BE PRICED AT £3 OR LESS.



CASH AND CARDS TAKEN.



KOA Coffee Mornings

KOA Coffee Mornings are back again this academic year and will continue to take place on the Lower School site between 9:00 and 10:00 am.

If you have young children below school age, they are more than welcome to attend these sessions with you. Coffee mornings are a great opportunity for you to meet other parents/carers, share successes and concerns or simply have some coffee and cake.

It is also an excellent opportunity to find out about school events and other services available to you and your family.

School Photograph Day – Wednesday 4 October

Lower School photo day will be on Wednesday 4 October this year. If this is also your child's PE day, please could they come in their school uniform ensuring they are wearing jumpers and cardigans (non-PE) and bring their PE uniform with them to change into later in the day, after their photograph has been taken.

Black History Month at KOA

When is Black History Month?

Black History Month takes place in October in the UK.

What is Black History Month?

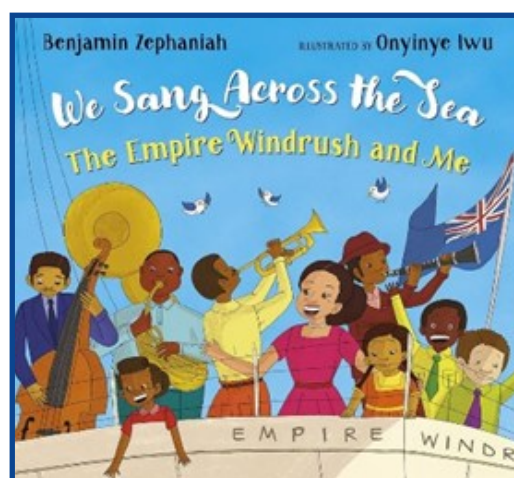
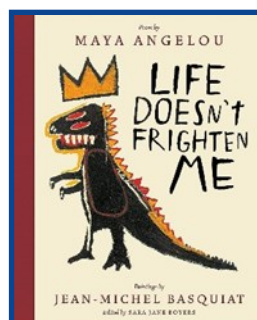
In the UK, Black History Month is a national celebration that aims to promote and celebrate the contributions black people have made to society. It's also an opportunity to promote an understanding of black history more widely.

Black History Month theme 2023

This year the focus of Black History Month activities is on celebrating the exceptional achievements of black women.



At King's Oak, children will engage in an afternoon of learning about influential figures during the afternoon of Thursday 12 October. They will engage with a number of quality texts, write poems and complete collaborative art activities.



Teddy Bear's Childcare

For the academic year 2023—2024 Teddy Bear's will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.30am to 4pm with the option for various bookings within this, prices as below:



Note, we are not open during the October half term, the Christmas break or the bank holiday week in August:

Open:

13 and 15 February 2024
2,4,9,11 April 2024
28,30 May 2024
25,30 July 2024 and 1,6,8,13,15,20,22 August 2024

Fees will be:

8.30am to 4pm = £28
8.30am to 3pm = £25
8.30am to 12.30pm = £15.40
12.30am to 3pm = £9.65

We may also be able to book shorter sessions at £4.50 per hour should you want this.

Mental Health Support Team Workshop for Parents/ Carers

The next session is on 2 October 1.50-2.50pm held on the Lower School site. Please come via the Lower School office.

Supporting your child's worries - A parent workshop

Join Us
25th September
3.15-4.15
OR
2nd October
1.50- 2.50

Both sessions are the same, please only attend one.

They will be on the Lower site for parents who have children from Reception to Year 6.

Is your child worrying a lot?
Do they find coming to school difficult?
Would you like to find some new ways of talking to your child about their worries and helping them feel a bit braver?
Lots of children experience worries about all different things, and for some this might have got worse since Covid.

I'm Bea, an Education Mental Health Practitioner. I support children and families with their emotional wellbeing from reception to Year 6 at Kings Oak Academy. Join me to explore what anxiety is and some techniques for supporting your child.

I look forward to meeting you all!



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Halloween Disco

£3 ENTRY

ON THE DOOR OR IN ADVANCE
BY SCANNING THE QR CODE
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KING'S OAK ACADEMY CANTEEN

TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER

REC-YR 2 = 4-5PM

YR 3-6 = 5.30-6.30PM

YR 7-9 = 7-8PM

PLEASE ARRIVE 15 MINS BEFORE YOUR ALLOTTED TIME TO ALLOW FOR CHECKING IN. ALL CHILDREN UP TO YEAR 6 MUST BE COLLECTED BY AN ADULT.

PARENTS ARE INVITED TO STAY WITH REC, YR 1 & 2 CHILDREN.

WE STRONGLY ADVISE PRE-BOOKING TICKETS TO SAVE TIME ON THE NIGHT.

FANCY DRESS
OPTIONAL



TUCK SHOP, TATTOOS & GLOW STICKS
AVAILABLE.
CASH & CARDS ACCEPTED.
CASH BACK AVAILABLE



The KOA Active Challenge Finale

Please join us in the canteen, after school on Friday 6th October and help us bring the Active Challenge to a close.

FREE FACE PAINTING FROM 3.45PM



We will also have Hook a Duck, Topple a Teacher, Lucky Dip, tuck shop, hot and cold drinks and more.

At 5.45pm we will announce the total raised so please stick around. You can sponsor us by scanning the QR code.

