# King's Oak Academy: Lower School Newsletter

Work Hard Be Kind

3 February 2023





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

It has been a wonderful term full of opportunities for all of our learners to sparkle and shine with learning gem powers. We have enjoyed PE enrichment sessions,

have engaged in looking at the learning of our Year 6 friends in Crew and have consistently shown **High Expectations** of ourselves in lessons and in the playground.

Kind regards,

Miss Cerepanova

#### **Children's Mental Health Week**

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 on Tuesday 7 February. Pupils across the Lower School will have a chance to engage in a variety of learning opportunities to explore different ways of staying connected and make space for conversations about life online.

#### **Important Dates**

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

Monday 20 February: INSET Day

Tuesday 21 February: First Day of Term 4

Thursday 23 March and Tuesday 28 March: Parents'/Carers' Evening (information to follow)

# Children's Mental Health Week—Let's Connect W/b 6 February 2023



Activities and learning opportunities to take place on this day:

Children's Mental Health Week assembly

delivered by our Mental Health Support Team specialist.

KS1 class assembly and a story that shows how wonderful things can happen when we connect together to help each other.

Our Important People: an activity that encourages pupils to consider who they are connected to, and how they feel about these people.

Class Connections and Let's Connect Bingo: an activity that helps pupils to look at the different ways they are connected to their classmates.

Puzzle Pieces: an activity presented by CBBC's Art Ninja Ricky Martin, will help children to celebrate what they care about and what they feel connected to.

Paperchains: helps children think about the people, things and activities they feel connected to.

Should you wish to complete any additional exploration of these themes at home, please follow the link below:

https://

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/ schools/primary-age-activities/



#### **Safer Internet Day**

#### **Tuesday 7 February**



We need to ensure that all young people understand what constitutes respectful

behaviour online, and know what to do if they encounter hate or bullying directed at them or someone else. Our theme for Safer Internet Day is: 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'.

Activities and learning opportunities to take place on this day:

- Learning about safe practices and safe relationships online
- Learning about prompt reporting of online safety issues
- Playing educational games that allow learners to practise asking for help

Should you wish to complete any additional exploration of these themes at home, please follow the link below:

https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers

https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/

#### Year 1 Geography Local Walk





In Year 1, we are being geographers this term! Pupils enjoyed a wonderful walk and were able to explore, discuss and map their local surroundings, practising their fieldwork and observation skills.

#### **Book Raffle**

Thank you for continuing to prioritise daily reading as part of our home learning package this 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 3 who have been reading at least 4 times a week!













#### **Times Tables Rock Stars**



Our Year 3 and Year 4 Times Tables Rock Stars have been working incredibly hard over the past

couple of weeks. They have been showing incredible resilience and focus when practising their skills and have been applying their knowledge in maths lessons to support their problem-solving and reasoning skills.

Here are our most valuable players from week 3:



Fit-4-Life Day Progressive Sports Enrichment Days



School Lower learners enjoyed a day full of fitness and learning about healthy lifestyles, a variety of opportunities our open spaces can offer and reasons behind healthy eating habits. This

was our third Progressive Sports enrichment session this academic year. We are all looking forward to Handball World Championship sessions, Cricket World Cup sessions and the Big Summer Enrichment sessions still to come later this year!

#### **Get Caught Reading**

As part of our school focus to boost reading, we have launched our "Get Caught Reading" challenge! We have had an overwhelming number of entries and have created a celebration display including our staff and children enjoying their favourite books in the most exciting, cosy and fun location! All participants will receive a small appreciation and recognition prize to encourage further reading at home.









#### Flu Drop In Clinic

Drop-in Flu clinics are available for children in Reception to Year 9, offering both the nasal flu and the injectable (gelatine free) vaccine.

Monday 13 February 10am – 4pm – For All Healthy Living Centre, Lonsdale Avenue, Weston -Super-Mare, BS23 3SJ.

No appointment necessary.



#### **Office Update**

For any future Lower School enquiries concerning the school's office, please use the following e-mail address from Friday 3 February:

## koa.lowerschool@clf.uk

We will continue to use Tapestry and SeeSaw for:

Communication with parents/carers surrounding important class announcements or information e.g reminders about special school events. Communication between home and school about curriculum and learning

koa.office@clf.uk will be available for Middle School and Upper School enquiries until further notice of an update.

Additionally, our school office staff have been working on ensuring that most of our communications are sustainable and paperless. Most office procedures will therefore happen via:

E-mail, Text Messages and

Microsoft Forms (e.g. when gaining trip/event permissions)

Please contact the office if you require hard copies of communications. Ensure telephone numbers and email addresses are kept up to date.

#### **Art and Comic Club Sessions**



## **Y2-Y4 Choir After School Club**

I am please to announce that Miss Palmer-Turk will be holding an after school club on Monday afternoon's. Please complete the link below and see flyer for further information.

# https://forms.office.com/e/3s2FpTdSX6



#### **February Half Term Holiday Club**

# **Teddy Bear's Childcare**

There are still places for the February half term holiday club, we are open Monday 13 and Thursday 16 February from 8.30am to 4pm. We are not open for the school inset day on Monday 20 February, sorry. Please contact us via emailing teddybearschildcare@virginmedia.com or call 07760 237 663 to book your child a place.

#### **Sporting Chance**



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