



Dear King's Oak Academy Lower School families,

I cannot believe that we are nearing the end of this wonderful term! With a relentless focus on Topaz Power, our children have been practising to speak in full sentences, present their

thoughts proudly, share and take turns when speaking, build upon and politely challenge ideas, and show curiosity in their learning.

Look out for our whole-school (Reception to Year 11) King's Oak Academy Newsletter during the final week of the term for all-through academy news, updates, and pictures.

Though the weather has felt disappointing at times, we have recently been enjoying glimpses of sunshine while at break and lunch. Please remember to bring your water bottles to school every day to keep hydrated and apply sunscreen prior to coming to school to ensure that we can all enjoy the sun safely.

Kind regards,
Miss Cerepanova



Important Upcoming Dates:

Date	Event
Friday 26 May	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 5 June	First Day of Term 6
Thursday 8 June	Y3 – First Swimming Lesson
Friday 16 June	YR-Y4 - Open Door Day
Tuesday 27 June	Y2and Y4 – Road Safety Workshop
Wednesday 5 July	Move Up Day (transition day)
Friday 7 July	INSET Day (Academy closed to all students)
Friday 21 July	Last Day of Term 6

Whole School Photo

On Friday 12 May, King's Oak Academy children and staff came together for a whole-school photograph in order to recreate one taken 70 years ago to mark the Queen's Coronation in 1953.

Our pupils used their Learning Gem Powers to collaborate, focus and problem-solve with such pride and determination! We can't wait to print the photograph and display it to capture such a joyous memory of our first time coming together as a full all-through academy. Do you think you can find yourself hidden in the image?



YEAR 4 TRANSITION DATES

Wednesday 24 May

Tuesday 13 June

Wednesday 28 June

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Cake and Coffee at 3.15pm to meet MS teaching teams in the Canteen

Transition Afternoon

Transition Information Event at 3.15pm with Miss Ogden and Mrs Watts in the Canteen

The King's Coronation

We had a wonderful time celebrating the King's Coronation on Friday 5 May! Lower School children had an opportunity to learn about the British Values, explore coronation artefacts, engage in role play in our wonderful Reception home corner and learn about our new King as historians. Siston Parish councillors made an appearance during our celebration assembly to present special Coronation medals and meet our Eco and EDI group pupil representatives. Parish Council members would like to extend their 'thank you' to the wonderful children of King's Oak Academy as they were incredibly impressed with children's behaviour, participation, and enthusiasm during their visit.



In addition to that, our alumni who shared their stories about being a pupil at KOA during the Queen's Coronation in 1953 paid us a visit and had a chance to meet our wonderful Pupil Council members from across the school.



I'd like to use this opportunity to thank our dedicated lunchtime, catering and office teams for putting on a special Coronation menu and delighting us with fantastic hall decorations, their festive spirit and their fancy hats!



The Big Help Out

Lower School children used their values of Work Hard, Be Kind during the Big Help Out week to look after our grounds by doing some light litter picking. Some classes were even able to be Mathematicians and completed a tally of various materials found. We discussed litter picking events that children were already aware of taking place in the community and it was wonderful to hear their thoughts on community spirit!



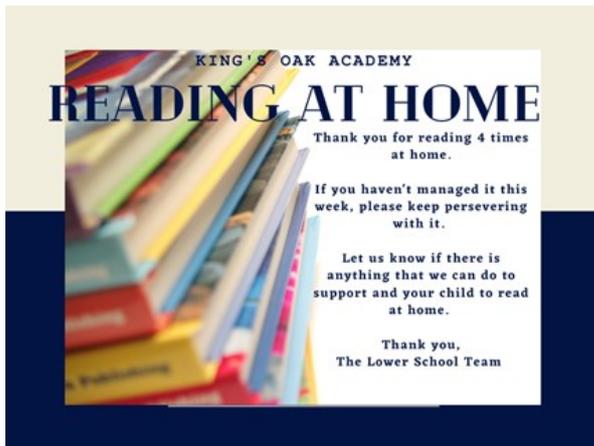
Cricket Enrichment Sessions

We have been incredibly lucky to have enjoyed a Progressive Sport enrichment session every term this year. Last week, Lower School children participated in a cricket session where they were tested on their batting, fielding and catching skills.

We were so grateful that the weather was kind to all of us and had a wonderful time using heaps of Amethyst and Topaz power on the field.



Reading at Home



Thank you for your continued support with home reading. At King's Oak Academy, we ask that you read with your child at least 2 times a week in order to support fluency, retention and their growing comprehension skills. We check all reading records on a weekly basis and all children have an opportunity to be entered into our weekly reading raffle if they have read at least twice. If they were able to read four times, their names get entered twice, doubling their chances to win a brand-new book! Please don't forget to write in your child's reading record when you have read with them.

Reading in School

All Lower School children have reading lessons every day. These may be daily phonics lessons, guided reading lessons or whole class reading comprehension lessons. They also have an opportunity to use their class reading areas to read for pleasure and share their reading with their teachers and peers.

In Lower School, children read with school adults on 1:1 basis several times a term. This will vary depending on your child's age, with some year groups reading 1:1 on a fortnightly basis. It is therefore essential that children bring their reading records and reading books into school every day.

7 Top Tips to Support Reading at Home

Shared reading is a great way to develop children's language and communication and to boost their reading skills. Regular reading routines can offer lots of opportunities for learning during school closures.

- 1 Concentrate on reading quality (it isn't all about reading lots!)



Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Books are great—but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is!

- 2 Ask your child lots of questions



All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', not just 'reading to' (even for older children). So, ask lots of 'Wh' questions, such as Who? What? When? Where? Why? Try them when talking about books: for example, 'what do you think Harry is feeling?'

- 3 Ask your child to make predictions about what they have read



If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the bear on the front cover? Where do you think he will go?'

- 4 Ask your child to summarise what they have read



When you've finished reading, talk about what happened. Acting out the things that happened in the story or describing the big idea of a chapter is really fun and maximises learning. For example, 'can you remember all the things that happened on the bear hunt?'

Supporting Readers at Home

The Open University logo is in the top left and right corners.

Open University research suggests there are three important ways to support readers and a love of reading.

Read Aloud
Reading aloud to your children shows them reading is a pleasure, not a chore. Older children can read to younger ones too.

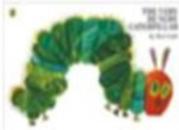
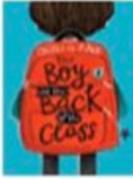
Family Reading Time
Making time to read alongside one another helps develop children's reading stamina and interest. Let them choose what to read and relax together.

Book Chat
Book Chats encourage readers. Invite them to make connections and share their views. Join in with your thoughts too!

Children who read, and are supported as readers, develop strong reading skills and do better at school.

I wonder if...why... what...who...

For more ideas see the OU website: <https://www.researchrichpedagogies.org>





Bird Ringing Event—Siston Parish Council

The Chair and Secretary of the Friends of Siston Commons would love to invite families to a bird ringing session on Sunday 28 May. Friends of Siston Commons work to preserve and enhance the ancient commons in their parish and would be delighted to see KOA children and their families at this event.



Bird Ringing
SUNDAY 28TH MAY
From 7am
until 10am
on Siston Hill



The Friends of Siston Commons would like to invite you and your family to this bird ringing session.

This is dependent upon good weather both in the days before, and on the day, so please check that it has not been cancelled!

It is also essential that you let us know you would like to attend to keep groups small; so please respond via our Facebook page Friends of Siston Commons, or email friendsofsistoncommon@outlook.com

The expert bird ringer is Aurora and she did this for us last year, so we are hoping to find as many varieties of species and that they have done well in the past twelve months.

Tulip Photography

Reminder, you have until Sunday 21 May to take advantage of the 10% discount and free postage when ordering your children's photos directly from Tulip. Please contact the office if you require the booking code to order online.

Car Park

Please only use the Disabled Parking Bay in the Lower School Car Park if you are a Blue Badge holder.

ASPENS and School Lunches

Can we remind families that we are a **nut free** school, therefore, please refrain from packing products which may contain nuts into your child's Packed Lunch.

Once a month, ASPENS provide a Special Menu to celebrate food from around the world for all children to experience, the menu is communicated via email and added to ScoPay for families to view. We also have a three-week Lunch Menu provided by ASPENS which is sent via Seesaw/Tapestry and can be printed if requested. Please ensure you go through the menu with your child so they understand what is on offer each day, as children cannot change their minds when collecting their meal option at the hatch.

FAMILY MOVIE EVENT

Come along with your relatives and friends to enjoy a family movie time.

Movie showing:
CHICKENHARE AND THE HAMSTER OF DARKNESS

Saturday 20th May

2pm - 4pm

VENUE:

kingsmeadow @ MadeForever
COMMUNITY HUB, CHARITY SHOP,
GARDEN & CAFE
Fisher Road, Kingswood, Bristol
BS15 4RQ

RELAXED FRIENDLY CAFE ON SITE
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7th Kingswood Brownies Open Morning

Come along and see
what Brownies get up to
and try it for yourself

Saturday 20th May
10am til 11.30am
St Stephens Church
Kingswood

In the Church Room



 **Girlguiding**
7th Kingswood Brownies

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