



King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter 5

19th December 2014



Here we are in the last week of term. It has been a fantastic term with many exciting events and much progress. This is a bumper issue so please take your time to read all of our news. We would like to wish a Happy Christmas to all children, parents/carers, and all the best for 2015 from the whole team at King Athelstan

League Tables

Many of you will have seen the recently published school league tables. A number of parents/carers have asked for more information about these. We are currently ranked fourth in Kingston on overall progress. This means that children make excellent progress from their various starting points. For some children this might be starting at our school either at or above age related expectations and leaving above or significantly above age related expectations. For others, who start at our school significantly below expectations, progress might be to National Expectations or just below.

You will note that combined attainment (Reading, Writing and Maths) is at 65%, which is the current Government Floor target. This is because, although Year 6 cohort made exceptional progress last year, 35% of them did not achieve a level 4 in all 3 areas that are measured by the Government. Have a look at the attainment and progress information below to understand more.

100% of our cohort achieved expected progress in reading and writing, 52% exceeding this in reading. Schools with lower Contextual Value Added might have achieved higher standards, however the children may not have made as much progress.

How can you help us to continue to raise standards?

- Continue to read with your child/children every day
- Support opportunities to write for a purpose as often as possible! e.g. Shopping lists, messages, thank you letters writing stories for younger siblings/cousins/friends etc.
- Use IXL and maths passports to help children's mental maths learning
- Consistently correct your child's spoken grammar e.g. "We were" not "we was" and also correct tenses e.g. correcting "Yesterday I run down the road" to "Yesterday I ran down the road".

Key Stage 2 Attainment

KS2	Expected standard (Level 4+)			Exceeding expected standard (Level 5+)			Level 6		
	Reading	Writing	Maths	Reading	Writing	Maths	Reading	Writing	Maths
School 2014	84%	73%	76%	43%	16%	41%	-	3%	14%
National 2014	89%	85%	86%	49%	33%	42%			

Progress

KS2	Expected standard*	Expected progress			Exceeding expected progress		
	Reading, Writing and Maths Combined	Reading	Writing	Maths	Reading	Writing	Maths
School 2014	65%	100%	100%	97%	52%	30%	40%
National 2014	79%	91%	93%	89%	34%	33%	35%

E-Safety

Can you please ensure that your child remains e-safe at all times. The proliferation of smart phones and tablets etc has opened up exciting avenues of learning and communication but also sets us new challenges. Ensure your child remains e-safe by monitoring what they are viewing and who they are in contact with. Ensure that you set up adequate parental controls on your devices at home and most importantly speak to your child about maintaining their safety in the online world. Here are some child friendly websites that offer good advice to all age groups:

www.kidsmart.org.uk



www.thinkuknow.co.uk



We have dealt with a number of quite serious and upsetting incidents regarding sending of verbal abuse and inappropriate content through

Texts/WhatsApp/Instagram/Skype/Facebook by some of our older pupils.

These incidents have happened out of school but impact on children's behaviour and wellbeing during their learning.

Thank you to those parents who have worked closely with us in these cases.

Please check your child's messaging and device settings regularly to ensure they are not sending or receiving unkind or abusive messages.

Please remember that Facebook should only be accessed by children over 13 years.



Reading Reward Scheme

We are always looking to encourage children to engage in their reading outside of school. In the last few weeks of this term we have trialed a home reading reward scheme that aims to increase the amount of reading that is taking place at home. It involves teachers and TAs monitoring your child's home reading on a daily basis. If their reading book has been signed then they receive a tick that counts toward a reward. While it is preferable that a parent or carer signs their book, we are aware that this is not always possible and therefore children from year 2 upwards are allowed to sign themselves. The scheme has resulted in an increase in home reading across the school and will be implemented from year 1-6 after the Christmas break.



Upcoming Events

We will update you with more dates at the beginning of term, but we thought it would be helpful for you to have a draft list of those we know about.

5th January: Inset Day

6th January: Children start back

15th January: Family language course starts

20th January: Drama workshop EYFS

21st January: Year 1 trip to Natural History Museum

21st & 22nd January: Guga Fit Workshop

23rd January: Year 5 trip to British Museum

29th January: Gainsborough Class Assembly

30th January: Year 2 trip to Buckingham Palace

2nd-6th February: Year 5 Greek cooking week

3rd February: Year 5 trip to Science Museum

5th February: Magritte Class Assembly

13th February: End of half term 3.15pm

24th February: Michelangelo visit Pizza Express

26th February: Monet Class Assembly

w/c 2nd March: Parent/Carer consultation evenings

3rd March: Kandinsky visit Pizza Express

9th March: Inset day

12th March: Hockney Class Assembly

13th March: Year 5 Ancient Greek Day

15th March: Mother's Day Celebrations

16th-20th March: Year 5 Bikeability

19th March: Year 1 trip to Painshill Park

23rd March: Year 5 Ex'straw'dinary Eng Workshop

27th March: End of Term 2.30pm

PCSA

We would like to extend an extra special thank you to our fantastic PCSA who continue to support our school. Their energy and commitment is amazing and they continue to work tirelessly to improve the school experience for our children.

As well as the Christmas Fair, this term they have organised, amongst other things, the school disco, the Frozen sing along and all of the cake sales. They are also continuing to contribute to the funding of school trips and a whole school subscription to IXL. They have also recently agreed to fund the purchase of 32 iPads that will be used across the school in the New Year. Please continue to offer your continuing support to the PCSA.



Sports

Congratulations are extended to Darren McLaughlin, our PE co-ordinator, who has overseen the schools award of silver in the Sainsbury's School Games Mark. He continues to work tirelessly to promote children's health and wellbeing across the school. Many children have been involved in borough events this term and playtimes continue to be interactive and fun. With the introduction of tennis and skipping and the leadership of year 6 play leaders across the school, playtime provisions at King Athelstan continue to improve.



Match Attax

Many of you will be aware of the popularity of the Match Attax cards amongst the children of the school. To allow pupils the opportunity to pursue their interest, Mr Porter is running a Match Attax club every Friday lunchtime to allow children to swap their doubles and improve their collections. Please would you ensure that your children only bring Match Attax card in on a Friday as they are not allowed in school on any other day. Thank for your continuing support. Please note, cards are brought in at a child's own risk, if you are concerned please hand cards into the office in a named envelope.



Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all of you who contributed to the Poppy Appeal. We raised a fantastic £149.03! In total the district appeal raised £25,700.



Curriculum Overviews

Look out for your curriculum overviews this week. It will outline your child's learning for next year. If you haven't completed your questionnaire yet, please do so as soon as possible - your feedback is very important to us!



Clubs

Club letters have been sent home with children this week. There are a number of new and exciting clubs that children can join, with an increased number of clubs available for both KS1 and KS2 children. Club spaces are allocated in the order that they are received; therefore it is important that you return the club booking form to the office as soon as possible.

We continue to offer a free club for each Pupil Premium child. You will also notice that we have introduced some more external providers in response to parent/carer requests.

Have Fun! Join a Club!



Fleeces

As the weather is becoming increasingly colder we would like to remind you that school fleeces are available for purchase via the school office.

Fleeces are not to be worn in class, but are useful as an extra layer in the colder months.

Please can you make sure child brings a coat everyday!

School Production

Another well done to all the children and staff in the Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 who performed so beautifully last week. A special thanks must go to our specialist music teacher Sian Cadogan and the staff team for making it all possible.



Staff News

Many of you will be aware that Mrs Hutchings is leaving the school at the end of this term. Mrs Hutchings has worked in the school for 10 years, in many roles including Deputy Head. Mrs Siobhan Strode who is returning from Maternity leave will be taking over from her in Year 4. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Hannah Morgan who has worked in our school for the past few terms. This year she has mainly worked in Reception classes. She will be replaced by Miss Miranda Wenaus who will be working in both Reception and Nursery classes and with older children too. We have also welcomed Miss Anna Teitz and Miss Carlotta Zardetto who will be working in Key Stage 2.