



## 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 5 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 5 June.

### 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



### Whole School Photo

Students—can you find yourself in this photo?

On Friday 12 May over 1000 members of the KOA community came together for our first all-through photograph.

This was a very special moment for our school as it recreated a photo taken 70 years ago to mark the Queen's Coronation in 1953.

**A reminder that the last day of Term 5 is Friday 26 May. Term 6 starts on Monday 5 June 2023**

## Gardening Group at KOA

The gardening group have been busy this term and have renovated the school pond. They have also been sowing seeds and selling the plants to raise money to buy seeds.



Making a start on Spring planting - flowers, courgettes, tomatoes, cucumbers and sunflowers.



The gardening group held a summer sale of plants - tomatoes, cucumbers, courgettes, chillis and aubergines.

Thank you to all staff who bought them. The money will be used to buy more seeds.



## Working on our pond



After a lot of hard work the pond is finished. It looks amazing.

## CLF Big Run and Big Walk



Five teachers from King's Oak Academy joined more than 200 colleagues from across the Cabot Learning Federation in a series of challenges to raise money to support the trust's most vulnerable pupils.

The KOA team – which included Maria Cerepanova, Anna Tattersall, Sam Wood-Wright and Sophie Haskins - joined colleagues from the trust's 22 schools in Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset to complete the CLF's annual Big Run and Big Walk events.

More than 60 team members put months of preparation and training to good use by tackling running events, with groups competing in the 10k and half marathon at the Great Bristol Run, and others completing the scenic 13 miles of the Weston Super Half.

Meanwhile, some 140 walkers took a trip to Wales to climb Pen y Fan in the Brecon Beacons, a four-mile walk and 2,906ft ascent amid stunning scenery.

Behind each of these challenges was an important cause, as the runners and walkers combined to raise money for a trust initiative to support disadvantaged students.

The CLF Big Trip is an action-packed summer adventure in Abergavenny for 72 of the trust's most vulnerable pupils.

It's an opportunity for pupils to enjoy a range of outdoor activities they have not previously experienced – all paid for by the efforts of the CLF team.

CLF Executive Principal Kate Richardson, who leads the trust's Big Events, said: "We were thrilled to see a record number of people taking part in the CLF's Big Walk and Big Run this year, which is testament to the wonderful spirit and camaraderie within KOA and across our trust.

"The efforts of our runners and walkers will help to provide a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience for dozens of our most vulnerable students this summer.

"So huge congratulations to all those who made it to the finish line in Bristol or Weston, or to the top of Pen y Fan. It was a terrific achievement, and we are immensely proud of every one of them."

Katherine Ogden, KOA Principal, said "We are very proud of our staff who have trained hard for several weeks to prepare for the Big Run/Walk. The fundraising that the staff also completed to raise money for children across the Cabot Learning Federation to participate in the annual Big Trip was remarkable and it was lovely to see several KOA children benefit from this project participating in the 2023 Big Trip earlier this month."



Congratulations to Anna, Maria, Sam and Sophie - Team KOA

## Duke of Edinburgh Award at KOA



The sun was shining for our Qualifying DofE Bronze expedition this weekend, the complete opposite to the students' very wet and windy practice expedition.

The students completed over eight miles of walking on each day of their expedition, in addition, to setting up their tents and cooking their own food.

On Saturday morning, energy was high after a well deserved night's sleep and al fresco breakfast, the students left camp at around 8am for their final day of walking. At around 3pm, the students were given a debrief by the walking assessors, and congratulated that they had all passed!



## Environmental Group and Eco Schools' Committee at KOA

*The Eco Committee on the Lower School site have been busy delivering on their three targets this term! Our targets are:*

- 1. Improve biodiversity on the site by planting pollinator friendly seeds.*
- 2. Ensure all children are involved in a litter pick every week.*
- 3. All children have the opportunity to learn outdoors at least once a term.*

*We planted our seeds this week and will monitor progress over the next term by measuring the growth of plants and tallying the insects we spot.*



## Sport at KOA Yers 5—6 Football

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 football team who took part in their first football match on Friday! They drew 4-4 against Christ Church Hanham in an absolutely fantastic match where all players put in a great amount of effort!



Well done boys!"

## Under 13 Girls Football

And so ends what has been an incredible season for King's Oak Academy U13 Girls Football Team.

They've become Area Champions, represented Bristol Rovers in Regional Finals, and made it through to the Top 16 in the ESFA National Small Schools Cup.

On Monday 15 May, the U13 team hosted Langtree School from Reading, in the fourth round of the cup on a very hot Monday afternoon. After several amazing saves from Ruby, Langtree were 1-0 up by half time. After a very competitive and "end to end" half of high-quality football, Kady scored an absolute screamer of a goal, hitting the target in the top left hand corner from outside the box. The match finished 1-1. This was the first goal Langtree had conceded so far in the tournament.

The match went to extra time; two halves of 8 minutes each way. The game was highly competitive with lots of goal scoring opportunities for both teams. The goal keepers from each team were being tested throughout the extra time. However, at the end Langtree overall won, 2-1.

The performances from the whole squad this year have been outstanding. They have showed resilience, commitment and solidarity every time they stepped onto the pitch in their KOA shirts.

The future is very bright for this team who have been the most successful Girls Football team at KOA in over 14 years!



Well done girls! You have done King's Oak proud

## Year 9 Touch to Twickenham Rugby Tournament

A huge congratulations to our Year 9 mixed, touch rugby team. The students competed in a regional Touch to Twickenham tournament last week at St Bedes School. After a few practice games, the competitive games started. Our enthusiasm was second to none, and an outstanding level of sportsmanship was displayed throughout the day and resilience demonstrated by these students was exemplary. With two subs, this team gave their absolute all in the heat, and came away with a win!

The team progresses to the next round! Congratulations to all involved!



## Maths at KOA

On 26 April 2023, our Year 7 and 8 students embarked on an exciting opportunity by participating in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) annual junior challenge. This challenge goes beyond their regular national curriculum and presents them with thought-provoking mathematical problems that push their logic and reasoning skills to their limits!

The challenge encompassed 25 multiple-choice questions, each carrying 5 points for a correct answer. However, it's worth noting that 1 point is deducted for incorrect answers after question 15, and 2 points are deducted for incorrect answers after question 20.

I am delighted to announce that our KOA students achieved numerous certificates this year, reflecting their exceptional performance. These certificates are classified into Bronze (52+), Silver (66+), and Gold (82+). To all the participants who undertook this demanding challenge, I extend my heartfelt congratulations. Regardless of whether you secured a certificate this year or not, you should take immense pride in your efforts. Remember, if you didn't succeed this time, there's always the opportunity to try again next year!

Certificate holders:

### Year 7

**Silver** - Emily-Mae L (Best in School!)

**Bronze** - Alexander F, Blake J, Nyle H, Sarah V, Alfie Y, Callum B, Molly S, William M, Kaden K, Isabella S, Zena G, Zane Y

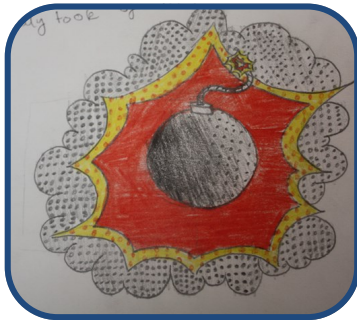
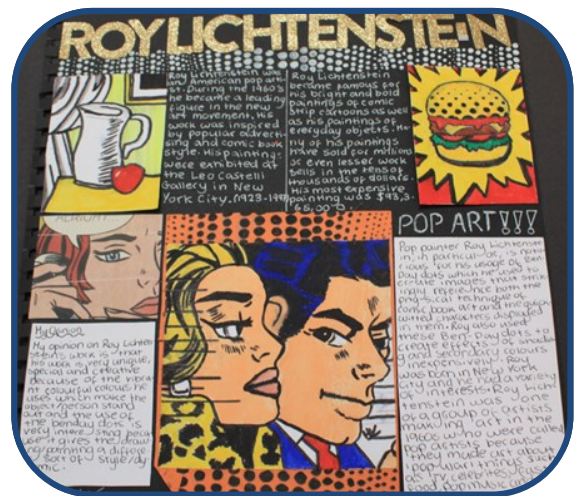
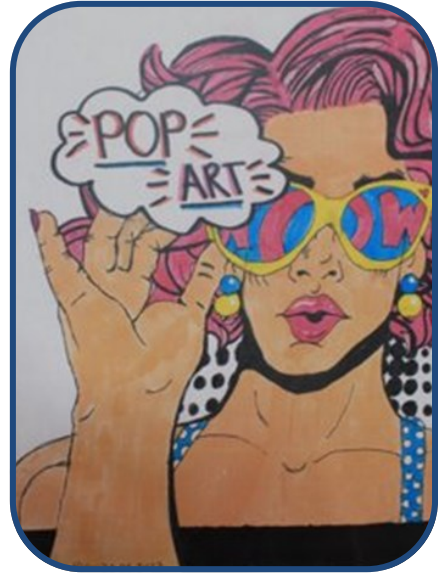
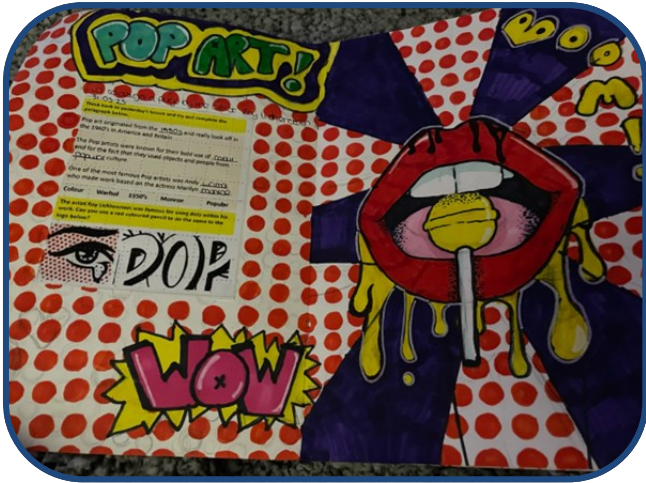
### Year 8

**Bronze** - Harley H (Best in Year!), Imani L, Ella W, Harry N, David K, Erin S, La'shay T, Aaron L, Callum H, Samuel J, Frankie T.



## Art at KOA

Students have been researching Pop Art and have begun to look at a particular artist, Roy Lichtenstein's work. They have begun to make a presentation page which includes: collaged artist images, Information about the artist, drawn sections, use of vibrant application of coloured pencil, looking at use of the whole page, good composition, creative use of images, and include an opinion of his work, as well use black pen added to highlight some areas. Here some of the students' ideas of images.



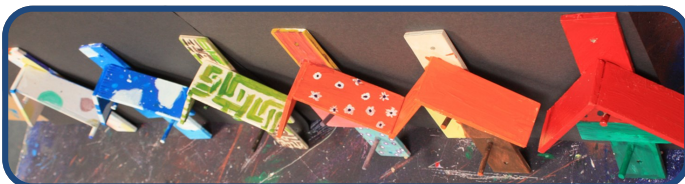


## Design Technology at KOA

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

The students did their marking out of components and have begun to make their products. The various components were cut out, assembled, sanded, and painted. All the processes enabled students to do quality checks for a quality product finish, whilst using tools and machines in the workshop safely.

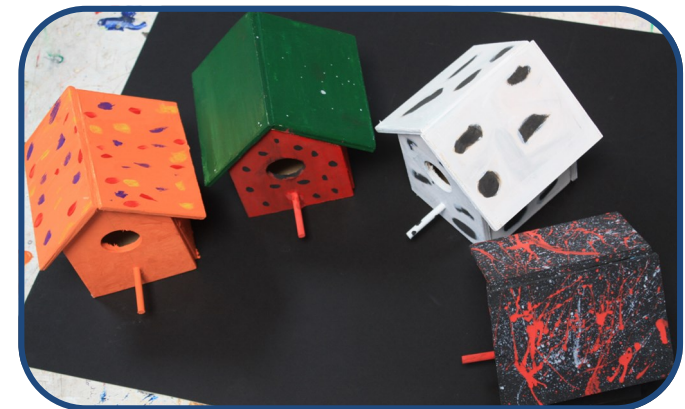
Here are some finished products from the students, Year 7 made Bird Feeders.



Students in Years 8 and 9 made bird boxes.



Year 8



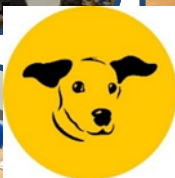
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## NEWS FROM LOWER SCHOOL

### Dogs Trust Workshops and Assemblies

This term, we were lucky enough to have visits from a representative from Dogs Trust. We had a special assembly and workshops delivered across the school to promote and harness safe, loving relationships between children and the dogs they share their lives and social settings with. Children learned about adopting safe and kind behaviours towards dogs, used role play to learn five safety rules about their own behaviour to ensure the dogs in their lives are relaxed and happy, and explored different scenarios through games and discussion.



## Times Table Rock Stars



Our Times Table Rock Stars across KS2 have had another exciting term full of friendly competitive spirit, personal progress and, of course, rocking out! We'd like to thank all of our children for always being so enthusiastic about our weekly TTRS challenges and tournaments; it's so wonderful to see their engagement with times table practice in school and at home!



## 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?



## 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.

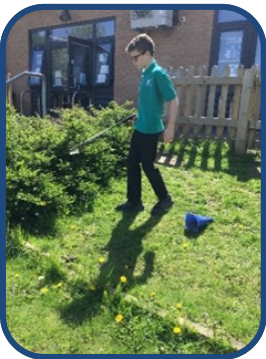


I'd like to use this opportunity to thank our dedicated lunchtime, catering and office teams for putting on a special Coronation menu and delighting us with fantastic hall decorations, their festive spirit and their fancy hats!



## 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

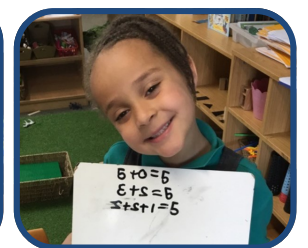
We have been incredibly lucky to have enjoyed a Progressive Sport enrichment session every term this year. Last week, Lower School children participated in a cricket session where they were tested on their batting, fielding and catching skills. We were so grateful that the weather was kind to all of us and had a wonderful time using heaps of Amethyst and Topaz power on the field.



## News from Reception

What a wonderful Term 5 we have had in Reception. This term we have been developing our author skills by writing our own versions of Jack and the Beanstalk and planting beans. The children were so excited to take their bean plants home this week.

In maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of doubles, odd and evens and sharing an amount fairly between two. In our wider curriculum learning, we have enjoyed finding out all about the Spring season. We have painted flowers, found out about the names of different animal offspring and topped all of this learning off with a spring spotting welly walk around Siston Common. Reception also had a lovely day celebrating the King's Coronation. We cannot wait to see what Term 6 brings.



We walked to the local post office to post a letter to the King and Queen. We included a photo of the KOA drone picture and cards we made to celebrate the Coronation.



## News from Year 1

What an exciting term for Year 1. As artists we have explored collage, using coloured paper of different tones - culminating in an art exhibition for our grownups, which we wrote incredible invitations for!

Year 1 was very excited to learn about the Coronation and British Values, making crowns and dressing up in red, white and blue.

As scientists we have been immersed in how plants grow. We have sorted and classified vegetables, conducted an experiment into what plants need to grow, and observed the change over time of our own sunflowers and cress, which we will take home to eat and enjoy!

Well done Year 1!



## News from Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed being Scientists this term! We even did an experiment with chocolate exploring how a solid can change into a liquid and of course we got to eat the melted mess at the end!



The teachers would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate children on completing SATs this term - you all worked incredibly hard, and you should be very proud of yourselves.



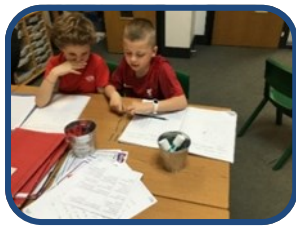
During the last few weeks, we have been exploring animal habitats, writing setting descriptions and animal fact files. The children are looking forward to creating their habitat shoeboxes on the first day back! We also have forest school sessions to look



### News from Year 3

Year 3 have been exploring the book 'Cinnamon' in their Authors lessons. We have created an alternative viewpoint of the story, from the view of the tiger, as well as writing a job advert for the role of Cinnamon's teacher.

In Maths, we have been looking at the 2, 4 and 8 times table and their relationship to each other. We used matchsticks to discover the different ways we can make numbers.



We had a chance this term to go to the computer labs on the Upper School site where we have looked at the different keys on the keyboard. We also looked at the different editing functions on Word.

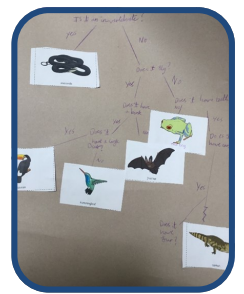
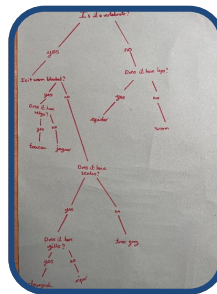


As part of our celebration of the King's Coronation, we completed a scavenger hunt matching the different items, such as the sceptre, in the Coronation to their description.



### News from Year 4

Year 4 have had a very busy Term 5. As scientists, we have been finding out about 'Living Things' with a particular focus on vertebrates and invertebrates. We have used our knowledge of vertebrates to sort them into the five main groups. The children then used the characteristics of these animals to classify them using a classification key.



As artists, we have been investigating tertiary colours. We have been using our knowledge of primary, secondary and tertiary colours to complete a colour wheel. We then applied our new skills to create an abstract rainforest picture using only tones of green!



As mathematicians this week, we applied our knowledge of finding fractions of amounts by playing a game with a partner.



# NEWS FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL

## News from Year 5

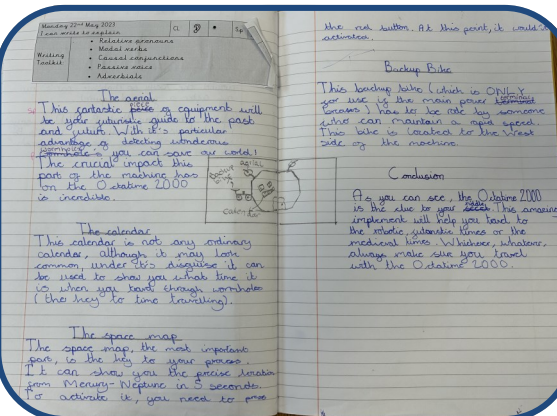
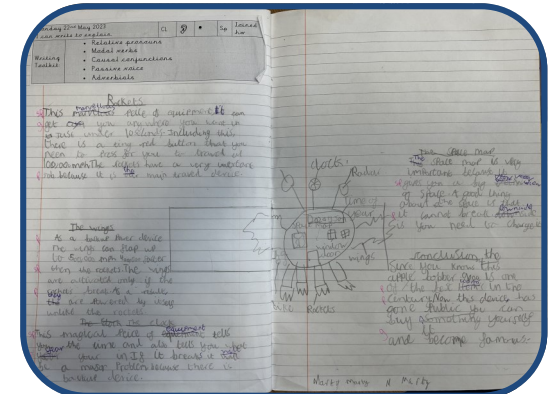
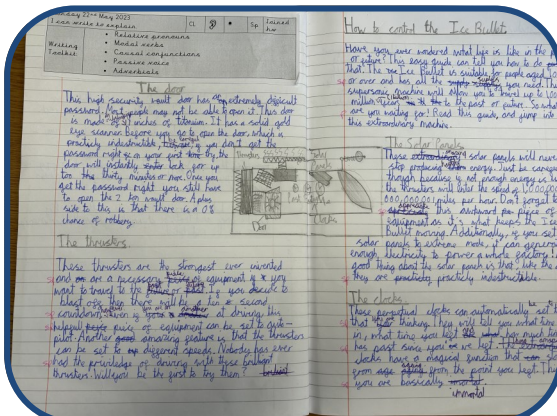
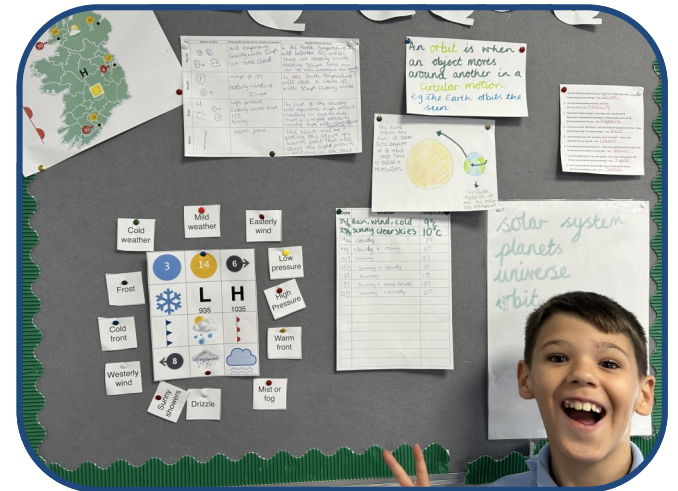
Year 5 have had a busy term with lots of exciting learning happening! They have learnt lots about angles and shapes in maths which has helped them to create some fantastic angular artwork!

As scientists they have been tracking the weather and learnt all about how to report on the weather, putting this in to practice by recording their own weather reports.

They had great fun taking part in this term's enrichment day playing cricket and have been using their cricket skills in their PE lessons with Miss Jones!

Our class text this term has seen us writing some amazing stories about a mouse travelling to space and then inventing their own time machines and writing explanation texts about how they work.

They also absolutely loved our visit to the Wonderdome where they were transported into space!

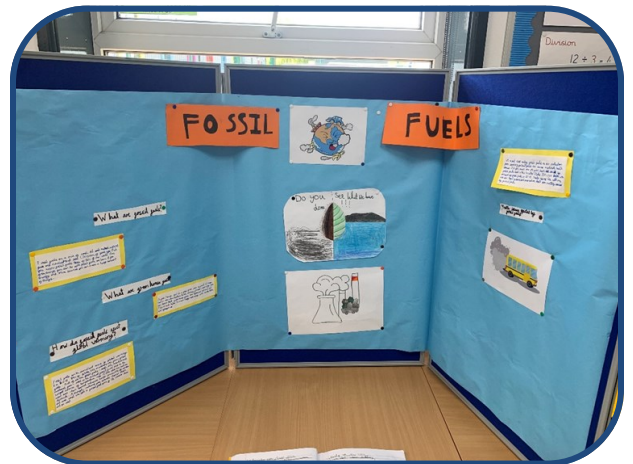
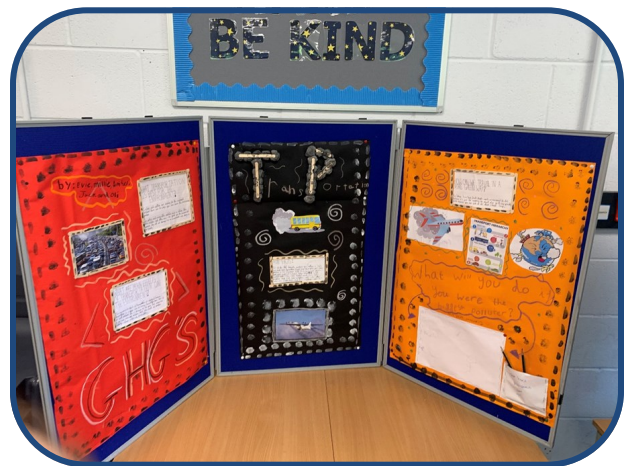
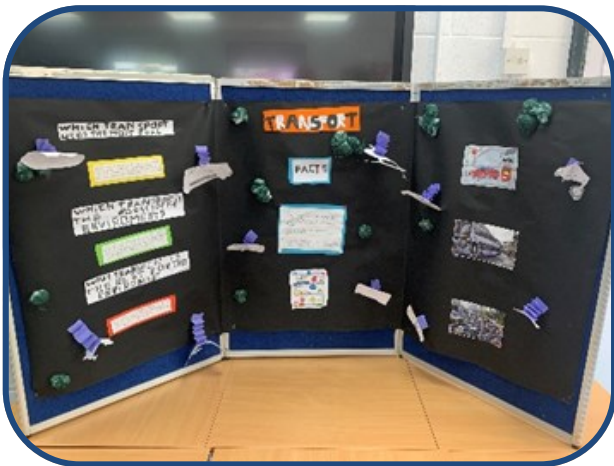


## News from Year 6

This term, Year 6's topic enquiry question has been, 'How do we impact our environment?' The children have created tri-fold displays on different environmental issues for our open afternoon, created a mixed-media mural for the corridor and created their own protest banners.

In English, they wrote a story linked to our fiction text, 'The Giant and the Sea,' and wrote speeches to persuade characters from the story to become more environmentally friendly. We also presented our leaflets from last term in our corridor display.

All of this has happened alongside some hard work and top effort in SATs tests. Well done Y6!





## News from Year 7

It's been a short but busy term in Year 7. We continue to be successful in sporting matches, our cooking in Health and Wellbeing, and I am hearing stories of great singing in music. We have also received a few certificates from the UK Maths Challenge, well done Year 7!

We had a really successful Parents' Evening and we now focus on preparing for our final assessments of Year 7.

We had a Road Safety assembly this term too, which reminds us just how much of a distraction things like our phones can be when we are out and about. Please can parents and carers continue to support the hard work we are doing in school to educate our students around using phones and social media appropriately. Everyone has a right to feel safe and happy, and if we can all use our phones sensibly, this will go a long way to help.

Finally, we had a great time on Thursday learning about space in the Wonderdome!

It is hard to believe that Year 7 is almost over, and we will soon become Year 8! Our rewards assembly on Tuesday highlights just how amazing we continue to be, that we always work hard, be kind, and also learn from our mistakes and move forwards.

Miss H Pearch—Head of Year 7



## News from Year 8

Throughout the term, we have worked hard to prepare for our end-of-year assessments. This was a challenging but rewarding experience and will allow our Year 8s to get the results they deserve.

We also had a successful Parents' Evening, where we had the opportunity to showcase our Year 8's progress to their parents or guardians.

One of the most exciting events of our term was the King's Coronation! It was a proud moment for everyone in our community, and it's great that Year 8s were able to be a part of it.

Finally, congratulations to the girls' football team for their success in their competition! It's always rewarding to see our hard work pay off, and we are proud of their achievements.

Overall, we have had a productive and fulfilling Term 5. Hopefully we can carry these experiences forward and continue to Term 6!

Mr C Nathan, Head of Year 8

## News from Year 9

What another amazing term from all Year 9 students.

Firstly, we would like to extend our proudest congratulations to all of the students who completed the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are incredibly proud of you all. The Duke of Edinburgh award is a challenging programme that requires dedication, perseverance and hard work, and we were thrilled to see so many of our students rise to the challenge.

Congratulations too go out to 9.5 who raised the most money in the school on Enterprise day. You really showed your capacity to be entrepreneurial and think outside of the box in fund raising.

We would also like to give a special shout-out to our Year 9 cooking class that had the benefit of the super chef head of year, who gave a masterclass in curry cooking to our students in Mr Heath's cooking classes. We have been blown away by the excellent food they then produced.

Finally, we would like to celebrate the amazing year 9 girls' rugby team. You have all shown incredible skill, determination and teamwork on the field, and we are so proud of your achievements. Keep up the great work!

On a more practical note, we would like to remind all Year 9 students that your options are now complete. You should hear back soon about the options you have been given, and we hope that you are all excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. Remember, this is an important decision that will shape your future, so take the time to consider your options and how this will look for you next year.

Mr S Mannin, Head of Year 9

## News from Year 10

Year 10 have had a really positive Term 5 with nearly 50 students having more than 95% attendance and no negative behaviour points all term. In terms of the tutor cup, 10.3 are this term's winner with 337 reward points narrowly beating 10.1 by 1 reward point, well done all.

This term students have worked particularly hard in Health & Social Care, Music, Drama & Sport to meet coursework deadlines. Students have shown dedication by attending sessions after school and focus in lessons to ensure that they have completed both written and practical work on time. Well done to these students.



Bristol Bears Intervention - The Brights Sparks students took part in the annual Celebration of Sport at Ashton Gate stadium. This year the theme for the Bright Sparks

students was "Inspiring the students to unlock their full potential by opening up a pathway of education and employment opportunities". Students had the opportunity to engage in insightful, fun and creative workshops with a range of employers. They experienced exciting 'Apprentice style' sessions with students creating new companies, marketing campaigns as well as selecting appropriate machinery for high end operations. The students engaged in a variety of tasks, providing them an opportunity to demonstrate teamwork skills and experience a variety of roles.

Students were then rewarded for their efforts on the day by putting their playing and teamwork skills to the test on Ashton Gate pitch. Bristol Bears player Joe Joyce was on hand for advice and coaching tips for the students. Finally, all students listened to an inspirational talk from Bristol Bears players Joe Joyce, Sam Jefferies and Rich Lane. The professional players shared their unique pathways into rugby, challenges in sport/life and how important it is to create your own path and future.



Sarah Holtby—Head of Year 10



## News from Year 11

### Year 11 Exams

Our big focus in Year 11 has been our GCSE exams. Students have, on the whole, shown great maturity and dedication to their studies with the aim of achieving their best. It is always a tough time for Year 11 students at this point in the year, but it has been really impressive the way in which the year group are currently coping. Thank you to parents/carers who have been supportive of their children. Please continue to do this as we approach the second half of the exams.

### Half term revision sessions

Next week Year 11 are being offered extra holiday revision sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday. We have had a good number of students who have signed up for this. If your child has not yet signed up, please encourage them to do so. So that learning is not forgotten during the holiday, it is important that students still continue to put the work in for this week so that they can be better prepared for the first week back.

### Year 11 leaving plans

As students complete Year 11, we have a number of leaving events. The first of these will be a leavers assembly with the date to be shared shortly. There will also be an opportunity for shirt signing and hopefully another social event. We are also looking forward to our end of Year 11 Prom. A number of students are constantly talking about this, and the excitement is growing. We are still chasing a few payments, please ensure that your child is fully paid up so that they can attend this event.

Mr A Heath, Head of Year 11



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# FEEL FAB JUNE



## THIS HALF-TERM TAKE UP THE #PLEDGE TO PLAY CHALLENGE













*'Feel Fab' this June by trying at least one activity every day in June half-term. Keep a track of yours and your family's activity below! Please include any sports/exercises/fun activities that you do.*

*Please share your diary with your class teacher to get your Feel Fab June Challenge certificate.*

We would love to see some of your attempts on Twitter using #FeelFabJune and tagging:

@AshtonSSP @CSETSports1 @NSSPEA1



My Diary	Morning	Afternoon
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 Sunday 		

# FEEL FAB JUNE



## THIS HALF-TERM TAKE UP THE #PLEDGE TO PLAY CHALLENGE

*Modern family life can be hectic. Our daily routines are so chaotic that making time each day to be active can seem really difficult. But physical activity is incredibly good for us, and especially good for children. Luckily, being active and exercising can also be loads of fun and there are many fantastic ways that we can keep ourselves, and our children, entertained whilst also keeping healthy.*

### KEEP KIDS ACTIVE

*Current **government guidance** is that children and young people (aged 5 to 18) should 'engage in moderate-to-vigorous intensity physical activity for an average of at least 60 minutes per day across the week.'*

*This can include all forms of activity such as 'PE in school, active travel, after-school activities, play and sports.' Toddlers and pre-schoolers are recommended to have three hours of activity per day.*

### WHY IS BEING ACTIVE HEALTHY?

*Evidence has shown that for children, **60+ ACTIVE MINUTES** is great for both their physical and mental health. It leads to improvements in bone health, cognitive function, muscle fitness, weight status and reductions in levels of depression and anxiety. But most importantly, being active can be great fun!*

*At the moment, only 47% of children in the UK meet current guidelines for 60 minutes of activity across the day. We want to change this and make sure all children are getting the opportunity to stay fit and healthy and enjoy some time being active!*

### PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IS IMPORTANT EVERYDAY, WHY?

*'Movement is Life' **watch this** short video:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYPRV-Ynilk>

*Activity Recovery Hub - lots of activities / games to play*

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

*#Pledge to Play is a YST Initiative - for more info please visit*

<https://www.youthsporttrust.org/news-insight/blogs/pledge-to-play-ideas-for-a-mini-adventure-this-summer>

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To view current pre-school and nursery vacancies, or to find out about childminding in South Gloucestershire click [here](#).

## Update from Liz Tincknell, Head of Governance

Having previously held the post of Senior Operations Manager at Hans Price Academy, I was delighted to be successful at interview for the position of Head of Governance for the CLF. This is a new role for the Federation which has allowed me to take the opportunity of really digging into all things Governance and work with the team to move this area forward, streamline processes and review the current structures in place.

Working with the Governance Team has really opened my eyes to the dedication of our **200+ governance volunteers** and the impact they can have on our children's educational journey.

## **What does it mean to be an Academy Councillor at the CLF?**

- It is a **rewarding role** working towards a shared goal of providing a high-quality education for the children and young people in our communities
- There are **6 Academy Council Meetings a year**, one each term. Meetings are usually around 2hrs and are typically held between 3pm and 7pm. You will be provided with an information pack to read ahead of the meeting.
- Meetings are chaired by the **Chair of the Academy Council** following an agenda with all councillors given the opportunity to ask challenging questions about the running of the school. The clerk to governors will take minutes at the meeting recording key decisions.
- Being a councillor provides **an opportunity for personal development**, building your skills and experience working as part of a leadership team
- The Academy Council meet once a term, but **also visit our schools** to see them in action and meet with school leaders

# Outstanding local Governance is vital to the success of our Academies and we are looking for volunteers like YOU to join our teams.

Over the coming weeks and months, we will be including articles from some of our Academy Councillors as they talk about their experience being a Governance Volunteer.

**We would be delighted to hear from you if you are interested in joining our team. Please contact Charlotte, our Governance Coordinator to discuss further.**

Email [Governance@clf.uk](mailto:Governance@clf.uk)

## **As a member of our Governance Team, you will**

- Get a chance to use skills you have developed during your working life
- Be involved in the strategic decisions and future direction of the school
- Increase your skills and knowledge in teamwork, negotiation and problem-solving
- Increase networking opportunities by being part of the wider community

## **We will provide members of our Governance Team with**

- Comprehensive induction
- Leadership opportunities
- Dedicated training and development opportunities
- A place at our Annual CLF conferences



Equity Through Education

# Friends of King's Oak Newsletter

May 2023

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

## Upcoming Events

- **Cake & Doughnut sale**  
Friday 26th May in KSI playground  
after school. You can pre-order  
your doughnuts by scanning the QR  
code



- **Culture, Fun & Food Fest**  
Saturday 24th June 11am-3pm

## 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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## King's Coronation Tea Towels

At the beginning of term 5, all children up to year 6,  
were able to draw themselves as a king or queen. These  
have now been sent off to the printers ready to be  
designed. The tea towels will be available to order soon,  
along with tote bags, mugs and coasters (set of 4).

## Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone that joined us for our Coronation  
cake sale on 5th May. We made a profit of £84 and sold  
out so quickly that we have decided to hold another sale  
at the end of term. We will be selling more doughnuts,  
more cakes & ice lollies.

See Upcoming Events for details.

## Funding

This term we have provided £600 in new classroom  
resources for Reception and Year 2. This included a variety  
of books, a bookcase, an animal globe and a wooden teepee.  
We have also ordered £600 of outside resources for the  
KS2 playground. These are due to arrive in 3-4 weeks.



## School Lottery

Did you know we are part of a school lottery scheme?  
Tickets are just £1 each and there is a weekly prize of  
£25,000.



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# Holiday Clubs



*Amazing multi-activity club  
experiences for every child!*

Ensure your child experiences a holiday club like no other with JAG! Our jam-packed daily schedule uniquely caters for each child's talents and interests, forging unforgettable memories in an amazing holiday experience!

- ✓ Something for every child, with a wide range of fun-filled activities
- ✓ All activities delivered by expert play leaders in a safe, fun environment
- ✓ Confidence-building by learning new skills and trying new things under expert guidance
- ✓ Positive interactions that nurture friendship and social awareness
- ✓ Enhanced wellbeing through a focus on happiness, mindfulness, kindness and being active





# Building Brighter Futures Together!

Children love our holiday clubs, because the diverse experiences we offer are so much fun. With a brilliant mix of sports, energising activities that get children moving, creative sessions that bring out their inner inventor and much more, our expert teams ensure an inclusive and fun environment that delivers an important role for every child in every session.

## Our Whole of Child Programme

We design all our activity programmes to prepare children for the future, nurturing vital life skills in each and every one of them in a way that taps in to their unique skills and interests. With fun activities spanning seven core categories, it's easy to see why children's time at JAG is always their favourite time!



### Splash Zone

Activities Include:

- ✦ Aqua Races
- ✦ Boat Building
- ✦ Swimming



### Power Teams

Activities Include:

- ✦ Team Challenges
- ✦ Obstacle Courses
- ✦ Scavenger Hunts



### Zen Masters

Activities Include:

- ✦ Yoga
- ✦ Zen Gardens
- ✦ Healthy Heart Circuits



### Super Sports

Activities Include:

- ✦ Tennis
- ✦ Football
- ✦ Basketball



### Global Kids

Activities Include:

- ✦ Cooking
- ✦ Rocket Building
- ✦ Eco Warriors



### Creative Inventors

Activities Include:

- ✦ Painting & Crafts
- ✦ Role Play
- ✦ Drama



### Brain Boosters

Activities Include:

- ✦ Quizzes & Brain Teasers
- ✦ Puzzles & Building Projects
- ✦ Code-breaking



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At Kingswood Leisure Centre, 24 July 14 August—age 5—11 years  
visit: <https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/holiday-clubs/activities>



# growing minds: greenhouse summer club learning

Thinking of what to do over summer? Beat the heat with our fun summer activities!  
Ages 7 - 11 years old, from 24th July - 31st August, 9am - 4pm.  
Dates exclude 28th August, Monday (Bank Holiday).  
Held at Redland Green School (Redland Ct Rd, BS6 7EH).

## DRAMA MONDAYS



### Life is a stage, make it your own!

Monday drama sessions with exciting activities:

- Improv
- Script-writing and developing plays in groups
- Stage fighting!

### Hunt through the past - it's yours to discover!

Tuesday history sessions which are enquiry-focused:

- Investigate historical events and characters
- Dive into historical "heroes and villains"
- Historical re-enactments and a Rap Battle!

## HISTORY TUESDAYS



## CRIMINOLOGY WEDNESDAYS



### Be the investigator - Can you solve the crime?

Wednesday criminology sessions in an escape-room style:

- Step into the shoes of a detective!
- Find clues and evidence to catch the culprit amongst the suspects
- Stand the suspects in mock trials!

### Let your imagination run wild!

Thursday creative writing sessions exploring different genres:

- Create new stories in groups and individually
- Re-imagine your favourite stories!

## CREATIVE WRITING THURSDAYS



## MUSIC FRIDAYS



### Find your rhythm!

Friday music sessions playing with different music styles:

- Be your own composer, sing your heart out!
- Rhythm games and music quizzes
- Design your own jukebox musical!

## SIGN UP NOW!

To sign up, scan the QR code or go to:  
<https://greenhouselearning.co.uk/growingminds/>



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Dear Parents,

We are working alongside the Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation to offer pupils at our school the opportunity to access 'Dynamos Cricket' as an after-school club this summer.

This offer is aimed at 8 to 11-year-olds (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6). **If your child/ children are already attending All Stars at a local club, please continue to do so.** This opportunity is targeting children who wouldn't be able to attend a club session.

The total cost for the 6-week programme that includes a personalised T-shirt that will be delivered to your home address is £40.

All information including dates, times and how to book can be found here- [ClubSpark / Dynamos / Course](#) .

This specific opportunity is only available for pupils at your school. Please note, the maximum number of children for this programme is 24, it will be first come, first served.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Munden, his contact information is on the link above.

Kind regards

Chris

