



## Work Hard - Be Kind

### King's Oak Gardening Club

We have recently received a generous donation from Gina Bradbury at the Outdoor Guide. We had ten pairs of wellies and ten sets of waterproofs, shared across the Lower, Middle and Upper Schools.

Many thanks to Gina who is the sister of Julia Bradbury, presenter of Country File.

We have been planting: tomatoes; beans; beetroot; courgettes; peas; garlic; peppers; chillies; lettuce; sunflowers; passion flowers; grape vines; avocados and lots of wild flowers.



Dear Parents and Carers,



We hope you are all well. I would like to start off by saying a huge well done to our fabulous Year 2, 6 and 11 students who have all been sitting their SATs/GCSE exams this term. They have all been trying their best and we

are so proud of them.

We are always very clear that the SATS and GCSE/BTEC awards are only one measure of how a child is achieving / a school is performing and it is important to remember that children achieve every day and that not every success can be measured by a test. We choose to measure success in a variety of different ways and we recognise every child for their achievements in our school however these may manifest and this newsletter recognises some of the brilliant learning and events that your child has completed/participated in this term.

Thank you all for the continued support that you give to your child and staff in our school. We hope that you are able to celebrate the Jubilee Anniversary with friends and family and enjoy a restful weekend before returning to us on 6 June 2022 to start our final term of the school year.

Kind regards

Katherine Ogden, Principal



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A reminder that the last day of Term is Friday 27 May. Term 6 starts on Monday 6 June 2022

## Careers and Enterprise at KOA

### Dragon's Den

Well done to all Year 9 students who participated in a Dragon's Den Activity. In a short space of time, students had to work in teams, problem-solve and creatively design either a new drink, snack or app. that they could launch. This introduced to them to new concepts, such as thinking about the 'Marketing Mix' - the product, price, place and promotion. Students had to pitch their ideas to the audience. Well done to the winning teams.



### Year 10 IAG

Year 10 have started sessions with a careers adviser this term. The purpose of this session is not to decide what they want to do but to help create an action plan of 'next steps'. This action plan helps to research different career pathways and discuss possible careers related to strengths and skills. Parents/carers can support this process by researching [www.careerpilot.org.uk](http://www.careerpilot.org.uk). Under job sectors, different career pathways and qualifications/ skills can be researched.



### Enterprise Week - May 2022

King's Oak Academy hold an Enterprise Week every year. This is a whole-school approach to raising awareness of enterprise and employability skills. Students from Year 7 - Year 10 worked in In tutor groups holding different activities during the week using their break/lunch times. This year the activities included bake sales, competitions, art stalls, stress balls, pizza, candy floss, penalty shoot-outs etc. We are still waiting to see how much money was raised - so watch this space. All money raised will go to the Jessie May Charity.

"It was fantastic to see a buzz around the school, watching students enthusiastically work in teams, build confidence and develop their enterprise and employability skills, whilst raising money for a good cause"



## Exams at KOA

It has been a busy time for us at King's Oak.

This is our first year of Year 6 SATS and we have been so amazed with how well the children have engaged and we are very excited to see the results. A massive well done to Mr Blake and Miss Southcott who have done an extraordinary job in preparing the children and getting them through SATS week. Well done year 6!

Year 2 have also completed their KS1 SATS and have done a fantastic job!

It has been wonderful to be back in the exam room with our Year 11 students, GCSEs have officially started, and we are so proud of each and every one of our Year 11s. Our invigilating team have noted how hard-working the students are in the exam room. Keep going Year 11 we are nearly there!

Year 10 students sat their first exams in BTEC Music, we will get the results in the next few weeks. Year 10 students who take Hospitality and Catering have their exam in June.

As you may have seen in the news, there is a nationwide shortage of invigilators. Our amazing team in Professional Services are supporting the Exam Team and ensuring that all students are supported in exams and assessments. Thank you.

We are looking forward to celebrating the success of each student following SATS and GCSEs.

Miss Side and Mrs Larkin

## Music at KOA

This has been a busy term in Music.

**Year 7** have been working on the drum kit, bass guitar and ukulele having some 'hands on experience'. Perhaps your son/daughter would like some tuition on one of these instruments? See one of the music teachers for further information.

**Year 8** have been playing and composing film music. We hope they remember their music teachers when they become famous composers!

**Year 9** have been introduced to minimalism and twentieth century music. Ask them to perform to you a famous piece by John Cage called 3min 40 seconds!

**Year 10** have taken their Unit 1 The Music Industry examination which is 25% of their BTEC Music First Award qualification. They are also preparing a performance for recording by the end of this term.

**Year 11** have successfully completed their course. Well done to all! Once again well done for raising such a good amount of money for Breast Cancer UK and JAL in their Unit 2 coursework.

Outside of the classroom we have started to rehearse for a musical which we hope to present at the end of the year.

A new Year 7 band has started to meet and rehearse on a regular basis. We hope that this group might be ready to represent KOA at the CLF Battle of the Bands at the end of the year, along with other student musicians.

We are hoping to organise some Music trips this coming term. Watch this space.....

Thanks from JIA for supporting them at the recent Talent Shows run by the Year 11 Music BTEC students. Well done everyone!

To the Pupils at Kings Oak Academy

We would like to thank you for taking part in and organizing a talent show and for showcasing all your wonderful musical skills.

Thank you for choosing to support NRAS and to help raise funds and awareness about living with JIA.

The funds you have raised will help to fund our JIA services aimed at young people and their families.

Thank you for raising an amazing  
**£281.78**

With best wishes from the  
NRAS Fundraising Team



*Thank you for supporting JIA at NRAS. Regards Bronwen.*

You made a difference

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## PE at KOA

### Blue Peter Badge for Sport for Years 7, 8 and 9

Students will need to fill out a form beforehand with parental permission—see Mrs Harrold or Mrs Salvage. Parental consent is needed for the badge to be sent off (we will send this as a school). We will be trying something new each week and things we wouldn't normally do in PE.

## Fancy trying a new sport and getting a Blue Peter Badge?



Join us in PE on  
Tuesday 3.10pm – 4.10pm

Some examples:



Please see Mrs Salvage/Mrs Harrold for a form

### Dates for Next Term

Even though it's the last term of the academic year, the PE department have lots of exciting events and activities to host and participate in.

King's Oak Academy is hosting the X Rugby tournament for schools in South Gloucestershire, rounders tournaments and we are also attending lots of athletic events run by schools in the local community.

In addition, the PE department has organised Sports Day for Years 7-10, which will include all students participating and representing their tutor groups in a whole day event.

### Year 7 and 8 Girls Football @ KOA Monday 9 May

Congratulations to our Years 7 and 8 girls football teams who placed first and second. The girls have demonstrated so much progress over the last few competitive tournaments, with students taking responsibility for organising their teams and displaying fantastic team spirit.

We are very proud of these teams and we look forward to continuing success.

Year 7 Team



Year 8 Team



### Bristol Bears Bear in Mind Celebration of Sports Day—Tuesday 10 May

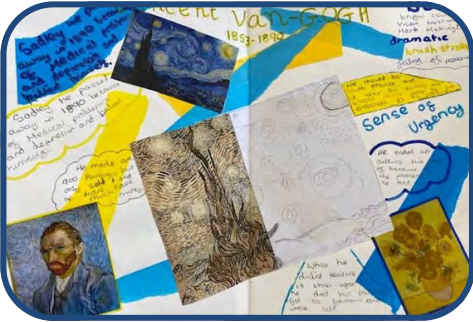
#### ristol Bears Event Day—Tuesday 10 May

This event was held at Bristol Bears training ground. The students participated in a tournament then were able to meet with and talk to professional Bears player Simi who talked about everything about being a professional rugby player along side her job as a doctor. It was a brilliant event!



## Art at KOA

### Year 7 Art



Year 7 have been learning about Van Gogh and creating some beautiful artist research pages.



As part of their investigations into the work of Van Gogh, Year 7 have created monprints of two of his most famous paintings: Sunflowers and his bedroom at Arles. They then added coloured inks on top of their monprints, experimenting with colour.



### Year 9 Art

Year 9 have been creating drawings of inspirational black characters from the past and present, using mainly pencil crayons.

We have been learning about the work of Lubaina Himid to inspire and inform our work.

These images are a small selection of the Y9 work for you to admire!



## Art at KOA

### Year 10 Art

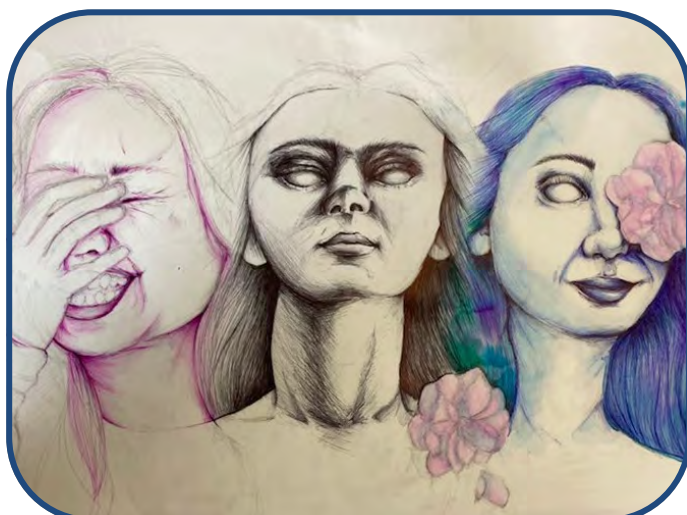
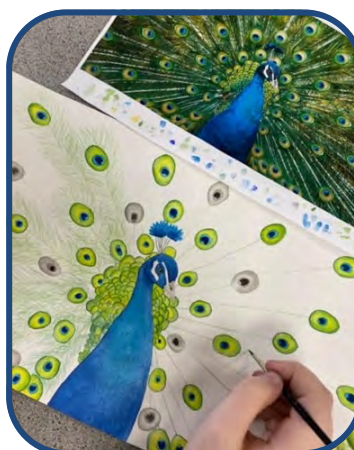
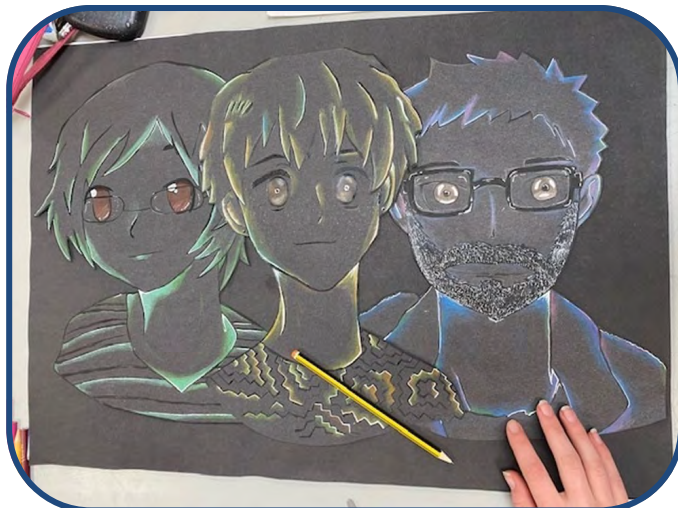
Look at these amazing set of lino cut prints from Tyler, one of our very talented Y10 artists.

One print, 4 colourways!



### Year 11 Art

Y11 continue to amaze me with their personal projects exploring various themes in a range of media.



## News from the Lower School

### Message from Craig Jones—Head of Lower School

Thank you to everyone for welcoming me to the King's Oak community. As Principal of Haywood Village Academy (Weston-super-Mare) and as part of the Cabot Learning Federation (CLF), I am enjoying the opportunity to support KOA Lower School during this period of transition before the new Head of Lower School joins in September.

Alongside Miss Ogden and other senior leaders, I will continue next term to be on the Lower School site on Wednesday afternoons, Thursdays and Fridays all day.

My role is to support the daily activity of the Lower School and also contribute to longer term strategic improvement. Recent developments have included: providing teaching and learning feedback to teachers to support their skills, planning staff meetings to coordinate lower school improvement work and supporting updates to the behaviour policy. It has been really great to enjoy hearing and seeing the enrichment that has been offered: Year 4 and 6 on camp, puppetry in Year 5, a trip to the SS Great Britain for Year 2 and an animal expert with live animals for Year 1.

### Hot Weather

As the weather is getting hotter, please can we remind families to provide children with a labelled sun hat and ensure that they have sun cream on during hot days.

## Reception News

The highlight of this term for Reception has been to care for some chicks! The children were fascinated by life cycles and explored lots of describing words for chicks and other animals. The children have been working hard on their reading and writing as well as learning all about doubles and adding one more.

## Year 1 News



Term 5 has been completely jam-packed in Year 1. Not only have we tackled more challenging learning, but the last few weeks have also been defined by exciting animal encounters to

answer our big question: what is the most fascinating animal? Well done to all children for developing their editing skills as authors, mastering the concept of 'tens' and 'ones' as mathematicians, and demonstrating some excellent teamwork skills as athletes. It has been hugely exciting to have the Living Eggs programme in our classroom.

We also enjoyed a visit from Sid's Safari, where we learned more about the different groups of animals. Some of us were even brave enough to hold the (very patient) python, Monty!



## Year 2 News

Year 2 this term, have been exploring 'How the Victorians changed Britain'.

On our Victorian day they immersed themselves in the lives of Victorian School Children. They have learned about Queen Victoria, the Industrial Revolution and other key Victorian figures such as Isambard Kingdom Brunel. They have explored a range of Victorian inventions and designed their own version of the Clifton Suspension Bridge which needed to withstand a certain weight. The children represented King's Oak brilliantly with their behaviour on their school trip to the SS Great Britain where they had a fantastic time, despite the weather.

We are also exceedingly proud of Year 2 who have completed their first SATs exams and can be seen enjoying a spot of reading outside to relax afterwards. A huge well done to all.





## Year 3 News

Year 3 have enjoyed learning about The Tudors this term. We celebrated with a Tudor Day where we dressed up, tried using a quill feather and ink to write, created a Tudor knot garden and shield. We picked the colours for the shield based on what we wanted it to represent. We also tried to draw Henry VIII before taking part in a Tudor quiz where our knowledge shone through!



## Year 4 News

Year 4 had a fantastic time at Hooke Court for two nights. We took part in Viking cooking, weaving, jewellery making (troll crosses) and even a battle! The children also enjoyed carrying out a river study and created fossil prints. One of the highlights was making our own Viking longboats and sailing them on the moat.

Some children remained at school and also had a great time cooking over a camp fire and making their own Viking longboats.

In Authors, we have been writing a meeting tale with a mythical character. We have had fun coming up with ideas for our story.

As mathematicians we have been learning about fractions and changing improper fractions into mixed numbers.



## Year 6 News

Year 6 have successfully completed their end of KS2 assessments! The students were incredibly resilient and brave throughout the week of intense testing. They celebrated on Thursday with Brownies and Ice Cream on the field in the sunshine.

They then embarked on Year 6 Residential where they took part in lots of fun outdoor activities. From raft building to archery to Tribal Kingdom Day and Bridging the Moat. It was an extremely enjoyable week for all who attended.

Our Year 6 students who stayed at school also had a very fun week onsite with activities such as forest school, sporting mornings and cake baking!



## Year 9 News

Term 5 has been a term filled with lots of exciting opportunities for Year 9 students and they have had the chance to take part in lots of different events:

### Dragon's Den

This term Year 9 students were involved in a Dragon's Den event with Lloyds Bank. Students were given a chance to work in groups to come up with a project and then pitch this to other students and industry leaders. All students showed how creative they were, as well as developed their ability to successfully problem-solve and be able to present their ideas to a group. Well done to all students who took part.

### Duke of Edinburgh

Sixteen Year 9 students took part in the expedition section of this award in the Mendips. This included an overnight stay in tents and cooking on a gas stove. Students had to plan a route and navigate this for six hours each day. Despite the compostable toilets and lack of showers, students enjoyed themselves and even found time to play football and enjoy the rope swing on the evening. Well done to all students who took part.



### Breaking the Chain

Year 9 students were also involved in a theatre production called 'Breaking the Chain'. This performance aimed to raise awareness, kickstart conversations, and build resilience around youth violence with a focus on knife crime. The company came into school and Year 9 students watched an hour-long performance involving making the right choices regarding the pressure to carry knives. The feedback from students was really positive and they felt that the performance helped them to understand the pressures involved with this and understand the pressure others may be under.

### Tutor Challenge

Once again, we have carried on with the tutor challenge in Term 5. Every Thursday tutors and students have participated in film quizzes, observational picture rounds, general knowledge questions, and at the end of Term 5, the scores are as follows:

9.1 – 249 pts

9.2 – 242 pts

9.3 – 216 pts

9.4 – 212 pts

9.5 – 180 pts

Congratulations to Miss Sibley's tutor group who are still just in the lead for Term 5. However, Miss Swinscoe / Miss Harding's tutor group are just behind you so everything still to play for to win the trophy at the end of the year.

I hope you all have a fantastic break and come back for Term 6 refreshed, re-charged and ready to take part in more exciting opportunities. I shall look forward to welcoming you all back into school for Term 6.

Mrs S Holtby Head of Year 9



## Year 10 News

Despite a short Term 5, it has been a busy one for Year 10 students at KOA. A highlight of mine was being able to go around and see the quality of work that is being produced. Some specific examples of this came when visiting Art and English. Students were concentrated on producing the best work they could in calm, focused conditions. I look forward to visiting other lessons and seeing how progress continues across the Academy.

Year 10 students also took part in Enterprise Week with ideas such as a cake sale, guessing the number of sweets in a jar and even taking penalties in a football competition. This has given students a chance to be creative and to work with others in their tutor groups in an attempt to raise the most amount of money for charity.

In this term a new cohort of Year 10 students started working with the Bristol Bears coaches who have been working with us all year completing the Bear in Mind Project. Students have shown great enthusiasm and commitment to these weekly sessions and will start to see the benefits in the future weeks.

Linked to the above, our Monday boys' group on the year long Bristol Bears programme had the chance to compete on the pitch at Ashton Gate last Friday during the Bristol Bears game. This gave our students the opportunity to play in front of over 16,000 spectators and then sample what was an enjoyable and entertaining last home game of the season. I know that some of the boys had been looking forward to this for a long time the reviews have been very positive.

We know now that the first of their Year 11 summer exams are less than a year away. Seeing the positive shift in focus from the majority of the year group shows how seriously they are taking this challenge. We need to ensure that this continues in what will be a challenging year with the potential results setting students up for the rest of their lives. We've got this Year 10!



Congratulations to Billy who won Players player of the year at Kingswood Rugby Club building on his success with Bristol Bears Development Academy this season. Well done Billy, keep up the good work.

Mr A Heath, Head of Year 10

## Year 11 News

Year 11 have risen to the challenge of their exams and we have been very impressed by their focus and attitude. Revision sessions have been well attended, I'm sure the breakfast and afternoon snacks have helped too! I'm very proud of you all and I hope the hard work continues, you all deserve to achieve your best.

I hope everyone has a restful half term week, with just the right amount of revision in there too. Looking ahead to post exams don't forget that our final day celebrations take place on Friday 24th June and Prom is Thursday 7th July. More details on the final day will come very soon!

Remember if you need anything, speak to us, we are all here to support you with everything.

Miss H Pearch, Head of Year 11



# WHATS ON DURING THE MAY HALF TERM

## STAY ACTIVE, HEALTHY AND HAPPY WITH OUR HOLIDAYS CAMP PROGRAMMES

Our Forever Sport Holiday camps offer the chance for children to take part in a number of different sports from football and tag rugby to netball, dodgeball, and gymnastics! With a strong focus on fun and social interaction, the camps are a safe environment for children to play sport and enjoy being active. Browse our full programme below:

**Cadbury Heath Multi-Sports Camp**  
Venue: Cadbury Heath Primary School, BS30 8GB  
Dates: Mon, May 30th - Wed, June 1st  
Time: 9am - 4pm  
Price: £10.00 per day or £24.00 for 3 days  
School Years: EYFS - Year 6



**Yeo Moor Primary School Multi-Sports Camp**  
Venue: Yeo Moor Primary School, BS21 6JL  
Dates: Mon, May 30th - Wed, June 1st  
Price: £17.50 per day or £43.50 for 3 days  
School Years: EYFS - Year 6

**Filton Avenue - Lockleaze Road**  
Venue: Filton Avenue, Lockleaze Road, BS7 9RP  
Dates: Mon, May 30th - Wed, June 1st  
Time: 9am - 4pm  
Price: £20.00 per day or £51.00 for 3 days  
School Years: EYFS - Year 6



**Flyers Basketball Holiday Camp**  
Venue: Cotham School, BS6 6DT  
Dates: Mon, May 30th - Wed, June 1st  
Time: 9am - 4pm  
Price: £22.50 per day, discounts available  
School Years: 3 - 11



**Flyers Basketball Holiday Camp**  
Venue: The Park Centre, BS4 1DQ  
Dates: Tues, 31st May - Wed, 1st June  
Time: 9am - 4pm  
Price: £22.50 per day, discounts available  
School Years: 3 - 11

**Early Pick-up and Drop Off:**  
Yeo Moor - early drop off from 8.00am and late pick up until 5.00pm. Early drop off and late pick up £4.00 each per day.

**Nurt Guri and Archery morning at Cadbury Heath - Monday, May 30th, Filton Avenue - Tuesday, May 31st, Yeo Moor, Wednesday - June 1st**  
All of our Multi-Sport camps will be holding their own Queen's Olympic Games on Wednesday, June 1st.



### TO BOOK:

Visit <http://bit.ly/BSFHOLIDAYCAMP> or call 0117 963 0683 (Mon-Fri, 10-5pm)

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Adapted delivery to adhere to government guidance



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Revised number of coaches to reduce risk



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Daily health checks for staff