



Dear King's Oak Academy Lower School families,

It is my pleasure to welcome you back to the final term of this academic year! It has been wonderful to see everyone back so refreshed and ready for Term 6. In the Lower School, we are expecting this to be a rather busy

term and are really excited for transition events, KOA Sports Day, Lower School Art Week, our final sports enrichment day, Wildlife Foundation workshops and many more learning opportunities to enjoy and get involved in!

Though the beginning of this term has felt a little chillier than we had hoped, we are expecting this term to be rather warm and sunny. 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
Monday 5 June	First day of Term 6
Friday 23 June	David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation (DSWF) workshops – Year 3 & Year 4
Tuesday 27 June	Road Safety Workshop Y2 and Y4
Thursday 29 June	Progressive Sports Activity Day
Wednesday 5 July	Big Step-Up Day
Thursday 6 July	Sports Day
Friday 7 July	INSET DAY – CLF conference
w/b 10 July	Art Week
Friday 14 July (3.00-3.15pm)	Art Display
Friday 21 July	Last day of Term


Gem Power and Value of the Term

This term we will be learning about the Diamond Gem Power. This gem helps us think about the ability to solve problems, take responsibility for our learning and seek solutions. Our termly value is 'Mutual Respect & Tolerance', which is a Modern British Value.

Gem Power of the Term: Diamond Power

Value of the Term: Mutual Respect & Tolerance

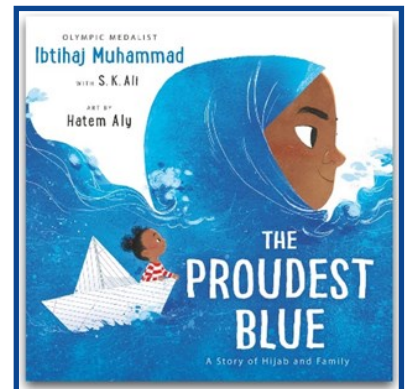
Diamond Power
The ability to solve problems



Noticing there is a problem to solve
Knowing what the problem is
Trying to solve the problem without an adult
Taking responsibility
Being organised and independent
Seeking solutions

We have started to explore our termly Gem Power and our termly values both in class and in our assemblies already. In order to explore our value of

respect we read 'The Proudest Blue' by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K.Ali. This story is about accepting somebody for who they are, even when they are different from you or you do not agree with them, and



understanding and respecting the fact that we all don't share the same beliefs. Children were able to reflect upon their differences and similarities with kindness, strength and respect for one another with their **Ruby gem power** shining brightly!

Our Learning

Thank you for attending our Open-Door days over the past couple of terms. It has been fantastic to be able to regularly share our learning with you and we know that our children appreciate these opportunities to welcome you into their classrooms.

You will have now received a termly communication from your child's year group, including a termly letter, curriculum overview and additional home learning menus in KS2. These will also be available on our website. Links to year group pages are below:

I am a Geographer
As a geographer this term, we will be identifying countries within South America. We will focus on where they are located in relation to the compass points, the Arctic and the Antarctic.

I am a Scientist
As a scientist, we will be investigating electrical circuits. We will construct our own simple circuits and investigate conductors and insulators.

I am a Designer
As a designer, we will be researching how British work. We will then design, make and evaluate our own.

Year 4 – Term 4
This term, we will be focusing on being a Geographer.

I am a Mathematician
As mathematicians this term, we will be focusing on multiplication and division and with a particular focus on formal methods. Then moving on to look at area of a shape and perimeter.

I am a Philosopher
As a philosopher this term we will be focusing on the origin of Christianity. We will be learning about the Easter Story.

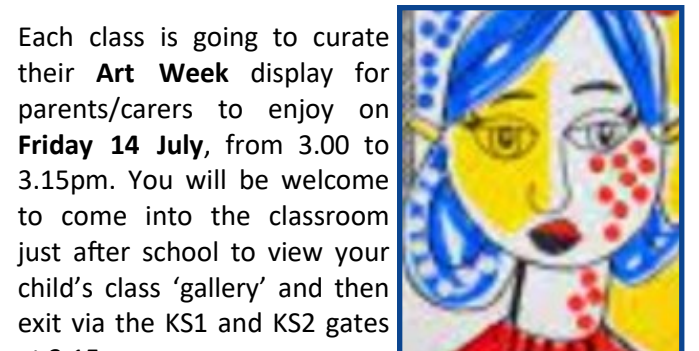
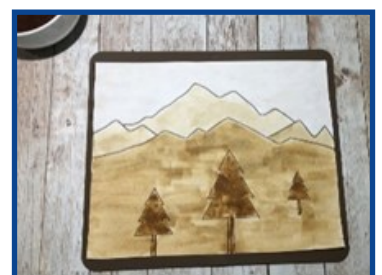
I am an Artist
This term as authors we are studying the book *There is a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* by Roy McHale. We will read the poem together and then write our own version of the story. We will also be writing a non-fictional report about a monster.

I am an Athlete
In P.E. this term, we will be focusing on the modern day. We will identify differences in monuments and expression.

Year Group	Website Page
Reception	https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/lower-school/reception/
Year 1	https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/lower-school/year-1/
Year 2	https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/lower-school/year-2/
Year 3	https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/lower-school/year-3/
Year 4	https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/lower-school/year-4/

Lower School Art Week and Display Event

I am pleased to announce that we will be holding an Art Week during the w/b 10 July for all Lower School pupils in order to raise the profile of being an artist at our school, introduce our children to new and unexpected art forms and enjoy being creative. Children will have an opportunity to explore patterns in nature and reproduce these in clay; enjoy pop art finger painting; explore the artwork of Roy Lichtenstein; explore the growth mindset through art; use unexpected media such as coffee and pipettes and more!



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 at 3.15.

Year 4 Homework Menu Term 4			
Starters	Draw a map of South America. Can you label the countries? Can you label the capital cities?	Make a list of all the appliances in your home that use electricity.	Try and beat your high score on TTFS!
Main	Write a set of instructions for your favourite game.	Create a treasure map. Use compass directions to explain how to find the treasure.	Create a monster using junk modelling. What special features does it have?
Dessert	Write a book review of your reading book. Why do you like it?	Research artists Glen Aps or Jerry D Falco. What are they best known for? Do you like their artwork? Explain your answers.	Create your own exercise routine. Remember to warm up and cool down.

February 2023

Dear families,

Here is information for Year 4.

Please see below, important dates and information which will be relevant for this term.

- P.E.** will continue to be on Monday and Thursday this term. As we will be going outside, please ensure that children have suitable clothing.
- Reading:** This term, we will continue using the Accelerated Reader (AR) scheme. Children have the opportunity to complete a quiz related to their book and receive up to a treat based on their score. The children are now being asked to complete a quiz with a score of 2000 to receive up a treat.
- Times tables:** We have the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) this year so there will be an extra focus on times tables. We will be doing work in school on this. However, if children can practice their times tables at home that would be very helpful.
- Homework** will include:
 - Reading:** The reading rolls will continue with children being awarded one raffle ticket for reading at least once a week and two raffle tickets awarded for four or more reads. Please read at least 8 times a week and record this in their reading records.
 - Homework menu:** Children can choose from a range of different activities which will be linked to our topic. These will be sent out with your topic web.
 - PTM:** With the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) approaching this year we are encouraging the children to practice their tables as often as possible to increase their fluency. Keep an eye out for competitions between classes and year groups!
 - Spellings:** A list of new spellings will be sent home every Friday for the children to practice.
- Topic:** As Geographers we will be finding out about locations around the world with a focus on South America.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
Tuesday 10 February	P.E. Story Night for World Book Day
Wednesday 1 March	World Book Day
Friday 3 March 08:00-09:00	Lower School Open Day
Monday 17 February – Friday 17 March	World Book Week
Monday 18 – Friday 17 March	Traveling Book Fair
Monday 13 – Friday 17 March	British Science Week
Tuesday 14 March	CU Day Day of Maths
Thursday 22 March 10:00-11:00	Parental and Carers' Evening
Thursday 23 March 15:00-16:00	Parental and Carers' Evening (letter to follow)
Friday 24 March	Last day of Term 4

WORK HARD, BE KIND

Ms. [Name]

Term 6 Open Door Day

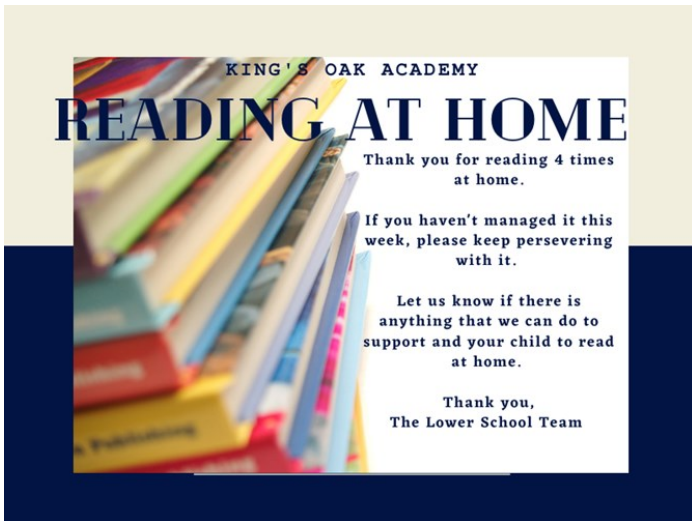
Open Door Day is back!

When? Friday 16 June at 8.30am - 8.50am

What? This will be an exciting opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom from 8.30 – 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 8.30 and you will be invited to come in. Please then exit via the school office by 8.50.

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!



New School Day Timings 2023-2024

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who participated in our Parent Voice survey to help us arrange the 2023-24 start/end of day timings for our all-through. We received 172 responses and the results were as follows:

57% of families would like a slight stagger to the timings for the start of school day.

62% of families would like a slight stagger to the timings for the end of the school day.

Based on this feedback, we are pleased to confirm that the school day timings in 2023-24 will be:

	School Day Starts	School Day
Lower School	Gates Open: 8.20am Classrooms Open: 8.25am Gates Close: 8.30am	Gates Open: 3pm
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

Teddy Bears Childcare

Please find a message from TeddyBears below:

We are excited to share the news that we are in the process of setting up a website and as part of this we will now have a new email address.

As of now we would be grateful if everyone could please use info@teddybearschildcare.uk to contact us, please add this to your safe users to prevent messages going into your spam.

Any questions please contact us.

Lower School Clubs

Sporting Chance Clubs

Lower School	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
Monday	R-2	Superstar Multisports	KS2 playground	3:00 – 4:00	Sporting Chance After School Clubs
Tuesday	3-6	Football	KS2 playground	3:10 – 4:10	
Wednesday	1-2	Football	KS2 playground	3:00 – 4:00	
Thursday	3-6	Strike and Field Sports	KS2 playground	3:10 – 4:10	
Friday	1-3	Mini Olympics	LS Hall	3:00 – 4:00	

Other Clubs

Lower School	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
Monday	2-4	Choir	LS site	3.00 – 4.00	Miss Palmer-Turk
Wednesday	R-6	Drama	The Hex	3.10 – 4.10	The Sports Project
Friday	3-6	Cricket	LS Field	3.15-4.15	Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation
Daily	R-7	After-school club (Teddy Bears)	LS site	3.00-5.45	Teddy Bears provision team

Year 4 Transition Dates

YEAR 4 TRANSITION DATES	YEAR 4 TRANSITION DATES
Tuesday 13 June	Transition Afternoon
Wednesday 28 June	Transition Information Event at 3.15pm with Miss Ogden and Mrs Watts in the Canteen

Summer Scavenger Hunt

Why not go on a scavenger hunt in your local area this term? Have a look at this Summer Scavenger Hunt from the Forestry Commission:



Woodland Trust
Nature
detectives



Scavenger hunt
How many of these summer treasures can you find?



Daisy



Green hazelnuts and hazelnut shells



Dandelion clock



A munched leaf



5 different grasses



Scavenger hunt!



A nibbled cone



4-leaf clover



Stripy petals



Spotty petals



Buttercup

FRIENDS OF KING'S OAK ACADEMY

VOLUNTEERS



NEEDED



SAT 24TH JUNE



11AM-3PM



THE SUMMER FAIR IS COMING UP AND WE WANT TO MAKE IT OUR BEST EVENT YET. BUT WE CAN ONLY DO THAT WITH YOUR HELP.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP US SET UP, RUN THE STALLS AND THEN CLEAR UP AT THE END OF THE DAY. WHETHER YOU HAVE A COUPLE OF HOURS TO SPARE OR JUST 30 MINS, IT IS ALL GREATLY APPRECIATED. IF WE DON'T GET ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS, WE MAY HAVE TO START DROPPING STALLS.

IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP, PLEASE VISIT THE FOLLOWING PAGE TO SIGN UP OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW:

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/RFHNTAYXJWEFNNKT9](https://forms.gle/rfhntayxjwefnkt9)



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CULTURE, FUN AND FOOD FEST

SAT 24TH JUNE

11AM-3PM

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KINGSWOOD, BS15 4JT

FREE ENTRY FOR EVERYONE

**FOOD STALLS, CRAFT STALLS, BOUNCY CASTLE,
FACE PAINTING, ICE CREAMS, BUBBLE TEA,
SWEETS, MUSIC, GAMES, BAR
AND MORE.**



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