



King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter 2

Friday 26th September 2014

Welcome to the second newsletter of the year. It is really lovely to report that we are going to be showcasing some fantastic work by pupils within the school. Today we also find out who our Head Boy and Head Girl and all our prefects are for the year. We are lucky to have such amazing leaders within our school. We look forward to their support in inspiring excellence at King Athelstan.



Year 3 Den Building Trip

Year 3 really enjoyed their den building trip. They were really keen to tell the school community all about it, so here are their reports:



When we got off the coach I couldn't believe my eyes, the woods were beautiful! The top of the trees had a layer of lovely thick leaves. Before we started den building, we had to get some energy so we ate some lunch. After we ate all of our lunch, we had to climb a tall and steep hill to get to a clearing. Just before we started to build our dens we had to find some trees to hold all the branches in place. Then we started to find lots of long logs to make the shape of the dens. After we made the shape of the dens with the logs, we had to find the big pile of fir trees to put on for camouflage. When we finished I was very proud.

Grace, Magritte

At first we ate our lunch, then we climbed a huge mountain. At the top we made dens. It was really hard work! The leaves were really spiky. The logs were really strong. When we finished our dens they looked very nice. When we decorated them they looked even better.

Alejandra, Magritte

Reminders

Free School Dinners

Every child in KS1 is now entitled to a hot school meal. If you would like your child to have a school dinner please come to the office and fill in the relevant form. We still need you to register if you are entitled to "free school meals" because you are receiving child tax credits as this significantly affects our funding each year.

Birthdays

If your child has a birthday and you would like to celebrate with the class you are welcome to send in individual cakes. Please do not send in party bags or sweets or large cakes that need cutting up.

The Blue Line

Thank you for your patience during drop off and pick up times. We have now painted a blue line in the Key Stage 1 playground. Please remain behind this line at drop off and pick up points. The line was drawn to ensure the safety of all children at the school. Teachers now feel that they can clearly identify parents before releasing them at home time.

Hair Today

Please can you ensure that your child attends school with respectable hair. No mohicans, tram lines or cut in patterns. Reasonable unobtrusive hair bands are acceptable preferably in school colours

Attendance

Great news. Our attendance this week was 97.2%. This comfortably exceeded our target of 95.6%. Thank you for your continuing support.



Stand up to Cancer Fundraising Day

There will be a number of events taking place on Friday 17th October as part of Cancer Research UK's Stand up to Cancer initiative. Events will include 'Silly Hair Day'. If the target of £500 is reached Mrs Trotman (parent of Thomas and Charles) will have her head shaved in the KS1 playground at 3:30pm.

Miss Higgins (parent of Melissa and Ben) will be Organizing a cake sale. More details to follow.



Year 2 International Tea Party

On Friday we had our international picnic. The weather was really hot. Lots of people came. I saw lots of yummy food. There was Spanish omelette, pancakes, coconut cakes and more. I brought red bean buns. It was the best picnic in the world.

Sophie, Matisse.



Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 1st October - Maths Briefing 9am & 7.30pm

Thursday 2nd October - Bags to School

Friday 10th October - PCSA 'Welcome Tea Party' for EYFS

Thursday 16th October - Individual Child Photos

Thursday 16th October - Van Gogh Cake Sale

Friday 24th October - End of Term

Monday 3rd November - Start of Term

PCSA

Two dates for your diary:



Friday 10th October: **EYFS Tea Party**

3:15 pm for children, parents and carers in Nursery and Reception. There will be activities, refreshments and of course the opportunity to meet the Early Years T₁

Friday 21 November: **School Disco**

Foundation and KS1 3.30-4.45pm

KS2 5-6.30pm

More details to follow....



Childrens Centre

If you are a parent/carer of a 0 - 5 year old you can attend sessions and access services at the Kingston Town Children's Centre on our school site.

Their sessions include 'Stay and Play', 'Bumps and Babies' and 'Fun for Fathers.' The aim is to provide a wide range of activities and services in response to the needs of the local community.



Maths

We at King Athelstan are committed to excellence in Mathematics. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Math's workshop on Wednesday 1st October. The times are 9.00 am and 7:30pm.

Mathletics

Your child should now have a Mathletics log in and password. This is a great resource to use at home, so log on, learn and enjoy. We would like to extend a big thank you to the PCSA whose tireless fundraising has paid for this excellent resource.

<http://www.mathletics.co.uk/>



Head Boy/Girl Prefects

We are delighted to announce the following appointments:

Prefect Librarian: Emily, Basma, Jelena, Edric, Mica, Meil, Stevie, Billy, Annaliese, Finlay, Ellis, Olivia,

House Captain - Red: Bailey

House Captain - Red: Ashley

House Captain - Yellow: Caitlin

House Captain - Yellow: Oscar

House Captain - Green: Jaden

House Captain - Green: Jose

House Captain - Blue: Josie

House Captain - Blue: Tegan



Head boy: Harry

"I feel very happy and special and I will do my best to improve the school."

Head girl: Ruby

"I feel proud and can't wait to get started."

Congratulations to all. Go forth and make us proud.

We know that there are other year 6 pupils who are aspiring to take on responsibilities - watch this space!

And finally....

We have had an excellent start to the school year here at King Athelstan. Behaviour has been excellent and there is a fantastic energy around the school. Thank you for your continuing support and in partnership we look forward to having a year to remember

