

King's Oak Academy

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I can't believe we are half way through the year already, it's flying by! The weather has definitely improved and I needed my sunglasses rather than coat on the gate yesterday. Fingers crossed the sun stays over half term. Thank you to all of the Year 2 parents who could make the SATs presentation. If you couldn't make it, I've attached the slides to this newsletter. The video clip is worth watching and explains the process well. I've got a meeting with the CLF project manager about the mud; hopefully we will be able to provide a solution soon. Thank you for your patience with the situation. I hope you have a lovely half term and we looking forward to seeing you on Monday 25th.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday 25th February	Start of term 4— 8:30am
Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th February	Health screening checks—Reception
Tuesday 26th February	Year 1 phonics par- ent information session—6pm Friends of King's Oak—6:30pm
Wednesday 6th March	Parents evening from 3:15pm
Thursday 7th March	World book day Book and uniform sale—3pm
Thursday 14th March	Road safety work- shop—Year 3
Wednesday 20th March	Class photos
Wednesday 27th March	Dental survey

Principal's Notice

Mr Clutterbuck comes over to the Acorn frequently throughout the week and spends time looking at the learning and speaking to the children. This week he has noticed:

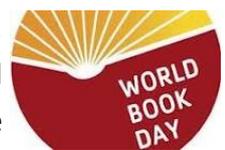
Reception pulled me into their warm up this morning, we danced to 'go bananas'. I can't comment on my coordination. but there was too much laughing for my liking! The warm up worked, as the class were on fire during their phonics lesson, splatting all the right sounds.

The morning routine is very calm and purposeful. With our pupils being read to then asked questions about what's happened in the story and what they think will happen, the skills they'll need for GCSEs are being established at an early stage.

This is equally true of mathematical ability, where Year 3 were demonstrating great maths fluency and the ability to choose the best method to solve the maths problem.

World Book Day

World book day is on Thursday 7th March this year. The children are welcome to come to school dressed as a character from a book and we will be taking part in a number of different activities during the day (more details to follow). The Friends of King's Oak are running a book and uniform sale at the end of the day on Thursday 7th March. If you have any good quality second hand uniform or books you are happy to donate please hand them in to the office. We can't wait to see all of the different characters!



Lost property

We have a range of unclaimed lost property,  including coats, wellies, jumpers etc. We will put all lost property items on a table outside after school. If you have lost an item of clothing please reclaim it from the table. All unclaimed items will be donated to the charity shop.

Parents evening

Parents evening is on Wednesday 6th March. Appointment times have gone out in book bags this week. If you can't make this date please speak to your child's teacher for an alternative time. We hope to see as many of you as possible. School and families working together will ensure the best possible outcomes for children. 

Mountain of learning

🌟 Carson has been a linking spider in maths when using a ten frame to help with subtraction. 🌟 Blake has been a stickability tortoise and really focussed on his learning. 🌟 Harry has worked so hard at reading at home and school. 🌟 George has been a team work bee in maths when solving subtraction problems. 🌟 Kacey has been a linking spider when finding the difference in maths. 🌟 Zander has been a stickability tortoise this week, especially with his reading. 🌟 Harrison C has been a creative unicorn, experimenting with different similes. 🌟 Ivy has been a stickability tortoise in maths and a creative unicorn in English. 🌟 Oliver E has been focussing extremely hard in all lessons. 🌟 Zayn has written an excellent rewrite of our key text. 🌟 Georgia has been a linking spider in maths, using her understanding of multiplication to explore division. 🌟 Leo S had everyone laughing with his impression of a pirate this week and included lots of facts that he has learnt. 🌟 Mia has been a wise owl and used her understanding of story structure to rewrite the story. 🌟 Matilda has worked hard in maths all week. 🌟 Jack P has used his computer knowledge from home and applied it enthusiastically to his English work. 🌟 Natalia used great emotive language when writing to Michael Gove. 🌟 Ethan has really impressed us this week by using his strategies to calm himself down and manage his emotions.

Attendance award: Well done to Rowan class 99.3% attendance —amazing, so close to the 100%!

House point challenge: Olympus (yellow) were the best house this week.

Threadworms

We have had a couple of reported cases of threadworm. Whilst this is reasonably common in primary schools,  it isn't pleasant for the child. Over half term please can you check and treat your child and we will have a deep clean of all the classrooms including lego, pens and playdough. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Phonics Information session

We will be holding a phonics  information session for the parents of children in Year 1 on Tuesday 26th February at 6pm. This will be a chance for families to find out more about the phonics screening that the Year 1 children will have in June. We look forward to seeing you there.