



Work Hard - Be Kind

Thank you to our children, families and local community for your support throughout the term. We hope that you enjoy reading our Term 4 Newsletter to find out more about what we have been up to this term and celebrate the progress and achievements that our children have made. We look forward to welcoming your child back into school on Monday 17 April.

Student Council at KOA

The KOA Upper, Middle and Lower School Student Councils have been meeting frequently this term to discuss ideas for student projects at KOA. In addition, they even met together as an All-Through Student Council.

So many articulate students with a clear vision of what they want from their school, and lots of action points



Gardening Group at KOA

We are taking part in the RHS Big Seed Grow between 27 March and 2 April.



What's next?

Here are a few ideas to share your seeds and get more people growing:

- 1 Organise a community or school seed sow or seed swapping event
- 2 Share your seeds with others and invite them to join in
- 3 Spread joy with random acts of kindness. Leave seedlings with a friendly note to brighten someone's day
- 4 Connect with friends further afield with a digital seed sow. Use video chat to come together and get growing
- 5 Celebrate taking part in the #RHSBigSeedSow on social media and share your stories with us



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A reminder that the last day of Term 4 is Friday 31 March. Term 5 starts on Monday 17 April 2023

Careers and Enterprise at KOA

Whole school - Enterprise Week

This year the whole school is participating in Enterprise Week. The purpose of enterprise week is:

- To raise money for a good cause - this year we are raising money for the School Minibus.
- To gain and be able to demonstrate employability skills eg teamworking, creativity, organisation, communication etc.
- To have some fun.

There have been lots of enterprising activities happening during the week including bake sales, competitions, photo masks, penalty shoots, games, cartoon fun etc.

To launch the week, we hosted a dedicated Enterprise and Careers afternoon with the theme 'Enterprise in Action'. Sessions included:

Lower School: An afternoon of being introduced to different careers and roles in the world of work.

Middle School: An opportunity to develop an understanding of employability skills through a Dragons Den Activity.

Upper School:

Year 9: An opportunity to develop an understanding of employability skills through a Dragons Den Activity.

Year 10: Time to explore different career pathways, preparing the opening paragraph for a CV and practising mock interviews.

Year 11: Activities to help students understand the factors involved in buying or renting a house/buying a car and understanding salaries and payslips. Students also had an opportunity to update their CV and letters of application for colleges/work.

The theme for assembly this week included labour market information, which gives students an understanding of job sectors that are growing, declining and skills that are needed by employers.

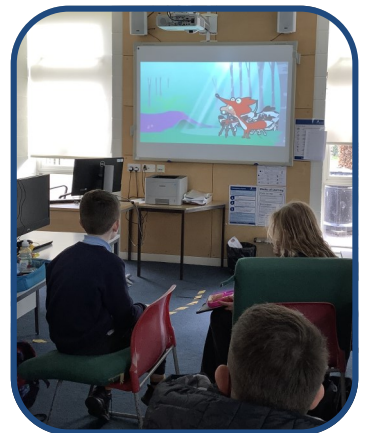
Work Experience

A reminder to parents and students that Year 10 Work Experience is 10-12 July. Whilst this may seem a long way away, it takes time to get placements sorted and for the forms to be filled in so please remember to find yourself a placement asap!

Work experience is an exciting opportunity for students to see what real-life workplaces are like. It can be a useful way for students to see for themselves how certain industries run and help to guide them into making the best future study and career choices for them. Students can collect the form they need from Resources.

The deadline for forms to be completed will be the end of April. Any questions - please email

koa.careers@clf.uk



Raising Aspirations at KOA

Wednesday 8 March was an eventful day for our Year 9 students - and not just because of the snow!



We hosted a whole-day Raising Aspirations Event where students had various talks and interactions throughout the day with industry experts, with the aim of broadening their horizons about future opportunities for work and study. This included talks from Rav Bumbra (CEO of Cajigo and UN Women's Delegate) about jobs in the tech industry, Clear Channel on their work in advertising, and Bristol WORKS.

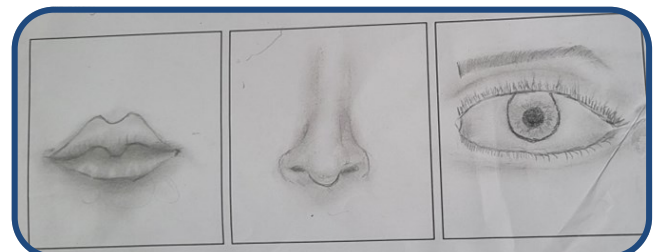
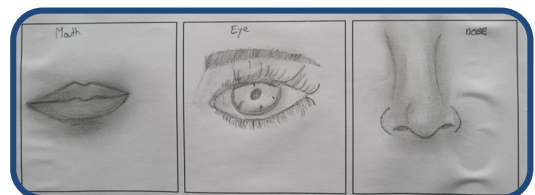
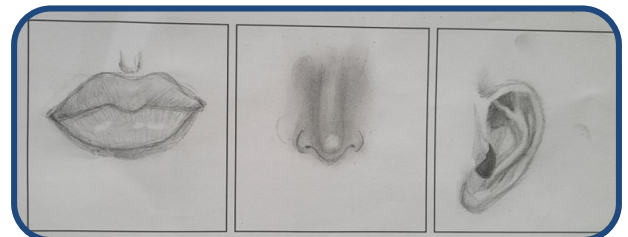
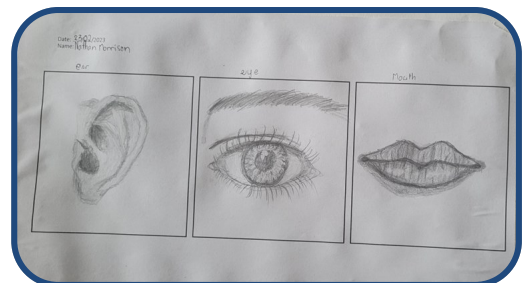
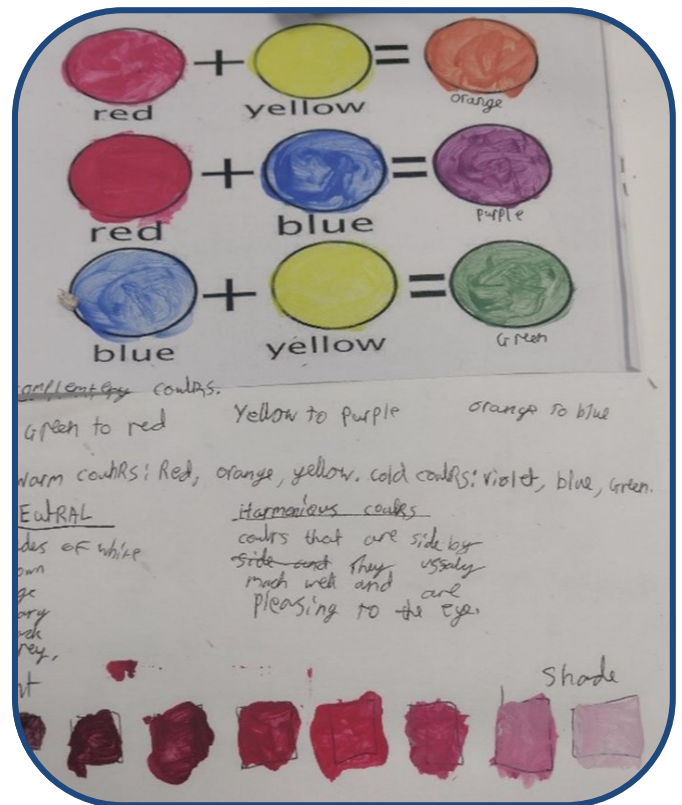
The day ended on a high with volunteers from various departments in the Civil Service who ran an in-person session in our canteen, getting the whole year group involved in fun activities related to employability skills.

Thanks to the students for their excellent participation and to the staff and volunteers who made it all happen



Year 7 Art at KOA

In Art, Year 7 have been focusing on portraiture especially facial features, remembering to include tones and texture.



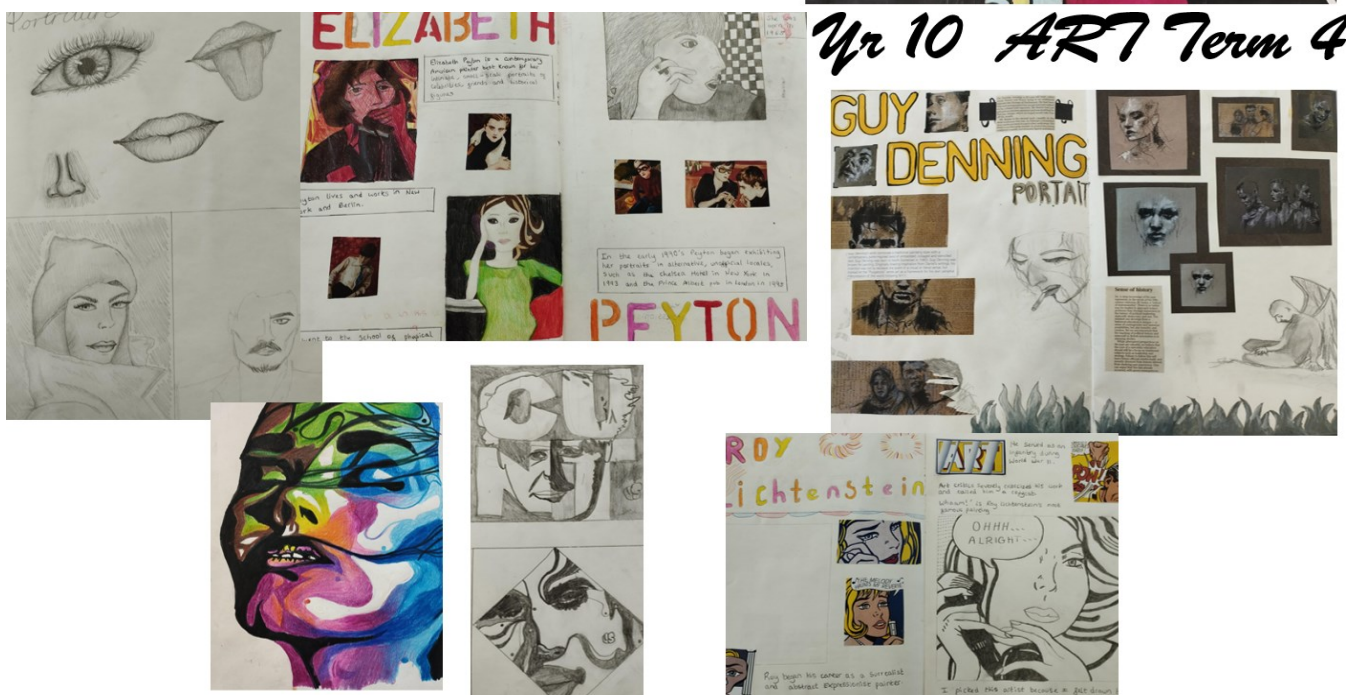
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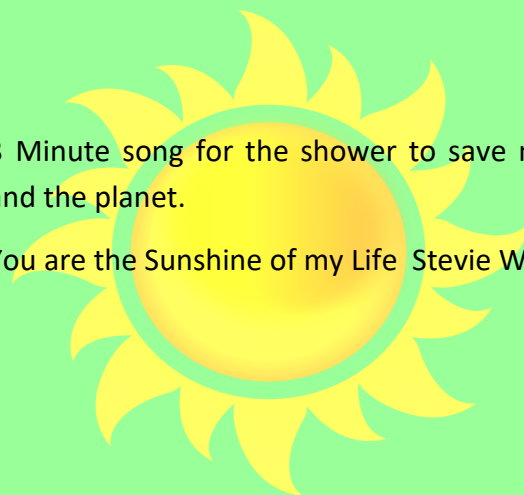
Environmental Group and Eco Schools'

The seeds are ready for planting so we can create a pollinator flower bed to attract bees and butterflies. Everyone is welcome to our club. Please see Ms Shaw.

Here Louis and Josie check out the greenhouse for pots and compost.

3 Minute song for the shower to save money and the planet.

You are the Sunshine of my Life Stevie Wonder



Eco Committee

Following our environmental review, the Eco Committee have decided on three targets to pursue in the summer term. Our aim is for all children in the school to be involved in helping King's Oak Academy become more eco-friendly and sustainable.

1. Biodiversity – all classes will plant and maintain pollinator-friendly flowers.
2. Litter – all children will actively participate in a litter pick once a week.
3. School grounds – every class will have the opportunity to learn outside at least once a term.

If anyone has any spare pots or planters in good condition, please bring them to KOA Lower School office or hand to class teachers to pass to the Eco Committee. We hope to start these targets rolling at the beginning of Term 5 and will monitor and evaluate their effectiveness at the end of the summer term.

Eco-Schools



Matilda at KOA

Matilda was Incredible!

What a truly wonderful end to several months of hard work, with two sell-out shows! We came back to live musical theatre performances with a memorable and extremely challenging show as the whole company performed and behaved as professionals, dazzling the audience with their talent, energy and charm on stage-(maybe not our fantastic Miss Trunchbull who brought a fierce gravatas to her role).

The company of 45 children ran the show entirely—demonstrating competence, creative flair and confidence in themselves and their roles. There are so many absolutely joyful moments in the show where the children displayed their humour, their courage and creative geniuses. Many students had smaller parts but demonstrated that they were capable of huge things! True professionals.

In addition to the Matilda company, they were joined by over half our Year 7 students from Middle School who participated in the big number 'Revolting Children'. For some this was their first ever live performance and we are SUPER PROUD of all the children who were brave enough to 'have a go' -they excelled (many returning for a second night!). Our youngest participants from Years 5 and 6 also deserve a shout out for being so brave and participating with positive attitudes and application.

Special mentions must be made to our two Year 11 students who leave us on a huge high- Poppy J-S who played Miss Trunchbull with true aplomb and Harris T who was the exceptionally noticeable 'Cook', but who also ran the back stage management in a consummate professional style and united the cast with his fearless and passionate attitude – both leave a lasting legacy and will be missed dearly.

Another special mention must be made of Lola S who played Matilda. Lola is in Year 7 and already a wonderful performer, navigating complicated songs, dances and holding her stage presence like a star. There were moments of utter bliss watching her perform, especially her exceptional rendition of 'quiet'.



It is important to mention that whilst we loved performing the final shows, it was equally wonderful and important that the children participated in the full learner journey and rehearsal process. They learnt all the content and attended every rehearsal with commitment. The children were so united, so supportive to each other, so encouraging, so happily immersed in their new Matilda family that we had many tears once it ended (it was tough getting them to go home!) and a huge student voice for their positive and memorable experience that they will carry with them as a friendship making, confidence creating and life changing experience.

We notice, with growing excitement, that we have many remarkable students who we are super excited to showcase more over the next few years and hope next year we will see even more students willing to participate in all-through school musical.

Sometimes you do have to be... a little bit naughty.

Our next musical announcement will be in Summer 2023! What will it be??





Music at KOA

This term in Music the students have been studying the following topics:

Years 5 and 6—KEYBOARD and UKULELE skills

Students have been learning how to use the correct technique when performing on Keyboards. They have performed some known melodies and also composed some original music.

They have started to learn four chords on the Ukulele and are improving their listening skills.

Years 7 and 8—Great composers.

Students have performed and listened to some 'famous pieces'. They are starting to compose using techniques learnt from the performance and have developed listening skills.

Year 9—Music and the moving image (film)

Students have critically listened to some famous film scores. They have performed some famous film themes and started to compose original music for a film.

Year 10—Students have been working on their assessment portfolios where they analyse styles of music and then perform and create their own pieces.

Year 11—Students are completing their units of work for PERFORMANCE, MUSIC PRODUCT ,which includes organising the Talent Show, and COMPOSITION.

Congratulations to all Year 11 students who improved their Unit 1 exam results this term.

Summer Concert

The Performing Arts team are beginning to consider a summer event. If you have any suggestions, please feel welcome to pass these on to any member of the team.

Instrumental Tuition

After seeing (and hearing) the numerous different performances around the Academy, perhaps you are inspired to get further involved? Tuition is available on many different instruments. For more information please contact the Performing Arts department.

PARENTS/CARERS

Are you a performer/music technologist/sound and lighting specialist, etc, etc?

We would really appreciate you sharing your skills with us and our students.

Please contact us for a chat about how we can work together to broaden the experience of our students (and parents/carers!)

King's Oak Academy Talent Show

On Wednesday 29 March, the Year 11 BTEC Music students presented their Talent Show to a packed audience in the Hexagon theatre. This was a culmination of two months of planning and preparation and part of their Music coursework.

The audience warmly supported a varied series of performers from all years of the Academy from Year 4 through to Year 11.

The total amount raised from the event, which also included a raffle and refreshments (kindly supported by the Friends of KOA), was £259 and will go towards the KOA Minibus appeal.

A big thank you to all the performers, the judges, the audience and of course the Year 11 students who prepared such a fine event.

Prize Winners:

First Prize: Peter (Year 8)

Second Prize: Aria (Year 9) and Lila (Year 8)

Up and Coming Star: Zac (Year 4)

Special Mentions:

Ruby (Year 8)

Year 10/11 Dance Group—Harris (Y11), Gracie, Summer, Scarlet, Elizabeth and Raven (Y10)

Florence and Layla (Year 7)



PE at KOA

U12 Girls Football Regional Champions

A very wet and windy Monday afternoon saw our U12 Girls Football team set off for the regional finals at Cirencester Town FC. After qualifying from the last tournament, the squad had been in training to improve on their performances. With grit and determination, some extremely close and competitive games, the girls won the final against Redland Green, to become the regional champions! Well Done Girls!



Small schools cup - Round 2 winners U13 girls

The U13 Girls football team won 2-0 against St Edwards Independent School to go through to round 3 of the cup. The goals came from Daisy and Tilly in the first half. Well done girls, and good luck in the next round!



U14 Round Robin South Gloucs Girls Football matches (HWA/CS/SBL)

The U14 Girls Football team have been participating in the South Gloucestershire round robin. The girls played 3 games; Chipping Sodbury, Hanham Woods Academy and Sir Bernard Lovell. We finished in second place overall. Well done to all those involved!



SBL Inclusive Youth Sports Leadership Day

We were fortunate enough to take 6 of our Sport Council members to the Inclusive Youth Sports Leadership day, run by Warmley Park School, The Youth Sports Trust and Tom Haffield, a team GB swimmer. Students had the opportunity to work with a number of students from SBL, Warmley park and Claremont school throughout the day, over their interest of sport. Students learned different ways to communicate, for example, basic Makaton and basic BSL. It was a fantastic to see our students fully engaged throughout the day.



DofE Practice Expedition trip

On Friday 24 March, KOA had 18 students participating in their practice DofE expedition, in the beautiful Mendips.

The groups participated in 6 hours of walking on the first day, learning to navigate and demonstrating team-work skills. Once arrived in camp, at around 3/4pm, the groups then cooked their individual meals, put up their shelter for the night, albeit a bit windy!

After the very wet and windy night, the students cooked breakfast, packed up and were off on the second phase of walking by 8.45am! On the Saturday, students had more freedom to implement the planning skills they learned from the day before, and planned a route to the finish, meeting at two check points along the way.

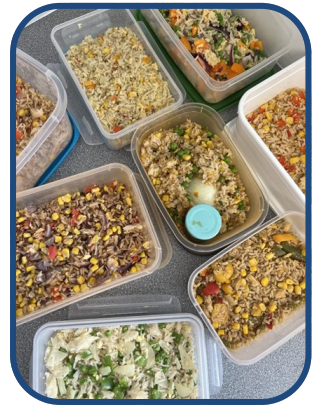
Well done to all involved, and we are looking forward to our qualifying expedition later on this May!



Year 7 Food

Year 7 have been learning to cook popular staple dishes from scratch. This week it was egg fried rice. Amazing work and lots of colourful outcomes packed with vegetables!

Great understanding of how recipes can be adapted to everyone's taste.



Year 8 Food

Year 8 have been working hard to become outstanding chefs in food technology. This term they have been creating Chillis and working to understand what a balanced diet looks like.



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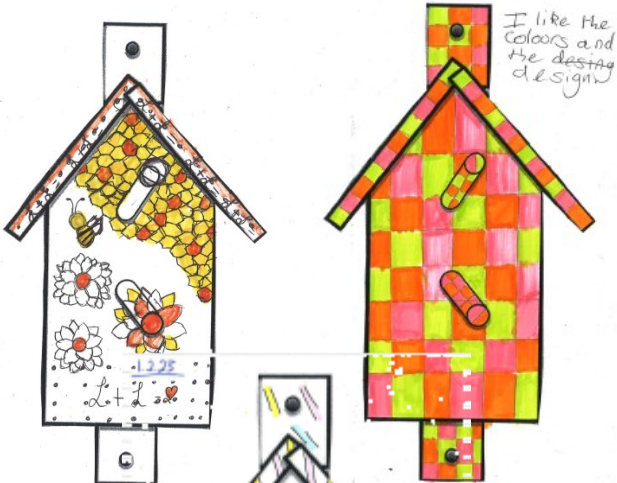
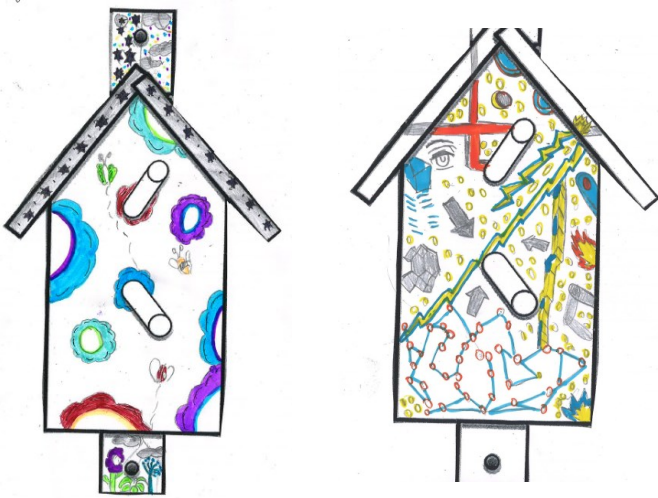


DT at KOA

In Design Technology - Resistant Materials students from Year 7 to Year 9 are providing shelter for birds within our garden environment with the option to provide space for food and water.

The students are learning to design, accurately mark out and manufacture components to assemble their product, use hand tools, and machines to drill holes and shave off waste material, as well as ensuring that they use the workshop safely.

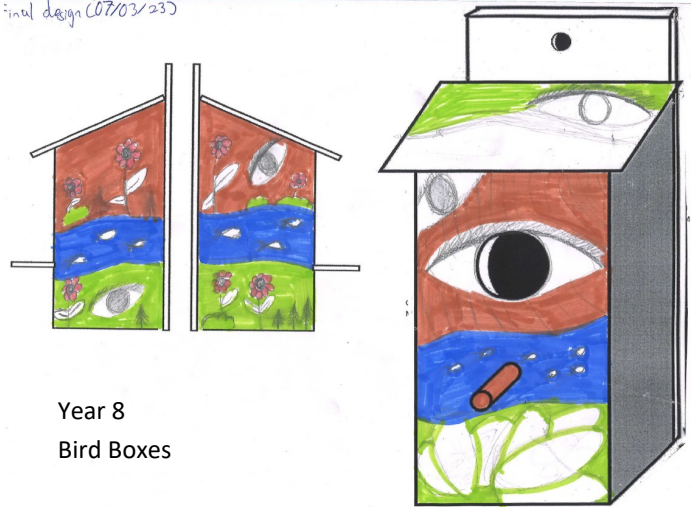
Here are some Design Ideas and Final Designs from the students, Year 7 are making a Bird Feeder and Years 8 and 9 are making a Bird Box .



Year 7
Bird Feeders



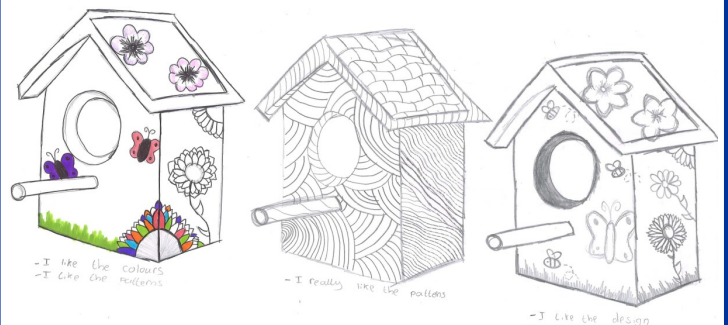
final design (07/03/23)



Year 8
Bird Boxes



Year 9
Bird Boxes



- I like the colours
- I like the patterns

- I really like the patterns

- I like the design

NEWS FROM LOWER SCHOOL

Reception Wednesday Welly Walk

We have been incredibly excited and fortunate to complete three Wednesday Welly Walks this year! Reception learners had an opportunity to show their curiosity, explore their surroundings, establish or reaffirm their sense of place and simply enjoy the fresh air and our lovely local environment.



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. Please remember to visit our website for termly learning updates; this is where you can find information such as termly curriculum overviews, additional home learning menus in KS2 and termly class information letters. Links to year group pages are below.

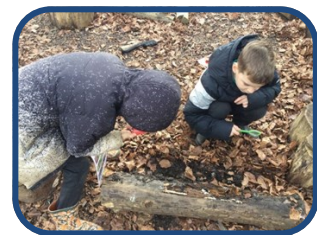
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Forest School Adventures

This term, our Year 3 learners have joined forest school sessions and have used this enrichment opportunity to engage in imaginative, collaborative and resilient learning across the curriculum. This week, they were classifying, exploring and identifying different types of minibeasts, in particular insects, arachnids, gastropods and annelids.

Enterprise Week

Lower School children and staff were so excited to hold our first ever all-through Enterprise Week. Throughout the week, to raise children's awareness and understanding of the world of work and business enterprise there was a variety of activities that children across the Lower School participated in. We learned about different careers and roles in the world of work and talked about aspirations, dreams and goals. Children then had an opportunity to collaborate in their classes to design and market a product or an activity that was available for sale after school. We have sold wooden heart decorations, bookmarks, Rice Krispie treats, pre-owned books and pre-loved teddies. The children have immensely enjoyed promoting their stalls to their friends and adults!



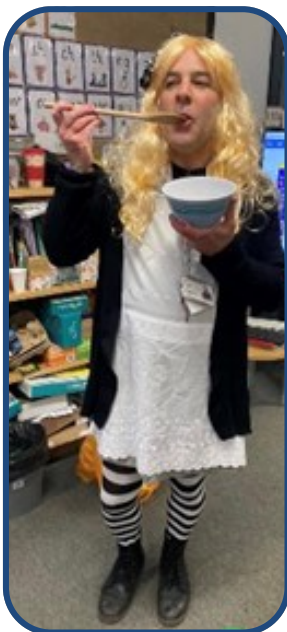
Across the Lower School, we recorded our Enterprise Week ideas, learning and discussions in our I am a Citizen floorbooks (example photo attached below).



World Book Day

We had an absolute blast celebrating our love of books and reading on the World Book Day. As you know, we took our celebrations further this year and have enjoyed a wide variety of World Book Week activities throughout the week: mixed year group reading, potato character creation, PJ story night, book swaps, Friends of KOA mask competitions and more!

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our Friends of King's Oak group who worked tirelessly on the day and behind the scenes to provide both exciting competition opportunities and organising and facilitating the KOA Book Swap this year. We are so pleased to have been able to offer a book to take home and enjoy to our Lower School children and we couldn't have done this without the ongoing support from this dedicated group.



Friends of KOA

A big thank you to Friends of King's Oak Academy for purchasing these lunch time resources for the Lower School. Children have been enjoying them in the playground and have already put them to good use.



Lower School Choir

We are incredibly proud to introduce our Lower School Choir! The Choir after-school club is running every Monday for Years 2 – 4 on the Lower School site, from 3 – 4pm. Here they are, proudly singing 'When I Grow Up'. Please speak to our Lower School office colleagues if you wish to enquire about a space.



Comic Relief

On Friday 17 March, King's Oak Academy Lower School children came to school in their most Funky Footwear! Thank you to all children and families who brought in donations for Comic Relief or the KOA Care Bank.



British Science Week

Lower School children have had a fantastic time marking British Science week and have worked as scientists and used their investigation, observation and questioning skills. Some of our children were able to get more familiar with the facilities and science specialist on our Upper School site, conducting scientific work to explore the topics of Animals, Insects and Electricity.



The CLF Big Bake

The fiercely competitive annual CLF Big Bake is the exciting annual baking battle for CLF students and pupils, in which secondary and primary academy teams prove their prowess and are crowned the CLF's best bakers.

This year, King's Oak Academy was able to put forward three representatives, one from each school, who showcased their bakes and made our Academy immensely proud whilst demonstrating our values of Work Hard, Be Kind. Testing the bakers' creative flair and technical ability, each baker had to present their 'environment' themed cupcakes and compete in a live technical challenge. It was a fantastic afternoon and an opportunity for our children to be part of our Cabot Learning Federation family.



The CLF Big Day of Maths

On Tuesday 14 March, pupils across the Cabot Learning Federation, both secondary and primary, collaborated to explore geometry using the habits of mind that they use when being a mathematician.

Over in the Lower School, our children reasoned about pattern and used their conjecturing, convincing, expressing and generalising skills. Our children had an opportunity to engage in investigative activities, explore pattern and talk about maths. In particular, the Big Day of Maths was about enjoyment and engagement, developing a positive attitude, working collaboratively and valuing each other's ideas.



Handball Enrichment

We have been very fortunate in being able to access additional PE and Sports enrichment sessions every term this year.

This term, we really enjoyed our Handball Enrichment Day where we used our Amethyst Power, working in a team to develop our Handball skills. We'd like to thank Miss Southcott for organising these sessions to support our pupils in exploring new sports, practising their collaboration and coordination skills whilst showing resilience, sportsmanship and problem-solving skills.



Enterprise and Employability Skills

During the week Monday 27 March – Friday 31 March we were delighted to hold our first all-through Enterprise Week. Throughout the week, to raise children's awareness and understanding of the world of work and business enterprise, there was a variety of activities that children across the Academy were able to participate in.

To launch the week, on the afternoon of Monday 27 March, we hosted a dedicated Enterprise and Careers afternoon with the theme of 'Enterprise in Action'. Lower School pupils had an opportunity to learn about different careers and roles in the world of work, explore aspirations, dreams and goals and design and market a product that will be available for sale after school on select days from 3.05pm – 3.15pm after class teachers have dismissed the children. During the week Monday 27 March – Friday 31 March, Reception – Year 4 class stalls were set up outside classrooms

All funds raised from the mini businesses will go towards the 2022-23 minibus fundraising project.

Lower School Music

In music across the lower school we have been thinking about the structure of songs. We even had Elvis help us understand it with burgers!

We loved making our own songs using burger parts to help us!



The April edition of the South Gloucestershire Early Years Vacancy Bulletin can be downloaded here <https://www.southglos.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/care-and-support-children-families/childcare-and-parenting/childcare/information-for-providers/early-years-vacancy-bulletin/>.

News from Reception



Another busy term for Reception learning and exploring across the curriculum. We have developed our gross motor skills during the handball enrichment day, created patterns on the CLF Big Day of Maths, dressed up as our favourite characters for World Book Day, tasted different fruits as part of our Healthy Me, PSHE



lessons and explored volcanoes by having a visitor from the Upper School to show us how to make an eruption. And that's just to mention a few things. Our dinosaurs and Ice Age topic have been a hit and we loved using recycled milk bottles to make our own woolly mammoths. Watch out for our instructions on 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' - you never know when you might need them.



But the highlight of our term has been the introduction of our fortnightly Welly Walks in the local area. We have explored the local cycle path and walked to Siston.

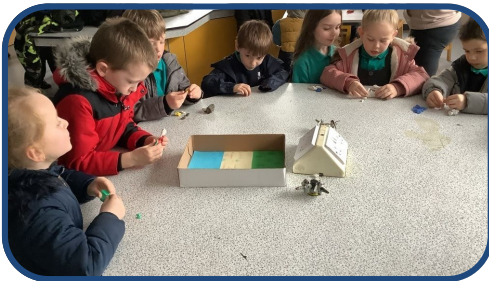
We had the most fortunate snowfall one Wednesday and built snowmen on the field and enjoyed a story on the hill one windy day. We'd like to thank the parents who have supported us on the walks and look forward to the next term's adventures.



News from Year 1

Year 1 have had a very full term of learning and new experiences. As historians, we were lucky to have Kingswood Heritage Museum visit to help us understand similarities and differences in toys, household objects, jobs and clothing.

The CLF's Big Day of Maths saw us problem-solve using our knowledge of shape and geometry as we made different shapes and patterns out of four triangles. We made and painted salt dough animals as artists in our 3D unit, using Aardman's characters as inspiration.



For British Science Week, we went to the 'big school' for an animal-filled science lesson,

where we made plasticene animals to live in different habitats.

The children have also wowed us with their progress in phonics and applying known sounds to their reading and writing.

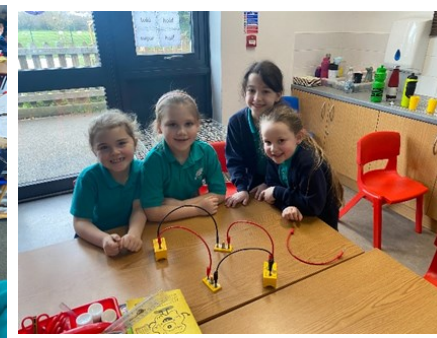
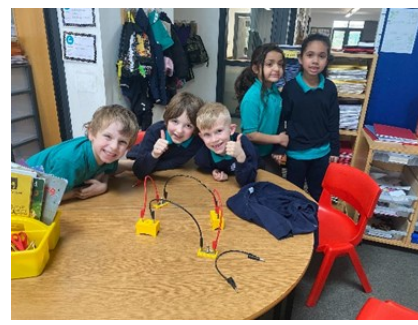
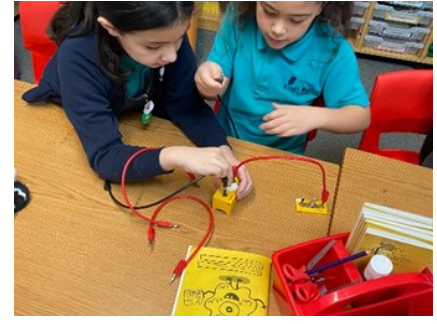
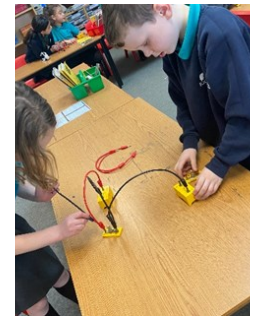
Well done for a fantastic term, Year 1, and have a well-deserved break over the holidays!



News from Year 2

Year 2 have had great fun learning about Electricity this term. We have been talking about where electricity comes from and what we use in everyday life that might need electricity to work. We have also designed posters to remind others how to keep safe around electricity.

As a 'wow' lesson, Year 2 teachers set a challenge 'to try to light up the lightbulb'. Children were given no clues but had to work together in teams to create a circuit. There was a buzz of excitement when the lights switched on! The children demonstrated fantastic teamwork and determination. Well done!



News from Year 3

In Year 3 this term, we have been busy exploring insects during our Scientist lessons as well as our Forest School lessons. We have been understanding more about how computers work during our Computer Scientist lessons.

In Maths, we have been super mathematicians learning and reasoning about column addition.

We enjoyed reading 'The Barnabus Project', writing a sequel and creating our own Perfect Pets to write a non-chronological report as Authors. As Artists, we were focussing on drawing our perfect pet onto Styrofoam and printing using bright colours.

We have designed and created bookmarks which we are going to sell on Friday after school. The children enjoyed looking at the profit margin and what we could raise if we sold all of the bookmarks. Budding entrepreneurs!



News from Year 4

Year 4 have had a very busy term exploring electrical circuits and then using this knowledge to build our own working torches.



To finish our Geography topic on South America, Mr Tanner from the Upper school came to talk to us about his visit to the Amazon. We asked lots of questions and found out many interesting facts.



News from Middle School

News from Year 5

Scholastic Live Lesson

Year 5 loved taking part in the Scholastic live lesson on 1 March 2023, as part of our World Book Day activities!



Lexia Reading Support

A number of our Year 5 children have begun the Lexia programme to develop reading skills and fluency. Lexia helps children to read, write, and speak with confidence. It is a learning program that individually targets and accelerates the development of literacy skills.

We look forward to seeing the progress that our children make as they shift from learning to read to reading to learn.

PiXL Code (Phonics)

Miss Eacott and Miss Hicks have been busy this term, assessing all of our Year 5 learners for any gaps in their phonics. Your children will be popping out of class to work with our wonderful TPs as they take groups to target specific gaps in their learning. We look forward to seeing the impact of this on the children's fluency, confidence and enjoyment of reading.

We know that a secure phonics understanding underpins successful word reading and therefore, plays a vital role in developing confident reading and spelling. It is important to ensure that all children are given the opportunity to catch-up on any gaps in their phonics learning through interventions, to ensure that they can be successful in literacy and use these skills to access the wider curriculum.

News from Year 5 cont'd ...

Year 9 Reading Partners

This term, Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh and Book Club students have been listening to some Year 5 readers in the LRC at the end of the day. The Year 9 students have been talking to the Year 5s about the stories they are reading and giving them lots of praise and encouragement!

Year 5 Transition Walks

Having listened to feedback from parents, last term we trialled a new initiative for our Year 5 learners **who have siblings in Lower School.**, in order to support their transition from parents collecting children from their classrooms, to children walking to the Lower Site independently, when parents and children decide they are ready for this next step.

We have had positive feedback from this. If you would like your child to have this bespoke support, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will be able to explain how this will work and add your child to the list.

Thank you for your continued support and feedback around how we can continue to develop our provision to further support our learners and families.

Year 5 Handball Enrichment

We really enjoyed our Sports Enrichment Day today, where we used our Amethyst Power, working in a team to develop our Handball skills.



News from Year 6

Maths Tutoring with Mrs Watts and Mrs Eacott

Mrs Watts and Miss Eacott have been busy this term, teaching a group of Year 6 learners all about dividing, calculating with fractions and solving



percentages after school. Some of our Year 8 students even popped in this week to provide extra support! It has been an absolute pleasure to see the children's Grit Power growing as they practice to improve, and to see their confidence sky-rocketing! Well done team—keep going!

Third-Space Tutoring

A large number of our Year 6 students are now working with online tutors to develop maths skills, understanding and application. The students have really engaged with it and have been using so much Sapphire Power.

Transition and SATs

Year 6 have been working hard preparing for the upcoming end of KS2 assessments (SATs) which will take place during the week 9—12 May. You may see the children bringing some short pieces of home learning to complete and bring back to school. This is to help embed the learning we have covered in school and prepare the children for their transition to Year 7 later this year.

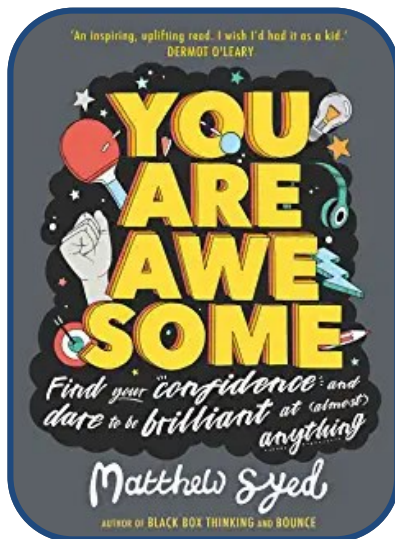
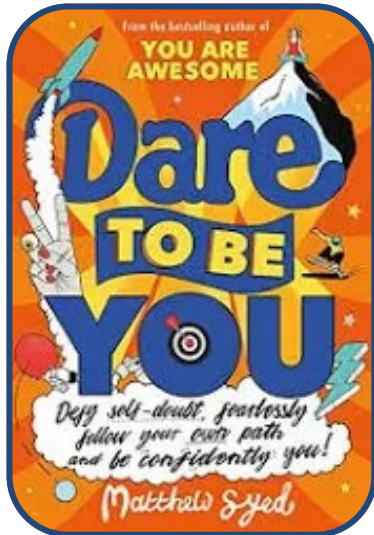
Camp

Year 6 have recently had a meeting for parents and carers about our camp to Hooke Court (week beginning 12 June). The meeting took place on Wednesday 29 March from 3:45 to 4pm in the canteen.



Year 6 PSHE

As part of our PSHE work this term, we have been looking at two books by an author called Matthew Syed: 'Dare To Be You' and 'You are Awesome'. Read below to find out what they are about. You may want to talk at home about some of the issues raised.



Drawing examples from sport, science and even business, *Dare to Be You* empowers young readers to follow their own path, love what makes them different and question the world around them.

If you believe you *can't* do something, the chances are you won't try. But what if you really *could* get better at maths, or sport or exams? In fact, what if you could excel at anything you put your mind to?

You Are Awesome can help you do just that, inspiring and empowering young readers to find the confidence to realise their potential.

News from Year 7

In the last few weeks, Year 7 have been extra busy, Here are just a few of our achievements:

*Girls and Boys football - some great wins! The boys football team has competed against SBL, Hanham Woods, John Cabot and Mangotsfield. All students involved have done really well.



*Matilda - more than 60% of the year group took the amazing opportunity to perform the final number with the cast of Matilda, and they were awesome!

*Lots more amazing cooking in Health and Wellbeing, Mr Jackson in particular is super impressed.



*Enterprise Week - Year 7 have had their first enterprise week and have created some successful events. A particular well done goes to 7.4 for the amount of money raised, and the number of students in the group taking part on the day. Well done also to Callum B for being creative and coming up with a unique idea for his tutor group, and Issy S for being a good leader in her group with Splat the Student!

*Dragons' Den - as part of Enterprise Week, in small groups we have designed a new snack, drink or app - there were some really creative ideas, and some well-planned presentations to the rest of the class.

Internet Safety Session - Ms Rice has spoken and worked with us on Thursday afternoon about how we stay safe online. It is really important that we consider the effects of things we do, say or see online, so thank you for reminding us Ms Rice.

Term 4 Awards - Staff have been nominating students across all of our subjects to celebrate their progress and achievement, as well as working hard and being kind. Lots of students have earned a Term 4 Zero Hero certificate, and well done to the 4 Bronze award winners, 17 Silver, 38 Gold and 10 Diamond winners! We even have students who have exceeded the Diamond award and we now need to create a new award, so well done yet again Year 7! Well done also to Emi and Alfie R for the Head of School award, and Layla R and Callum B for the Head of Year award. Congratulations to 7.2 for winning the Tutor prize this term for their achievement points. The Tutor Challenge Cup has gone to 7.4 due to their improved attitudes to learning and their fantastic success with Enterprise Week.

*Reports - we've also had our first school report - paper copies were given to students last week, you can also view this online on Insight. If you are concerned or have questions, please do get in contact.

Well done Year 7 - just two terms left and we are still going strong!

Miss Pearch, Head of Year 7

News from Year 8

Medicine Day

A select few students from various year groups who have an outstanding commitment to a future career in NHS careers were able to go on a trip to the University of Reading to experience one of their student healthcare days.



The day involved students engaging with a range of different equipment which enabled them to live a day in the life of a medical professional.

Students also got to experience day to day life in a university setting. Feedback from the University was that these students were the "best behaved student group that we have ever hosted". A massive thank you to Ms Salvage who led the trip and all of our students who had a fantastic time.



Camp

This is a final call for Year 8 camp at the Mendip Activity Centre in Somerset. If you have not yet paid, there are still a limited amount of places left. If there is any issue with payment or capacity to pay, please let us know and we will be able to support and enable your child to take part.

Camp is a valuable time of year to build confidence, teamwork and independence and we would like as many students as possible to experience this.

Please contact Mr Nathan at Chris.Nathan@clf.uk if you have any further questions.

Food

Year 8 have been working hard to become outstanding chefs in food technology. This term they have been creating chillis and working to understand what a balanced diet looks like.

Mr Nathan, Head of Year 8



News from Upper School

News from Year 9

Another long term comes to an end and the short days and long nights are now behind us. Let's hope now that spring has sprung, we can look forward to some nicer weather. There has been lots that Year 9s can be rightfully proud of and celebrate.

We had a careers visit from the Civil Service that all the students participated in brilliantly and a Women in STEM event that all our girls engaged in respectfully and hopefully picked some great ideas from. Participation during the Enterprise Week was exceptional, so glad to see so many of you chipping in and getting involved with such a wide variety of activities.

It was amazing to see so many of you at Options Evening engaging really positively with teachers about potential GCSE choices. Hopefully over Easter students will be giving them some thought and have purposeful discussions with their parents or carers to help them to come to their final decisions on their ranked choices.

It's now time to have a well-earned break over Easter, as I know our students have worked so hard this term. I look forward to seeing them all back in school in April when hopefully the sun will be shining. Have a great holiday and try not to eat too much chocolate; if that is how you celebrate.

Mr S Mannin - Head of Year 9

News from Year 10

Year 10 have had a really positive Term 4 with nearly 50 students having more than 95% attendance and no negative behaviour points all term. In terms of the tutor cup, 10.1 are this term's winner with 285 reward points narrowly beating 10.2 by 1 reward point, well done all.

The Bristol Bears intervention has continued this term. The students have done really well on the teamwork skills unit. They have focused on working together, listening to each other and having a shared goal that they can be successful in. They used a lineout in the practical element to underpin this teamwork



Some Year 10 students have also been on their practice Silver Duke of Edinburgh award expedition. The group went to the Mendips and refreshed their knowledge of map reading and planning a route. They also acted as team leaders for the Year 9 students who were on their Bronze practice expedition and helped them put up their

tents and cook in the evening.

Well done! I am really proud of how you all stepped up and led by example.



Lots of Year 10 students have also been part of the Matilda show both performing and backstage. They produced some amazing performances that they should be very proud of. Congratulations Ellie, Gracie, Scarlet, Summer, Raven and Ellie!

The Year 10 football team have also been successful in getting through to the quarter finals of the South Gloucestershire cup. In their last game they beat Hanham and are due to take on Castle school on the last day of this term. Good luck!



Year 10s have also taken part in Enterprise Week and shown their entrepreneurial skills when planning events to lead. They have also taken part in other activities led by other year groups throughout the week.

Thank you all for working well this term. I hope you have a fantastic Easter break, and I shall look forward to welcoming you all back in Term 5.

Mrs S Holtby—Head of Year 10

News from Year 11

Parents' evening

Year 11s recently had their final parents evening with large numbers attending and were able to get effective feedback from their teachers. It was brilliant to see so many of our students and parents showing the care they have for their education and willingness to improve and be the best that they can be both in the exams this summer but also for the rest of their lives.

Easter Holiday revision

Well done to our Year 11 students for their dedication and commitment to signing up to next weeks Easter holiday revision sessions. With almost 75% of all students signed up, I hope that the week will be worthwhile and will support the students as we edge closer to our summer exams. If your child is not signed up, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

Hoodies/Prom

Recently, letters have gone out for hoodies/prom. The date for the hoodies orders to be returned is during the first week back. Please make sure that forms are filled in and payment received if your child would like a hoodie. Please check your Insight for information on this.

The Year 11 Prom is on Wednesday 5 July at the Mercure Bristol North, The Grange Hotel. The final payment needs to be paid via SCOPAY before 5 May 2023.

Year 11 Parent Information Evening

On Tuesday 18 April, we will be holding a Year 11 Parent Information Evening. During this evening, we will be giving information on key dates related to exams, the best ways to support your child and further end of year celebrations.

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Extra-Curricular Clubs

LOWER SCHOOL	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
Monday	2-4	Choir	Lower School	3:00 – 4:00	JPT
	1-2	*Superstar Multisports	KS2 playground	3:00 – 4:00	
Tuesday	3-4	*Football	KS2 playground	3:10 – 4:10	
Wednesday	1-2	*Football	KS2 playground	3:00 – 4:00	The Sports Project
	R-4	Drama	Hexagon	3:10 – 4:10	
Thursday	3-4	*Dodgeball	KS2 playground	3:10 – 4:10	
Friday	1-3	*Gymnastics	LS Hall	3:00 – 4:00	

* Sporting Chance After School Clubs

MIDDLE SCHOOL	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
Monday	7-8	Matilda Production	Music	1:15 – 1:45	JML/VFE
	5-8	Music Support/Instrumental Time	Music	1:20 – 1:45	TWN
	7-8	Bench ball	Gym 1	3:15	RHD
	8	Football	Astro	3:15	LUM/TLN
	7-8	Girls Rugby	Field	3:15	AJS
	7-8	Matilda Production	Music	3:20 – 4:30	JML/TWN/VFE
Tuesday	5-6	*Football (Sporting Chance)		3:10 – 4:10	Lower School
	7-8	Matilda Production	Music	1:15 – 1:45	JML/TWN/VFE
	7-8	Blue Peter Badge	Gym 2	1:00	RHD/ESE
	7-8	Environmental Group	LRC	1:00	CSW
	7-8	Girls Football	Astro	3:15	RHD/ESE
	7	Football	Astro	3:15	DJN
Wednesday	7-8	Dungeons and Dragons Club	EG2	3:15 – 4:00	CNN
	7-8	Gardening Club	Garden	1:00 – 1:45	JMW
	7-8	The Morrellodies	Music	1:15 – 1:45	JML
	7-8	Matilda Rehearsal (selected cast)	Music	1:20 – 1:45	TWN
	7	Book Club	LRC	1:15 – 1:45	AGI
	5 – 8	Homework Club	C18	2:50 – 3:40	HPH
Thursday	5 – 6	Drama	Hexagon	3:10 – 4:10	The Sports Project
	7-8	Matilda Production	Music	1:15 – 1:45	JML/TWN/VFE
	8	Book Club	LRC	1:15 – 1:45	AGI
	6-8	Art Club	E22	3:10 – 4:00	LIS/EJB
	5-6	* Dodgeball (Sporting Chance)		3:10 – 4:10	Lower School
	7-8	Table Tennis	Gym 2	3:15	AWN
	5-6	Dodgeball	Gym 1	3:15	AST
	7-8	Matilda Production Club	Music	3:15 – 4:30	JML/TWN/VFE
Friday	7-8	Pride Club	C16	3:10 – 4:10	LIN
	7-8	Matilda Production	Music	1:15 – 1:45	JML/TWN/VFE
	9	Book Club	LRC	1:15 – 1:45	AGI

UPPER SCHOOL	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
Monday	9-11	Matilda Production	Music	1:15 – 1:45	JML/TWN/VFE
	9-11	Music Support/Instrumental Time	Music	1:20 – 1:45	RHD
	9	Bench Ball	Gym 1	3:15	JCK
	9	Football	Astro	3:15	AJS
	9	Girls Rugby	Field	3:15	RHD/SHY/AJS
	10-11	Maths GCSE Revision & H/W	AG8	3:10 – 4:10	AWN
	9-11	Matilda Production	Music	3:20 – 4:30	JML/TWN/VFE
	10	BTEC Sport Support	EG6	3:15	AHH/SHY
	10-11	Music Support	Music	3:20 – 4:15	JML/TWN
	9-11	Warhammer Club	DG1	3:15 – 4:15	BGE
Tuesday	9-11	Matilda Production	Music	1:15 – 1:45	JML/TWN/VFE
	9-11	Environmental Group	LRC	1:00	CSW
	9	Girls Football	Astro	3:15	RHD/ESE
Wednesday	9-11	Matilda Production	Music	1:15 – 1:45	TWN
	9-11	Gardening Club	Garden	1:00 – 1:45	JMW
	9-11	The Morrellodies	Music	1:15 – 1:45	JML
	9-10	DofE Bronze/Silver	Various	2:50 – 3:50	ESS/RHD
Thursday	10-11	Enterprise Support drop in	AG8	1:15 – 1:45	CAL
	9-11	Matilda Production	Music	1:15 – 1:45	JML/TWN/VFE
	9-11	Art Club	E22	3:10 – 4:00	LIS/EJB
	9-11	Table Tennis	Gym 2	3:15	AWN
	11	BTEC Sport/Catering Support	EG6	3:15	JCK/DJN
	10-11	Enterprise Support drop in	AG8	3:15 – 4:00	CAL
	9-11	Matilda Production Club	Music	3:20 – 4:30	JML/TWN/VFE
Friday	9-11	Pride Club	C16	3:10 – 4:10	LIN
	9-11	Matilda Production	Music	1:15 – 1:45	JML/TWN/VFE
	10-11	Music Support	Music	1:20 – 1:45	JML/TWN
	10	Football	Astro	3:15	AHH

WANTED:
Green fingered
gardeners



The Kings Oak Academy Lower School are welcoming any budding gardeners to help us get our planters blooming again!


Please email koa.lower.school@clf.uk for more information

WANTED:
unused/unloved
musical
instruments



The Kings Oak Academy Lower School are welcoming any donations of musical instruments that are no longer being used, to help our young, eager musicians blossom!

Please email koa.lower.school@clf.uk if you have any queries



If you have a child/ren at the school please send in with them to hand over to their class teachers.
If you are in the local community, please get in contact or deliver to the lower school office.

FEEL FAB EASTER



FIND YOUR HAPPY BEANS!



NAME _____



HOW MANY 

DID YOU COLLECT? 

Can you 'Feel Fab' this Easter and be an Active, Healthy and Happy Bean? Can you think about these things that could help your wider well-being? Tick off 3 to earn a gold certificate available from your teacher at school or can you even collect everything to spell Easter Fun?! Make sure one of them is Fitness! Always get permission from your parents or a responsible adult before doing any of the activities and if you can get any of your family involved, even better!

We would love to see some of your attempts on Twitter using #FeelFabEaster and tagging: @AshtonSSP @CSETSsports1 @NSSPEA1

Egg time! Decorate some hard-boiled eggs... perhaps your favourite singer, teacher, actor or sportsperson?

Artistic - do something creative to increase your mindfulness. You could draw, paint, dance every day

Spend time thinking of others. Can you help someone every day or make them feel special?

Take time to relax and read a book, draw, paint, watch a film, or help in the garden..

Enjoy a Family Woodland walk. Unsure of where to go? The Woodland Trust can help you find woods to explore

Relax. Try yoga, listen to music etc. Quality sleep is really important to your wider well-being

Fitness - do something every day to improve your fitness. Can you run, scoot, jog, skip or bike every day?

Use your imagination! Make an Easter cake or Easter nests. Go wild on the decoration!

New ways to be active during your holiday! If you have more time why not try one of the activities at the Active Recovery Hub

<https://www.yourschoolgames.com/active-recovery/>



Friends of King's Oak Newsletter

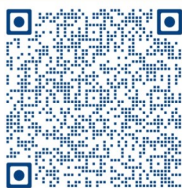
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Hello and welcome to the new look Friends of King's Oak newsletter.

Upcoming Events

Easter Discos - 19th April
Family Quiz Night - 28th April

[tickets on sale now](#)



How to get involved...

There are many ways you can get involved. You can commit as much time as works for you, whether its attending a meeting or helping at events, we appreciate any and all the help we can get. Send us a message for more information.

Contact us



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New Logo Competition

We were overwhelmed by the amazing designs we received and it made the choosing really hard. However we have made a decision.

The winning design was created by Ashleigh.



Ashleigh's design has been turned into a digital logo and will now be used on all official posters and correspondence as well as on our website, fb page and group.

Well done Ashleigh.

King's Coronation

We are very excited to be launching a fundraiser in conjunction with the King's Coronation. We will be working with the children in Reception up to year 6 to create class tea towels. These will be available to order soon.

Funding

We have recently provided the lower school with £400 of new lunch time resources.

We have also pledged £300 to each year group up to year 7. Following feedback from parents, years 5&6 will receive an additional £250 to buy new resources for their playground.





EASTER DISCO

WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL

REC-YR 2: 4.15-5PM

YR 3-6: 5.30-6.30PM

YR 7&8: 7-8PM

IN THE NEW CANTEEN

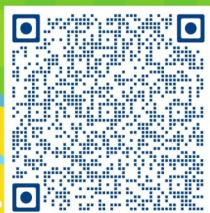
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CARD & CASH ACCEPTED.

TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE INSIDE.

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.



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Friends of King's Oak

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate quiz champion? Then, gather your friends and join us for Quiz Night in the Hexagon. This is your chance to show off your knowledge and have fun in a friendly competition.

Friday 28th April
7pm

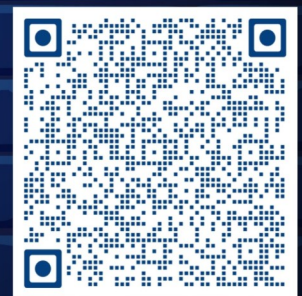
The Hexagon, Kings Oak Academy, Brook Road, Kingswood BS15 4JT

£25 PER TEAM OF UP TO 8 PEOPLE

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE NIGHT WILL GO TOWARDS THE MINIBUS FUND

Tickets must be pre-booked. No tickets will be available on the door. There is limited capacity so book now to avoid disappointment.

<https://sites.google.com/view/friendsofkingsoakbristol>



Please note: Children are welcome but there will be no child care facilities. Parents and carers are responsible for their own children.

Easter Half-Term Activities

This Easter Half-Term we have teamed up with different sports providers across Bristol to bring you 5 FREE Disability Inclusive sports/activities.

From Tennis to Indoor Bowls, we have a range of fun, inclusive activities for you to get involved with!

Please sign-up to these sessions in advance using this booking link:

<https://bit.ly/igniteEaster>



Easter Holiday Activities

5 FREE Disability Inclusive Activities:



Wrestling For AnyBODY

- Monday 3rd April
- 5.30-6.15/6.15-7pm
- Horfield/Filton



Girls Football (with BSL Interpreter)

- Wednesday 5th April
- 4-4:45pm/5-5:45pm
- Brislington



Family Indoor Bowls Afternoon

- Wednesday 5th April
- 4-6pm
- Ashton Vale



Kin-Ball Session

- Wednesday 12th April
- 12-1pm
- Keynsham



Sensory/Inclusive Tennis

- Thursday 13th April
- 2-3pm/3-4pm
- St George's Park

For more information and to book on, follow this link:
<https://bit.ly/igniteEaster> or scan QR code at the top

South Gloucestershire Council are running a number of Holiday Activities and Food Clubs (HAF) for children and young people aged 5 to 16 who live in South Gloucestershire.

For more information please visit www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF or contact South Gloucestershire Council directly.

You can search the directory of HAF schemes running locally by visiting a dedicated website : [HERE](#)



SOUTH GLOS. HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME



*Supporting families
in school holidays*



Easter Family Activities (HAF)



Wednesday 12th April 10am- 2pm

Learn about the jet engine and rocket technology in the Bloodhound 1,000mph Car. Design and build your own rocket car and race it to see the results.

At The King's Oak Academy,
Brook Road,
Kingswood
Bristol BS15 4JT

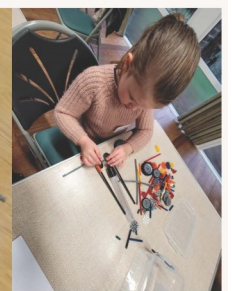
Our workshops are suitable for families with children aged 6 upwards. A great way to try something new whilst having fun. Children 9 and under to be accompanied by an adult. Under 6's welcome as part of a family group.

£15 per child

Free for children eligible for free school meals

To book a place please visit:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/569932021017>

Contact for more information:
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TUES 11TH APRIL
WEDS 12TH APRIL
10AM-12PM**

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**#KINGS
OFBRISTOL**

Spring Crafts – Family Workshop Hanham Library Monday 3rd April, 10:30am – 12:30pm

This is a 2-hour workshop for primary school children and their parents/carers!



An opportunity to explore making crafts out of everyday household objects.

The course will:

- Provide skills and knowledge which will help give you confidence in your ideas
- Give you ideas for learning together with your children
- Encourage creativity and individuality in your children

Contact us to register your interest and to book your place:

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**For adults aged 19+ with few or no qualifications; or experiencing other barriers to work*



Funded by:





Community Learning *FREE Courses

Spring Crafts – Family Workshop

Kingswood Skills Hub, BS15 8LP

Monday 3rd April, 13:30am – 15:30pm

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Sport, health & fitness

Luke was passionate about health, fitness and sport. One of the Trust's main objectives is to offer funding to organisations that encourage or allow young people to excel in sport. Luke's Trust aims to provide funding for activities, coaching and sports equipment. Along side offering individual financial support to disadvantaged young people by providing help towards transport, kit and extra lessons.

Apprenticeships & skills

Luke was an apprentice for Wessex Water and was loving his experience as he built his career and future. Luke's Trust want to help get other young people into skilled work through apprenticeships, improving their skills and communication, along side informing and promoting the advantages of apprenticeships.

If you need any equipment, transport or help with other costs, apply to the Trust and we will look to provide funding and bursaries to help you however we can.

Helping young people excel



in memory of Luke



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" Olveston United AFC are delighted to announce we will be launching our first youth **girls only** team in the Summer of 2023 with the launch of a Girls U10s side.

With our successful Women's sides now established we are committed to further enhancing female playing opportunities within the local community and region and with the launch of our new U10 Girls side the beginning of a pathway for aspiring female players that will eventually lead into our senior female sides.

Whether you're a playing already or just starting out on the grassroots football pathway, we can help you develop your skills in a fun, safe and friendly environment.

Visit this link to register your child's interest.

<https://www.olvostonunited.co.uk/news/girls-under-10s-to-launch-in-summer-2023-2746210.html>

Any queries please email: girlsfootball@olvostonunited.co.uk