



Dear King's Oak Academy Lower School families,

We had an amazing week at King's Oak Academy, and we couldn't be prouder of our students! They showed incredible enthusiasm during a variety of events over the past couple of weeks, including Sports Day, the Big Step-Up Day, Road Safety workshops, David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation workshops, and Progressive Sports Enrichment workshops, just to name a few. Our children really embodied our school values of working hard and being kind. They fully embraced every learning opportunity and made the most of it!

Thanks to everyone who supported us and contributed to the success of these events. We're grateful for your ongoing support!

Kind regards,
Miss Cerepanova

Lower School Art Week and Display Event

This has previously been communicated via the Term 6 Week 1 newsletter however we hope that this will serve as a reminder.

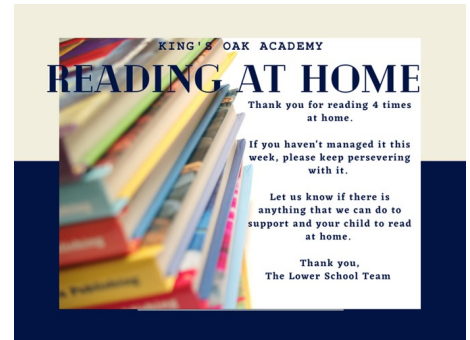
Each class is going to curate their **Art Week** display for parents/carers to enjoy on **Friday 14 July**, from 3.00 to 3.15pm. You will be welcome to come into the classroom just after school to view your child's class 'gallery' and then exit via the KS1 and KS2 gates.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Date	Event
w/b 10 July	Art Week & Safety Week
Friday 14 July (3.00-3.15pm)	Art Display
Friday 21 July	Last day of Term

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 and in school. Having our winners and other children across the school share their reading preference and habits creates a buzz around reading at home and reinforces the idea that reading is not only an educational activity but also a source of joy, imagination, and personal growth. Congratulations to all the winners, and may their reading adventures continue to inspire others to explore the wonders of books!



Road Safety Workshops

Last week, two of our year groups participated in South Gloucestershire Council Road Safety Workshops designed specifically for those year groups.

Year 2 pupils participated in a 'Good Spot' road safety workshop. This initiative involved a visit from a Road Safety Team member to their classroom. The main objective of this game-based session was to provide children with an interactive platform to learn about road safety. During the session, children had the opportunity to engage in activities that familiarised them with the Green Cross Code, identify safe crossing places, and learn about various vehicles commonly found on the road.



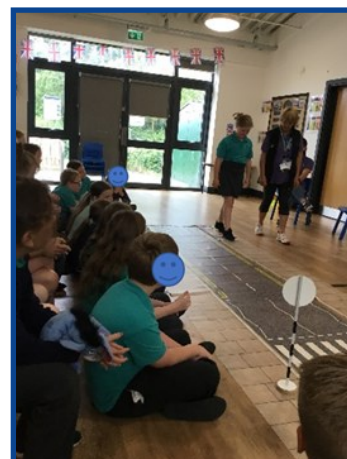
Year 4 students participated in an even more extensive road safety workshop! The workshop covered three main topics related to road safety.

The session focussed on pedestrian safety and emphasised the importance of following the 'Green Cross Code.' Children were able to have a go at using a working Puffin crossing and a roll-out road in the safety of our school's hall.

Pupils were also taught about cycle safety, using an egg helmet to demonstrate the significance of wearing protective gear while cycling.

Finally, our Year 4 children had an opportunity to discuss in-car safety, the importance of wearing seatbelts and the proper use of car seats.

We hope that these road safety activities provide pupils with valuable knowledge and skills to navigate roads safely and responsibly, contributing to their overall well-being in the community.



Year 2 RE Workshop

Our Year 2 pupils have been learning about different religions from around the world. They've been using their values of "work hard" and "be kind" to not only explore various faiths, beliefs, and traditions, but also to appreciate the similarities and differences between them.

Last week, we had a special visitor from St Stephen's Church in Soundwell who shared the Christian creation story with us and answered the children's questions about Christianity. We're really excited to have representatives from different faiths visit King's Oak in the future!



KOA Safety Week

Next week will be our annual all-through Safety Week. Lower School children will explore various safety themes, such as stranger danger, internet safety, mental health, water & railways throughout the week with a discrete discussion and exploration topic every day.



Water Safety Code



David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation (DSWF)

workshops – Year 3 and Year 4

Our Year 3 and 4 children had an opportunity to participate in DSWF workshops on Friday 23 June in order to learn about different species, conservation and wildlife.

Amanda from DSWF joined us for an assembly and workshop. During the assembly, we learnt about endangered animals. We explored the different levels of endangered animals, the reasons why and what we can do to help.

During the workshop, we created habitats for pangolins, elephants, snow-leopards, tigers, lionesses and a painted dog. The children enjoyed asking questions about habitats and the expertise Amanda provided.



Progressive Sports Enrichment Workshops

Our concluding Progressive Sport enrichment session proved to be highly enjoyable and engaging. Children from various year groups within the Lower School actively participated in both golf and lacrosse activities, thereby putting their precision skills to the ultimate test.

The session witnessed a commendable display of skill and determination by all the participants. Overall, it was an outstanding culmination to our enrichment program, and we are excited for the forthcoming academic year, filled with new and exciting prospects.



BBC Bristol Radio

Lower School had a visit from Paris Troy from BBC Bristol Radio who challenged our Year 3 and 4 children to share their views on the news and wider topics.



Big Life Journals

We are incredibly lucky to have received a nomination from one of the parents at King's Oak, who selected KOA as the recipient of an amazing donation from Big Life Journal! We are truly grateful for this heartfelt contribution, which will bring joy and enrichment to our **Year 3** and **Year 6** students during the summer holidays.

Big Life Journal is an organisation that promotes Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and growth mindset skills through their science-based journals, printables, and fun activities. Feel free to view their website below to learn more:

<https://biglifejournal.com/>

Big Life Journal website offers a range of free activities and family challenges to explore, such as the gratitude challenge that can be downloaded via the link below.

<https://biglifejournal.com/blogs/blog/family-gratitude-challenge>

We are really excited for our Year 3 children to begin enjoying their journals and can't wait for our Year 6 children to receive their donation later on in the term to support their journey into Year 7.



Water Bottles

Please remind your children to bring water bottles into school, especially so that they can keep hydrated at break times and lunchtimes, and during outdoor events.

May I use this opportunity to remind you, that we are a healthy school and ask all children to have plain drinking water in their bottles, that they can refill during the day in school.

End of Term Arrangements—Friday 21 July

*This has previously been communicated via a **whole-academy** letter on 28 June however we hope that this will serve as a reminder.*

Start of Day

All Year Groups: The day will start at our normal times.

End of Day

Reception – Year 4 Morning learning and breaktimes will continue as normal. Lunch will be served for children between 11:45am – 12:10pm.

The gates will be open for children to be collected from 12:20pm until 12:30pm

Wrap Around Care

Teddy Bears will not be running in the afternoon of the 21 July 2023.

Should you need to see end-of-term timings for other year groups, please refer back to the original letter.

New School Day Timings 2023—2024

	School Day Starts	School Day Ends
Lower School	Gates Open: 8.20am Classrooms Open: 8.25am Gates Close: 8.30am	Classroom doors open (end of school day): 3pm *Lower School gates will open at 2.50 as usual. Gates Close: 3.05pm
Middle School	Gates Open: 8.25am Year 5/6 classrooms Open: 8.30am Year 7/8 Classrooms Open: 8.35am Gates Close: 8.35am	Gates Open: 3.10pm
Upper School	Gates Open: 8.25am Classrooms Open: 8.35am Gates Close: 8.35am	Gates Open: 3.10pm

Pre-loved School Uniform Swap and Sale

When and Where?

Friday 14 July; Lower School Hall

Gates will open at 2.45pm and you will be able to enter the hall, swap, browse and buy! We will be aiming to close our gates at 3.30pm, giving all plenty of time to both have a look at the uniform offer and visit classrooms after 3pm to enjoy the Art Week class 'gallery' event.

Please feel free to bring your own items to donate on the day to grow future used uniform sales and swaps. You will be given a token for your donation which you will be able to exchange for a different item of uniform. You will also be able to purchase items of pre-loved uniform; our dedicated Friends of King's Oak team are working hard to ensure that all items are reasonably priced.

Please exit via the Lower School gates.



**PRE-LOVED
UNIFORM
SWAP SHOP & SALE**

**FRIDAY 14TH JULY
IN THE LOWER SCHOOL HALL
FROM 2.50PM**

**DONATE AN ITEM & RECEIVE A TICKET TO SWAP
FOR SOMETHING ELSE.
ALTERNATIVELY, IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING
TO SWAP, ALL ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO
BUY, PRICED AT £3 OR LESS.**

Kids Rugby Camp

27th July 9-12

Age 4-7 years

£15 per child



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