



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.

On behalf of all the staff and councillors at King's Oak, we hope that you have a safe and peaceful holiday with your respective families and we are looking forward to welcoming your child back into school for Term 5 on Tuesday 16 April.

Year 9 STEM Discovery Day

Twenty eight Year 9 students participated in a STEM Crest Discovery Day hosted at Mewburn Ellis, a Bristol-based law firm. Collaborating in small teams, the students engaged in designing sustainable products, receiving guidance from associates within the firm. Subsequently, they showcased their concepts to the firm's partners, defending their designs and fielding numerous inquiries.

Demonstrating remarkable dedication, the students produced impressive results by the end of the visit. Moreover, they gained insights into the connection of law and STEM disciplines. Completing their introductory module for a Crest Award, all students received certificates and left with a wealth of ideas regarding STEM career paths. Credit to all students for representing the school extremely well.



A reminder that the last day of Term 4 is Thursday 28 March Term 5 starts on Tuesday 16 April..

Year 8 STEM Workshop

On international Women's Day, 26 of our Year 8 students attended a STEM workshop at Renishaw. Students created their own colour changing torches, building the circuits and structure themselves. They worked with Gillian, a mechanical engineer, who spoke about how she got into engineering and the challenges she faced.

The students learnt about careers in STEM and the possible routes they could take after their GCSEs. They looked at famous scientists from the past and how engineering is now changing our world!

It was amazing to see the super cool tech at Renishaw and the students showed our values, of work hard, be kind brilliantly.



Science Week at KOA

This term, our academy hosted an engaging British Science Week, offering a diverse range of activities tailored to students of all ages. Aligned with this year's British Science Week Theme, 'Time', students from Years 7 to Year 11 participated in tutor-led activities aimed at conquering stereotypes in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). These sessions included a comprehensive science quiz to test students' understanding of scientific concepts.

Students in Years 5 to 8 benefited from an enlightening assembly delivered by a STEM ambassador affiliated with Airbus. The presentation, centered around the theme of time, intertwined with the ambassador's aerospace career in Airbus, sparking thought-provoking questions among the students.

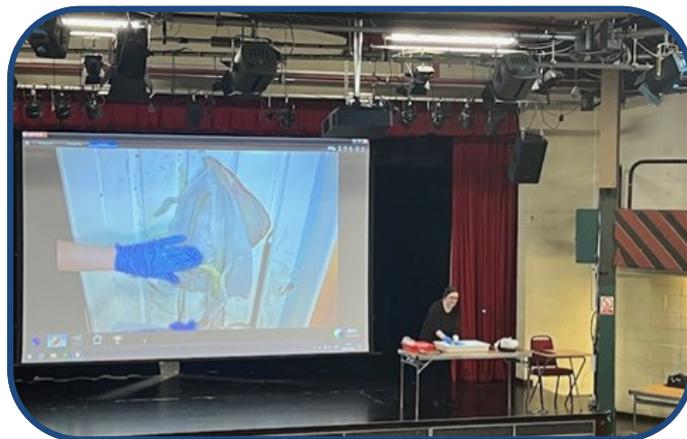
Years 9 to 11 were privileged to attend inspirational assemblies hosted by esteemed local companies such as Renishaw and GE Aerospace, shedding light on lucrative career opportunities in STEM fields.

Additionally, students in Years 1 to 9 had the opportunity to showcase their creativity in a poster competition, currently undergoing evaluation by our judging panel. Winning entries will be submitted to the National competition.

Furthermore, Key Stage 2 students participated in a live BBC lesson on Time, while classes spanning from Reception to Year 9 engaged in STEM-focused activities throughout the week.

Concluding the week's activities, students were invited to observe a squid dissection in the Hexagon, delivered by one of our Science teachers, Miss Rowley.

Overall, Science Week proved to be a stimulating and enjoyable experience for all. Plans are already in motion to expand and enhance the event for next year!



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BRITISH
SCIENCE
WEEK

British Science Week



Building Bridges

We are learning to...

- Work together in a team
- Be creative and inventive
- Work to a deadline and budget

Performing Arts at KOA

Student Achievements

Issy in Year 9 has had her TV debut as an extra on *Boarders!* She said "it was the best few days of my life! It's such a different experience to gain some professional work experience and I'll remember it forever". Issy is continuing to audition for further roles so watch this space!

Reuben has achieved a Distinction in their Grade 4 Musical theatre exam.

Mid-somerset Festival

<https://midsomersetfestival.org/>

On Tuesday 6 March, the Performing Arts Department took 13 students from Years 7 and 8 to compete in the Reading Aloud category. They were asked to perform selected passages from *When The Sky Falls* by Phil Earle.



In the evening, we took our Year 11 Drama students to compete in three class competitions: Solo Acting, Duo Acting and Dickens Memorised Prose. In addition, the judges were so impressed with some of the performances they awarded two students outstanding performance cups which were presented at the Champions Concert on Friday 8 March.



In total, the students were awarded 22 certificates, 3 plaques, 1 trophy plate and 3 trophy cups! The winners are as follows:

Reading Aloud:

1st Place – Lola (Year 8)

3rd Place – Isabelle (Year 8)

3rd Place – Zoe (Year 7)

3rd Place – T (Year 7)

Solo Acting:

3rd Place – Elizabeth (Year 11)

2nd Place – Scarlet (Year 11)

2nd Place – Summer (Year 11)

1st Place – Gracie (Year 11)

Duo Acting:

3rd Place – Elizabeth & Scarlet (Year 11)

1st Place – Gracie & Summer (Year 11)

Dickens Memorised Prose:

1st Place Scarlet (Year 11)

Duo Acting Award:

Gracie & Summer (Year 11)

Performing Arts & Music in the community:

Lots of students take part in extra-curricular performing Arts activities in the local area. If your child is interested in joining a local group, please get in contact to find out more

Bristol Youth Choir- <https://bristolbeacon.org/whats-on/bristol-youth-choir-upper-voices/>

BAOS- <https://www.baosbristol.co.uk>

Bristol Old Vic- <https://bristololdvic.org.uk/take-part> and <https://oldvic.ac.uk/youth-courses/>

RiffRaff- <https://www.bristolchoir.co.uk/index.ph>

Theatre Train- <https://bristolbeacon.org/whats-on/bristol-youth-choir-upper-voices/>

Stagecoach- <https://www.stagecoach.co.uk/bristolnorth>

PQA- <https://www.pqacademy.com>

Razzamataz- <https://bristolsouth.razzamataz.co.uk>

Stand and Deliver- <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100056994199184>

Jamie Allen School of Performing Arts - <https://www.jaspaschool.co.uk/>

At King's Oak Terms 5 and 6

Keyboard Club – Monday 3.15-4.15pm (Y7-9)

Drama Club – Monday 3.15-4.15pm (Y7-9)

Music Tech Club – Thursday 3.15-4.15pm (Y7-9)

Concert Club – Thursday and Friday 3.15-4pm (Y7-9)

Performing Arts at KOA

Drama

Year 7 students have had an introduction to Musical Theatre and have been working on whole-class performances of 'It's The Hard Knock Life' from Annie.

In Year 8, students have been on a whistle-stop tour of the works of William Shakespeare including Othello, A Midsummer Night's Dream and Romeo and Juliet, developing their vocal skills.

Year 9 have been doing taster sessions in preparation for the BTEC Performing Arts course at Key Stage 4 – what a wealth of talent, confidence and creativity we are seeing from the next generation of Performing Arts students.

Music

Year 7 students have been studying 'great composers' and their music. They have been listening 'musically' to famous pieces and performing some, especially

Beethoven's ODE TO JOY (from his 9th Symphony) which has been a set piece they have been practising in preparation for their DOOYA assessment.

Perhaps if you have a keyboard at home, they can perform it to you!?

Year 8 have also been studying great composers (but not the same as Year7!)

Bach's TOCCATA and Fugue and Pachelbel's Canon in D has been their main set pieces, and their practice has paid off with several good performances.

It would be wonderful to see any Year 7, 8 or 9 students who wish to improve their keyboard skills by attending the Keyboard Club directly after school on a Monday until 4.15 in MU1.

Year 9 have been creating music for moving image including horror, romance and documentary genres.

SUMMER CONCERT

On the evening of 22 July we are holding a summer concert in which we intend to feature present and past students. This event will be the final concert for Mr Warren.

It would be wonderful to see as many students as possible (past and present) on that evening. If you would like to perform, or would like any further information, please email tim.warren@clf.uk.

Tickets for the event will be advertised nearer the date and are sure to go quickly, so please keep your eyes peeled for information.

West of England Schools' Summit



On 12 March, Mrs Larkin took four of our Year 10 students to the West of England Schools' Summit at Ashton Gate Stadium. This is an annual event run by Dan Norris, the Metro Mayor, and brought together students from the region where they had a chance to pitch their ideas for how to improve the lives of young people in a 'Dragons' Den' style boardroom. Despite their nerves, our students impressed the Dragons by speaking clearly and confidently throughout their pitch. We are proud of them for working hard and representing KOA so wonderfully at this event!"



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Maths at KOA

KOA students thrive at AMSP Maths Feast 2024

We are thrilled to share the remarkable achievements of four of our Year 10 students who recently participated in the prestigious 2024 Bristol Maths Feast, held at John Cabot Academy.

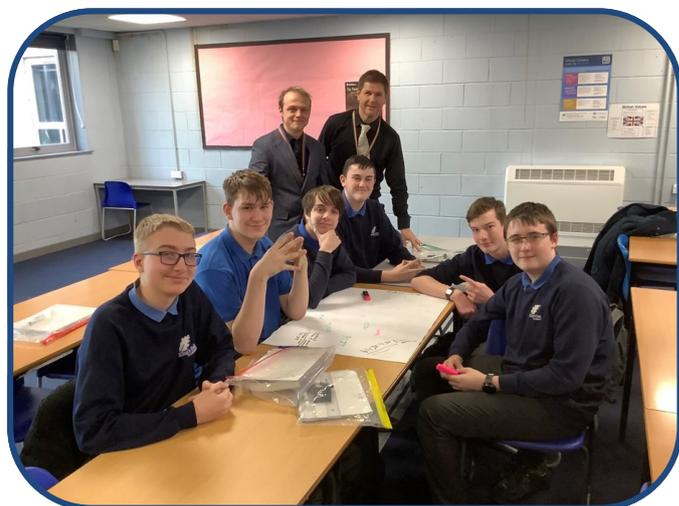
This event, organised by the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme (AMSP), provided an exhilarating platform for our students to showcase their mathematical prowess and collaborative spirit. Engaging in challenging rounds that tested reasoning, creativity, and teamwork, our students excelled, earning commendations for their outstanding performance.

Their participation not only demonstrated technical proficiency but also reinforced the practical relevance of mathematics. This success reflects the dedication of our students, the support of our teachers, and the commitment of our school community to academic excellence.

Congratulations to our students for their remarkable representation of KOA. Let's continue fostering a culture of curiosity and achievement as we look forward to more opportunities for growth and success.



In dedicated math sessions, students tackled real-world problems like advising Mr. White on budgeting for KOA, specifically replacing all of the chairs, promoting teamwork and intuitive problem-solving. Kudos to 10X1 for their exceptional performance in this task!



The day concluded with a tutor challenge, where students engaged in logic problems. Congratulations to the winners in categories "Numbers with Meaning" and "Logic Puzzles" for their impressive achievements.

Pi Day Tutor Challenge #2



Ten Numbers with Meaning

26	L in the A	24	H in a D
7	C in the R	8	L on a S
1000	M in a K	52	C in a P (no J)
64	S on a C B	366	D in a L Y
28	D in F	200	P for P G in M

What do the initials stand for?

This celebration not only honoured the significance of mathematics but also fostered critical thinking and collaboration among our students. Well done to all participants for their enthusiasm and dedication to mathematics education at KOA!



KOA Celebrates Pi Day with Math Enrichment

Thursday 14 March marked Pi Day, an international celebration of mathematics. At KOA, aligned with CLF's Big Day of Maths, students delved into various math-related activities under the theme "Playing with Numbers." This interdisciplinary approach saw French lessons exploring recipes, Music discussing financial management for independent artists, Geography analysing graphs, and English dissecting mathematical language.

Air Ambulance Visit KOA

Air Ambulance have come in and delivered sessions to our pupils on DR ABC, CPR and how to use a Defib. The sessions are intended to support young people in the event of being in a life threatening situation.



Ramadam Assemblies

Four Year 7 students, Joutan, Lawi, Suheeb and Naby, lead the Lower School assemblies this week! They spoke really confidently to Years 1, 2, 3 and 4, teaching them all about Ramadan.

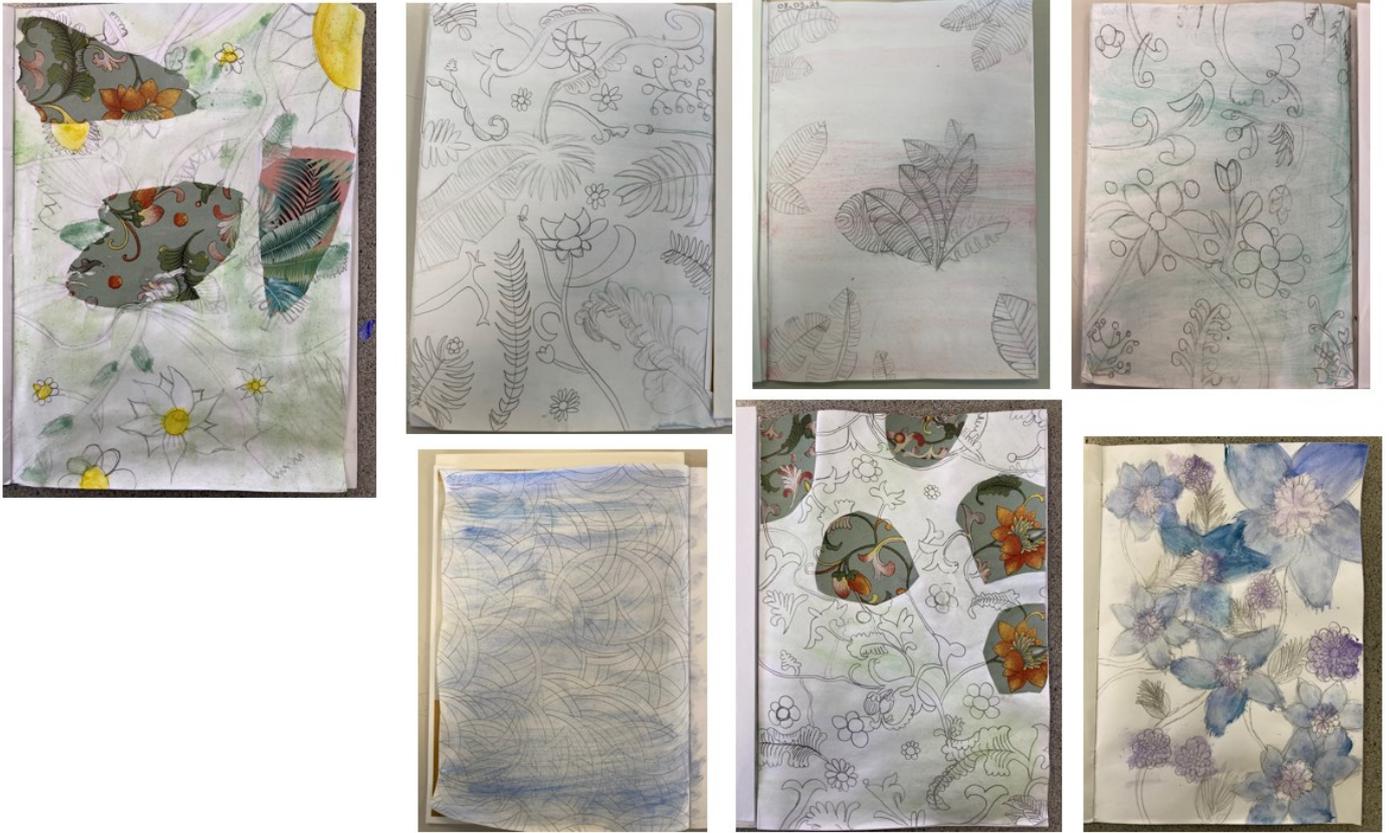
It was wonderful to see the Year 7s speak with such passion and answer all the questions from our Lower School students. All four students were amazing and showed excellent Topaz and Amethyst powers, working as a team, speaking formally and expressing their feelings, thoughts and ideas.



Art at KOA

Year 7

Y7 Art students to continue working on their background for their final self portrait drawing in the style of K Wiley. Students have been using mix media to create their background.



Year 8

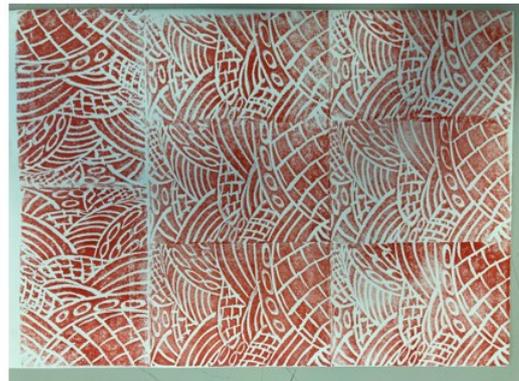
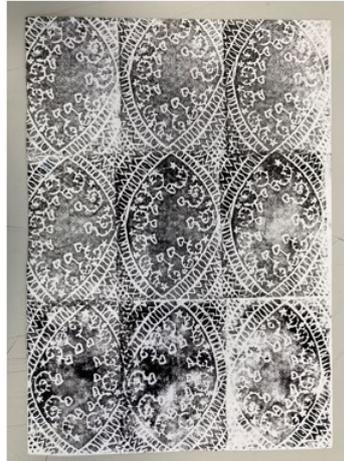
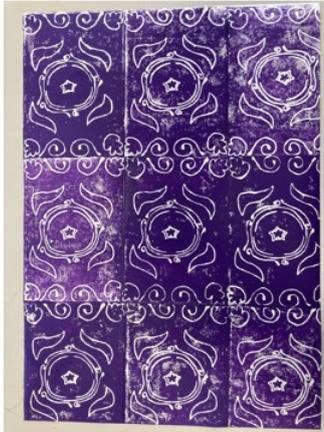
Y8 Art, students have been working on their comic strips for their story, students also revisited facial features and facial proportion. Some fantastic work to finish off this project.



Art at KOA

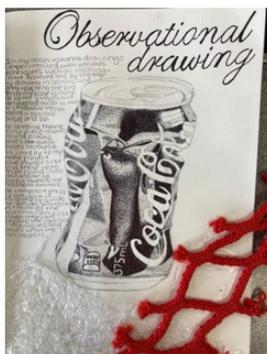
Year 9

Y9 Art, students had opportunities looking at different architects, created an artist research page before looking to design their own poly tile, then we use the design to make multiple prints inspired by the architect that we studied.



Year 10

Y10 GCSE Art, students have come to finishing off their 2D final piece – bad hair day drawing with all the objects and sea creatures that we looked at so far. Once this is completed, that's the end of "Blue Planet" project completed.



NEWS FROM LOWER SCHOOL

Avon Fire & Rescue Roleplay in Reception



We have been very fortunate to have received the Fire Service Awareness discovery learning pack to explore in our Reception class this term. The pack contained resources which inspire creative and engaging play, teaching children to gain a positive awareness of who the Fire and Rescue Service is and some of the ways in which they help to keep our communities safe. Our Reception children had a wonderful time using these educational resources and learning through play.



Progressive Sports Enrichment



Our children had a marvellous time learning and playing New Age Curling which was a wonderful opportunity to use our **diamond** and **amethyst** powers to problem-solve and collaborate!



UK Parliament Week

This year, we held our democratic Student Council elections during the UK Parliament week between 18 and 24 November with all Lower School pupils enthusiastically joining in with voting, debating, making speeches and electing their representatives.

Miss Palmer-Turk, our Lower School Student Council lead, was instrumental in organising the event and promoting the British Values across the school. This week, she proudly received her UK Parliament week champion certificate!



Ramadan

We were really fortunate to have a visit from our Middle School friends who told us all about Ramadan and the upcoming Eid celebrations. We found out more about traditions, customs and values. It was a wonderful opportunity for all learners to use their Topaz power to explain clearly and ask curious questions.



Drama Kids Academy Workshops

This term, our Year 1 children took part in Drama Kids Academy Bristol workshops. They all had an excellent time playing drama games, engaging in speech work and creating a mini play that all children were part of. It was wonderful to see our children shining brightly with **diamond** and **topaz** powers!



World Book Day

We had an absolute blast celebrating our love of books and reading on the World Book Day this year. As you know, we took our celebrations further this year and enjoyed a wide variety of WBD activities throughout the week: mixed year group reading, Friends of KOA book swaps, librarian visits, whole-school assembly, illustration and poetry writing sessions and more!

We'd like to use 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.

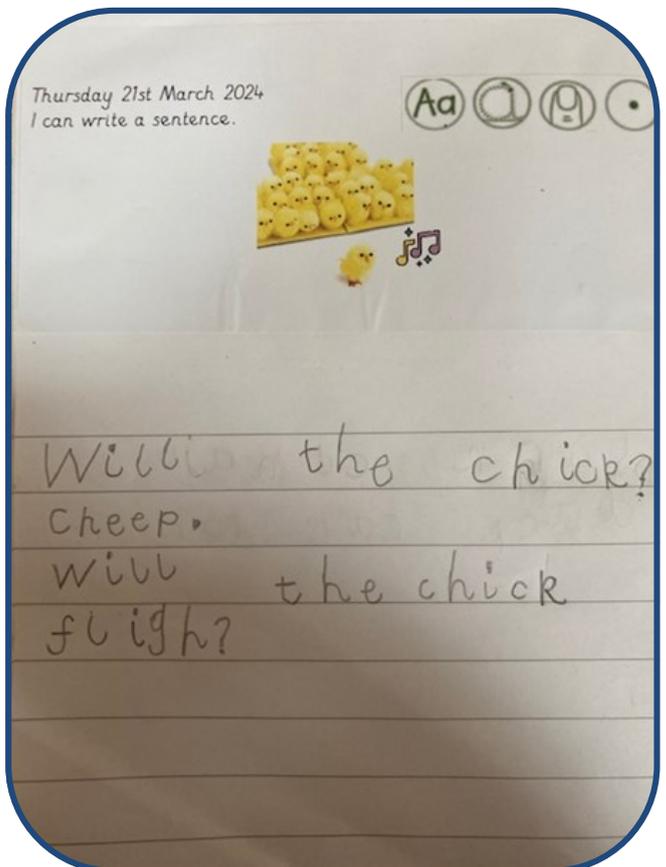




News from Reception

Reception have had a lovely Term 4 full of learning and fun as usual.

In Term 4, we have been learning about castles and royalty, dinosaurs, Ramadan and Easter! What a busy term. We also had a wonderful day celebrating books for World Book Day. We are working hard as writers embedding effective pen grip, letter formation and spelling when writing.



News from Year 1

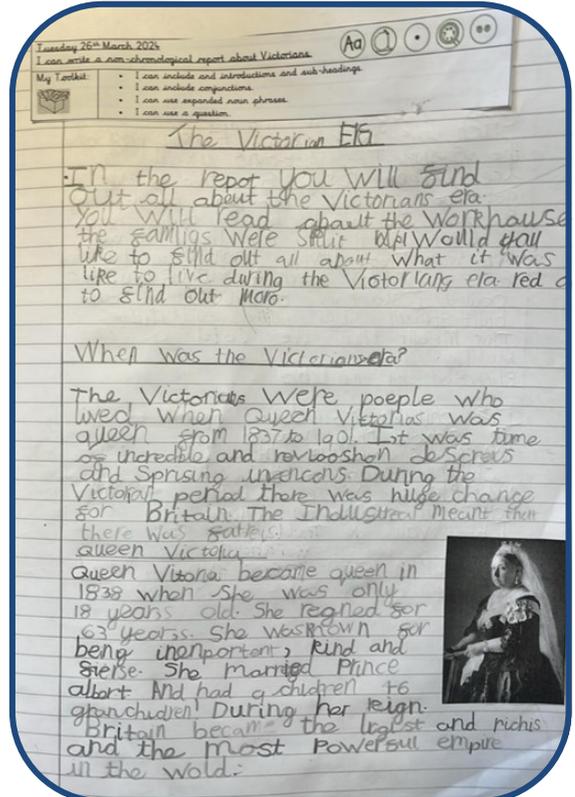
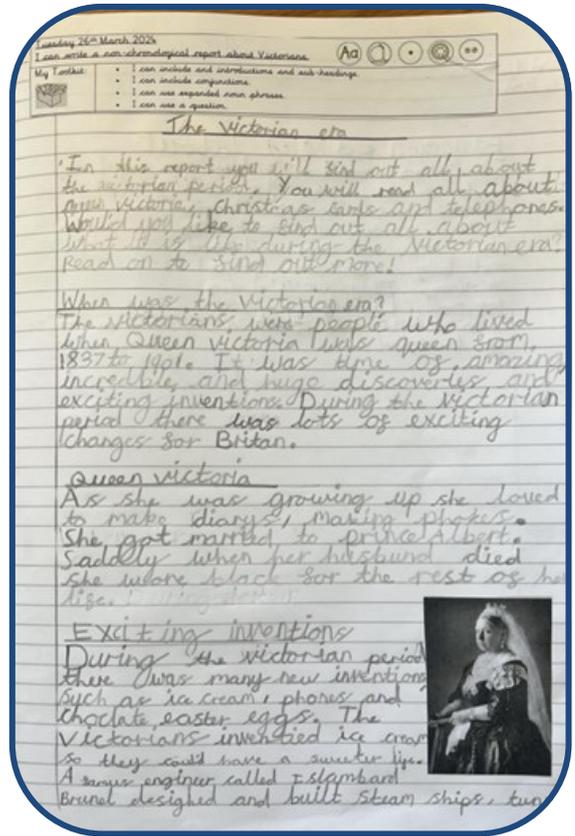
We have had yet another fun-filled term in Year 1! This term has shown children making a huge amount of progress as authors, writing a prequel and set of instructions based on our class text, Leaf. We explored the concept of time during our British Science Week by making our own sand timers, and counted to 10 in Japanese for the CLF Big Day of Maths. Of course, World Book Day was as exciting as ever, with fabulous costumes, fantastic paired-reading with Year 5 and sharing our favourite stories and characters. We were also lucky to have a drama enrichment session, where we explored using mime actions to tell a story.



News from Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic joy-filled term! We have been busy being historians and designers! We have learnt all about the Victorians and their amazing inventions. Did you know they invented the flushing toilet, Christmas cards and the telephone?! We finished the topic by writing some non-chronological reports. Children were able to remember so many interesting facts to include!

During the final week of term, we were designers, exploring mechanisms such as levers and sliders. We designed and made our own moving Easter cards to take home. Well done Year 2 for another great term.



News from Year 3

As artists, we have been experimenting with different printing techniques

As scientists, we have been investigating what's inside the Earth

As musicians, we have been creating our own call and response style chants

As authors, we have created a sequel for the Barnabus Project and written a non-chronological report for our own perfect pet.

In forest school we have been learning all about insects. We also had a visit from UWE who hosted a 'Buzzing Bees' workshop.

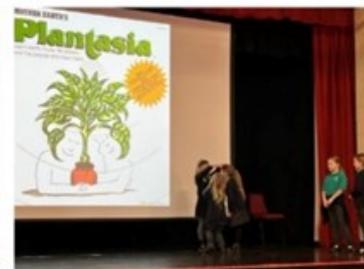
As Geographers we have been learning about the countries and cities in Europe including using the skill of fieldwork to create a survey

For our sport enrichment we played indoor curling.



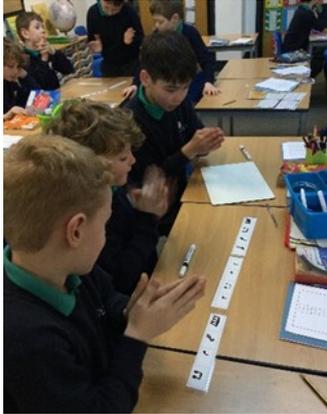
Friday 8th March 2024 Buzzing Bee Workshop

We took part in an exciting workshop run by bee experts from UWE. We learned about Bibi and then created a dance to show the struggles bees have and we discussed what humans can do to support the bees. Humans can plant wildflowers to help and we planted our own to take home.

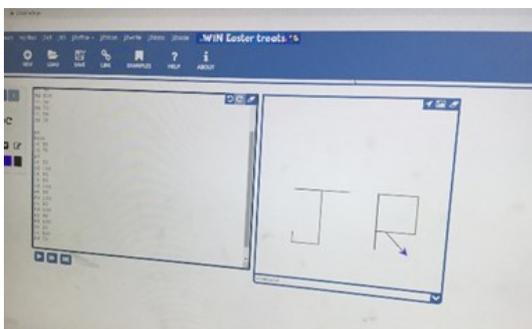
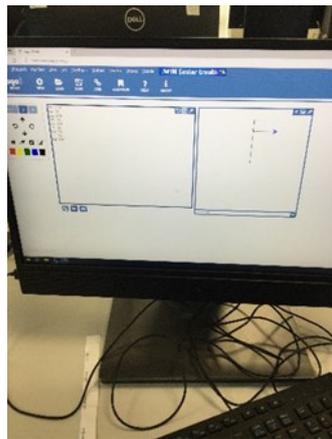


News from Year 4

In music this term we have been using musical notation to compose our own melodies. We started by writing three bars of notes and practised clapping the rhythm. We progressed to using instruments and then iPads.



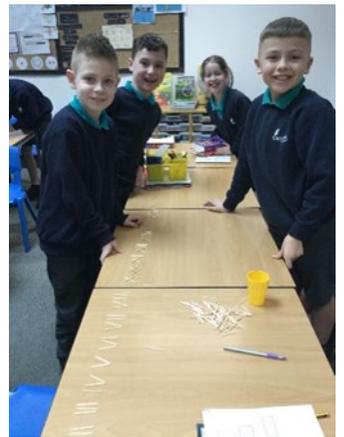
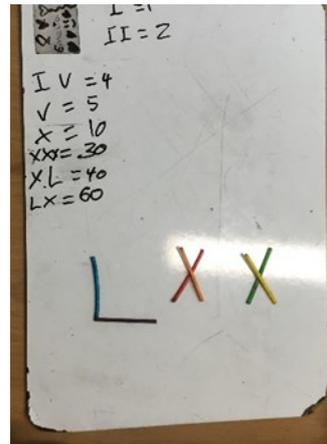
As computer scientists, we have written our own algorithms on Logo. We used the code snippets to write our initials and used the repeat command to create patterns with our letters.



As Geographers, we welcomed Mr Tanner from the Upper School to talk to us about his adventures in South America. We loved hearing his first hand experience and had lots of questions for him.



During the CLF Big Day of Maths, we investigated Roman Numerals. We were set the challenge of only using 6 match sticks to create different Roman Numerals. We had to find the largest possible number and the smallest.



As part of Science Week, we investigated time by making our own pendulum. We then tried to change our weight so that the pendulum stopped after exactly 30 seconds.



During our PE enrichment, we learned how to participate.



NEWS FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL

News from Year 5

Enrichment

This term's enrichment with Progressive Sports saw us having a go at Curling for the first time! Students loved trying a new sport and got very competitive using their new skills to work as a team to win each game. We finished out session with a huge game of curling where each child was competing against each other! It was great fun and students had a brilliant time trying something new!



KS2 Girls' football

We are really keen to get a girl's football team set up so that next year we can compete in league games against other schools.

Each Monday Miss Southcott and Miss Baber run a girls' football club after school (3.10-4.10pm). We need more girls from Years 3-6 to join so that we can

create a strong team of regular players. If your daughter is interested in coming along please sign them up via the Parent app.

KS2 GIRLS FOOTBALL
MONDAYS 3.10PM-4.10PM

We are keen to get more of our KS2 girl's involved in football!
 Come along to football club with Miss Southcott and Miss Baber on Mondays after school for a fun, free football session!

Please sign up using the MyChildAtSchool app or speak to the school office for help.

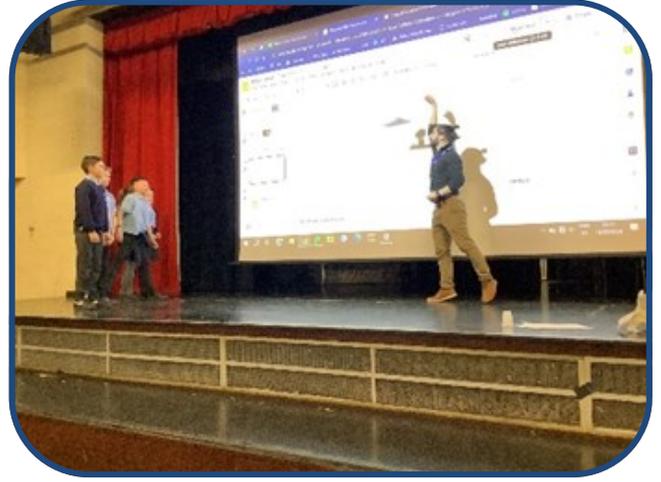
Y5/6 Football Team

Some of our Year 5 boys have been taking part in regular fixtures as part of the Year 5/6 boys' football team. They've had great fun competing against other schools and have been placed top of the league throughout.

Airbus Workshop

We were very lucky to have visitors from Airbus deliver a workshop with each Year 5 class this term. The workshop saw the students working in teams to use limited resources to create a Moon Lander! The aim was for the Moon Lander to land from a height without the astronauts (ping pong balls) falling out of the space craft (plastic cup).

Students used their problem-solving skills to figure out the best way to create an effective Moon Lander. Once creating was finished we tested our Moon Landers and found that some were more effective than others!



Unique Voice

This term we were lucky enough to have visitors from the Unique Voice charity to deliver an assembly and workshops with each class. The focus of the workshop was 'Belonging' and encouraged students to think about where they belong in different groups and communities. We covered some interesting topics where we may feel like we want to belong with certain groups and learned how to make the right decisions when it comes to this.



News from Year 6

This term, we've been working very hard in our Authors unit and developed some incredible prequel stories for our class text, *The Promise*. We started our unit with a walk to Warmley Forest Park, where we read the book together, which the children really enjoyed.

At the end of the unit, we shared our prequel stories with Year 1, who were a brilliant audience.

We also enjoyed an enrichment activity organised by Unique Voice. We were part of an assembly and participated in a workshop around belonging, with a focus on tackling youth and group-based violence. The children used their Amethyst power to explore key concepts together around what happens when belonging makes us feel negative and unsafe. The workshop also explored more positive forms of belonging and provided key signposting for young people.

Year 6 have been working hard preparing for the upcoming end of KS2 assessments (SATs) which will take place during the week beginning 13 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.

Year 6 also enjoyed an enrichment workshop with Airbus where the children made Moonlanders.



News from Year 7

Year 7, you've had an incredible term! Let's start with a massive well done for our fantastic girls' football team. These superstars have stormed their way to the finals at West Brom, showing incredible skill, determination, and pure passion for the game. We are so proud of everything you've accomplished!

But the winning doesn't stop on the pitch. Year 7, you are shining examples for the whole school. 7.5 boasts the lowest number of behaviour points across our year – amazing self-discipline and respect. And well done to 7.2, who have secured the best attendance record. Keep up this awesome dedication!

The talent doesn't stop there! Your end-of-term drama performances were simply outstanding. It takes real courage and enthusiasm to step onto the stage, and you all did it with style. I was so proud!

Let's keep this winning streak going, Year 7!

Mr C Nathan, Head of Year 7



News from Year 8

It's been a short but busy Term 4 in Year 8!

We have been looking at Amethyst and Sapphire powers, ensuring that we are learning to be leaders, by working with different groups of people, collaborating well, and focussing on the most important thing in the moment. We have given out lots of Gem Certificates this term, well done to our winners.

Year 8 have been learning about Shakespeare in Drama, going on holiday in French, making phone speakers in DT, and cooking yummy pasta and oat cookies in Health.

Elsewhere we have been looking at China in History, composers in Music, writing Gothic stories in English, and studying Evolution in Science - some lovely singing about camels!

There have been more great sporting achievements with our Girls' Football team - we wish them all the best in the final next term!

We've had a few school trips and we have another trip to Bath University coming up after Easter for 60 pupils, this will make sure that by the end of the term, all Year 8 students will have had access to at least one 'careers' workshop either in school or on a school trip.

We only have two terms left of Year 8 now, so I want to thank students and their families for really pushing to have the highest expectations of themselves, we are getting lots and lots of achievement points and awards, regularly winning the attendance bear (Apollo) and completing our homework almost 100% of the time!

At the time of writing, with two Tutor Challenges outstanding - our league table looks like this:

8.3 66

8.5 55

8.4 52

8.1 46

8.2 40

The gaps are closing with each challenge, so 8.3 should watch out!

Finally, it won't be long until our Year 8 Camp -check the calendar and website for the date of our Camp Information Meeting.

Let's get rested and ready to tackle Term 5!

Enjoy your break,

Miss H Pearch, Head of Year 8

NEWS FROM UPPER SCHOOL

News from Year 9

This term Year 9 has been heavily focused on the options process that we are now well into. We have had informative assemblies from all option subjects and a well-attended guided choices evening on 26 March. During this period, students have understandably had to take in a lot of information. A reminder that online forms are due to be submitted by 26 April, please speak to your tutor or Mr Heath if you have any questions.

Linked to the options process, Year 9 students have had the opportunity to take part in taster sessions in both Music and Drama. This has given students the opportunity to experience how the exam courses will run and allow them to make a more informed decision.

In tutor we have continued to work on our literacy and numeracy skills including class reading. In tutor we aim to read as a class twice a week. It is important for all our students to develop their reading skills so that they are able to access course content as well as being able to read for pleasure and continue to read in the future

We have also had the opportunity to work with guest speakers and have recently had a presentation focusing on apprenticeships. This gave students the chance to learn more about the skills and qualifications needed at a time when many are thinking about their options as well as ask questions to enhance their understanding. At the beginning of next term, we are also working with Integrate UK, a charity that works towards equality and integration by supporting young people. This will involve working in classes with external speakers engaging students so that they can participate further in society and feel more a part of their community.

Finally, thank you for your incredible support during the recent Parents' Evening and Guided Choices Evening. The attendance and engagement at both events was great to see and shows the support that our students have.

Mr A Heath , Head of Year 9

News from Year 10

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 10,

I hope this message finds you well. As we progress through the academic year, I wanted to provide you with an update on the fantastic work and achievements of our Year 10 students.

****Attending Drop Down Days for BTEC Subjects****

I am pleased to announce that our Year 10 students have been actively participating in drop-down days for their BTEC subjects. These days provided students with valuable time to develop some of the key elements of their ongoing coursework and assessments. I am delighted to see that so many of our students fully engaged in these sessions and taking advantage of every learning opportunity.

****Excellent Progress in GCSE Subjects****

I am also happy to report that our Year 10 students have been making excellent progress in their GCSE subjects. Their dedication to their studies and commitment to achieving their best has been well recognised by their teachers, who I know will want me to thank them for all their hard work.

****Attending After-School Clubs****

I would like to encourage all parents and carers to support their children in attending the after-school clubs and catch up/revision that we offer. These clubs provide students with a chance to explore their interests, develop new skills, and develop their existing classroom knowledge. The participation of students in these clubs is not only beneficial for their personal growth but also contributes to a positive and vibrant school community.

I am incredibly proud of the progress and achievements of our Year 10 students. With your continued support and encouragement, I am confident that they will reach new heights of success in the coming months.

Warm regards

Mr S Mannin, Head of Year 10.

News from Year 11

Term 4 started with the continuation of mock exams. All Year 11 students stepped up for these exams and coped well with the pressure that exams can bring. They continued to work hard throughout the term and have ended the term with real maturity and have shown dedication and a hard-working attitude towards all of their subjects.

We have also had Year 11's final Parents' Evening this term. This was attended by a large number of students and their families, and they were able to receive effective feedback from their teachers to help them focus and ensure they receive the best possible outcomes in the summer. It was fantastic to see such a large turnout with so many of our students and their parents/carers attending and engaging with staff. This shows how so many students value the importance of these upcoming exams to help ensure that they are able to go onto their chosen Post 16 pathway.

I would also like to congratulate the Year 11 drama students for their performances in the Midsomer-set festival. As a group they were incredibly successful, performed brilliantly and represented King's Oak Academy so well. For the solo acting category Ellie was third, Summer and Scarlet were second and Gracie won! In the duo acting category Scarlet and Ellie were third and Gracie and Summer won! In the memorised prose category Scarlet won! This is a fantastic achievement for these students, and I am incredibly proud of what they have achieved. Well done all!



The Year 11 prom is on Thursday 4 July at The Bristol Hotel, Harbourside. All students are welcome to purchase a ticket and attend prom if they have a prom points total of above zero. Tutors go through prom points with students each week, so students are aware if they are below this target. The final payment for prom needs to be paid on SCOPAY by 7 May.

Well done to all Year 11 students for your continued hard work, concentration and commitment to learning this term. I hope you all have a good break, and I am looking forward to welcoming back in Term 5 for your final full term of Year 11!

Mrs S Holtby, Head of Year 11

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Friends of King's Oak Newsletter

March 2024

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

Upcoming Events

Whole School Colour Run - 27th April

[Sign up here](#)



Summer Fair - 29th June

[More information coming soon](#)

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.

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World Book Day

This year, for WBD, we ran a competition across the whole school to design a bookmark. The best designs won a prize of a book of their choice. Here are some of our favourites.



A huge WELL DONE to all of our winners!

New School Minibus

A huge THANK YOU to everyone that supported our fundraising efforts in aid of the new school minibus. With your help, we were able to donate over £4000 to the cause. The new minibus was delivered in January and is in use.



Funding

We have recently provided the Reception year group with over £600 in outdoor resources. This includes a wooden water run, a wooden shop play café, various play stones, a wheelbarrow and spades.

We have also pledged £1500 to KS 1 & 2 for their playgrounds, as well as £700 for mental health resources.

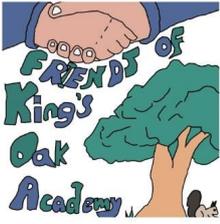


WHOLE SCHOOL COLOUR RUN *SATURDAY 27TH APRIL*

*ENTRY OPENS AT 10AM ON SATURDAY 23RD MARCH
AND CLOSSES AT 6PM ON FRIDAY 19TH APRIL.*

*SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION
OR TO SIGN UP.*





Friends of King's Oak Colour Run 2024

Mar 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year, the Friends of King's Oak are excited to be holding our first WHOLE SCHOOL COLOUR RUN. The event will take place on Saturday 27th April from 11.45am until approx. 3.30pm.

The day will start with a race for students with siblings under 4 and will end with an opportunity for teachers, staff and any other adults that want to run. We are also inviting Year 6 students from other schools, who will be joining us for year 7 in September.

The cost to enter is £6 per child. This will cover the cost of a white t-shirt, a medal and certificate. All entrants will also have the option to raise additional sponsorship. Any monies raised through sponsorship will go directly back to the students own year group.

For any students not wanting to take part in the actual 'run', there will still be plenty of opportunity to get involved, by cheering on their friends and teachers or by helping to throw the paint powders.

Registrations will open at 10am on [Saturday 23rd March](#). The deadline for entries is 6pm on [Friday 19th April](#).

It's sure to be a fun day!

For more information and to sign up, please go to <https://sites.google.com/view/friendsofkingsoakbristol/events/whole-school-colour-run-april-2024> or scan the QR code below.

If you would like a paper copy of the permission form or sponsorship form, please send an email with your child's name and class to friendsofkoa@hotmail.com, and we will arrange for one to be sent home.

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The Friends of King's Oak



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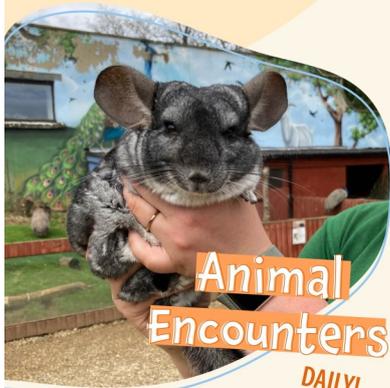


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RE: FREE PLACES for families Easter 2024

Dear parents / carers,

We have a fantastic opportunity for you this coming **Easter Holidays** as part of the **HAF programme** Sporting Chance are running Holiday Sports Camps from **Kings Forest Primary School (BS15 4PQ)**.

The HAF programme was designed and implemented on a national scale to help support families over the school holidays with the cost of meals and to provide a healthy, happy, and active place for children to enjoy the school holidays. Sporting Chance have teamed up with South Gloucestershire Council to offer this to those local families most in need.

- ★ **Children aged 5-11 years (School Years 1 - 6)**
- ★ **Open each day 930am - 330pm**
- ★ **Themed Sports Days**
- ★ **Healthy snacks and lunches available upon request**
- ★ **Book online – [Easter HAF Camp with Sporting Chance](#)**

*Benefits related FSMs, SEND, looked after children, PP cases considered.

Kindest regards,
Spencer Davies

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