



King Athelstan Primary School Newsletter - November 2017



It has been very busy since half term with everyone working hard to "inspire excellence." Now that winter is here, please wrap up warmly with hats, scarves and gloves. Early Years and Key Stage 1 are busy preparing for their Christmas Productions, and letters have been issued to book tickets and DVDs. The Christmas Fair is on Saturday 2nd December from 11am - 2pm with lots of exciting stalls and Christmas items to purchase - we hope to see you there!

Staff News

At Christmas we say goodbye to Ellie Drake, morning Nursery teacher, but are happy to announce that Kayleigh Lee will take over in Lowry am and Pip Bermingham will teach in Cezanne Class full-time.

In January we will welcome Miss Sonia McLean as our new Music teacher on Thursdays and Fridays.

Tim Holmes, Assistant Head with responsibility for Inclusion and Safeguarding, will be retiring at Easter. We are currently recruiting to this position.

Messages from the School Office

- Please do not let children touch or play with any activities when you arrive at Reception or Nursery- these will have been set up ready for the children's session.
- Please let the office know of any changes of address, email contact details etc on admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org or by phone on 020 8546 8210.
- If you would like to volunteer as a helper on a school trip, or as a reading helper, you will need a Barred List Check (formerly List99). Please ask at the office.
- Please collect your children and leave the school premises at the end of the day. We are not able to accommodate children playing on school equipment after school has ended.
- Please ONLY cross Villiers Road on the crossing - it is really busy and can be very dangerous at drop-off and collection times. You are your children's most important role models: if you cross in between traffic, your children will start to copy. We know everyone is busy, but please take time to be safe and to help children learn road safety properly.

Sports News



Our Y3-4 indoor tennis team had a fantastic result on 15th November when they won the gold medal at Surbiton Racket Club! Congratulations to Zach, Caris, Theo and Lam.

We also won medals at Cross Country on 7th November - well done to all 27 participants. The Y5-6 team who went to Sportshall Athletics on 29th November did very well, especially in the field events where they came second and third.

Children in Need and Cancer Research UK

We celebrated Children in Need day on Friday 17th November. There were lots of amazing dotty outfits, and we raised £209 for this wonderful charity.

Our recent school photography sessions also helped to raise money for charity. Braiswick Photography have donated £84 to Cancer Research UK from the proceeds of our school photographs.



Rotakids

Rotakids, sponsored by Kingston Rotary Club, enables children to lead and engage in important, lively activities that will make a positive difference in their school, in their local community and globally. At the Summer fair, they raised £63.66 for Wateraid. King Athelstan Rotakids meet weekly with Rotarian John Cannon and is supported by Luka Rizza, Y4 TA. Congratulations to Tom, who has been elected as the new Rotakids President, James as secretary and Grace as Treasurer for this year. For their first event this year, the King Athelstan RotaKids decided to serve tea and scones with *Purple for Polio* jam at "Young at Heart", a Senior Citizen's tea club for the borough's older people, on 30th November. Good luck to all!



Twitter

Check out @KingAthSchool for the latest news and photos.

Y4 Trip to the British Museum



Year 4 went into London on 1st November to look at all the Egyptian artefacts relating to their topic "The Revolting People of Planet Earth", and

enjoyed seeing hieroglyphics and some mummies. Their behaviour was excellent all day - a credit to the school.

Y3 Trip to the Natural History Museum

Y3 went to the museum to examine prehistoric fossils of animals from the Stone Age, as well as looking at rock and soil samples. They were amazed at the huge blue whale skeleton in the foyer, and saw a Tyrannosaurus Rex! Everyone had a great day.



New Fish

Charlotte and Nathan, Head Girl and Boy, have written a lovely thank you letter to Mr Broome, a local tradesman who saw our tank and decided to donate some fish after carrying out some work on the doors of our school:

Dear Mr Broome,

Thank you for donating fish to go into our school tank. We and the school really appreciate this kind act. The fish you donated have now all entered the King Athelstan community and will always be with us. The mollies, platies and guppies will have a great time here with our other fish and will be admired by students throughout the school. You are very generous to think of us and to think of ways to improve our school.

*Yours sincerely,
Charlotte and Nathan*



Key Dates	
December	
Fri 1 Dec	Mufti day for Christmas fair bottles
Fri 1 Dec	Y4 trip to Kingston Market
Sat 2 Dec	Christmas Fair 11am-2pm
Wed 6 Dec	Reception trip to the theatre
Thur 7 Dec	Dali class assembly 9am
Mon 11 Dec	Lowry am Christmas singing 11.15am -11.30am
Mon 11 Dec	Lowry pm Christmas singing 3.05pm -3.20pm
Tues 12 Dec	Y2 Christmas Production 2pm
Wed 13 Dec	Y1 Christmas Production 2pm
Thur 14 Dec	Reception Christmas Production 2pm
Mon 18 Dec	Y5 & Y6 ice-skating
Tue 19 Dec	Thinker's Project Exhibition (3.15-4.15pm & 6-7pm)
Thur 21 Dec	School breaks up for Christmas at 2.30pm
January	
Wed 3 Jan	Inset Day
Thur 4 Jan	School starts for children
Tues 9 Jan	First Y4 strings lesson this term
Fri 12 Jan	Kandinsky Class Cake Sale
Thur 25 Jan	Y1 trip to Natural History Museum
Fri 26 Jan	Michelangelo Class Cake Sale
February	
Tues 6 Feb	Y6 Junior Citizen trip
Thur 8 Feb	Magritte Class Assembly 9am
Tues 27 Feb	Owls Visit
March	
Thur 1 Mar	World Book Day
Mon 5 Mar	Parent/Carer Evening 4-7pm
Wed 7 Mar	Parent/Carer Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Thur 8 Mar	Van Gogh Class Assembly 9am
Fri 9 Mar	Mothers' Day Celebrations
Fri 9 Mar	Y6 to Magistrates Court
Thur 15 Mar	Gainsborough Class Assembly 9am
Mon 19 Mar	Y6 to Kew Gardens
Mon 19-22 Mar	Y5 Bikeability
Tues 20 Mar	Last Y4 strings lesson this term
Thur 22 Mar	Matisse Class Assembly 9am
Fri 23 Mar	Y5 Easter Experience
Wed 28 Mar	Thinker's Project Exhibition
Thur 29 Mar	Break up for Easter at 2.30pm

Christmas Productions

Year 2 will be performing "Lights, Camel, Action" for parents and carers on Tuesday 12th December at 2pm, Year 1 will perform "Away in a Manger" on Wednesday 13th at 2pm, and Reception are doing "A Miracle in Town" on Thursday 14th December at 2pm. Don't forget to order your tickets for the performances. A DVD showing all three productions will be available for purchase at £12. Please order a copy on Parentpay by Monday 18th December in time for Christmas delivery. Photos can also be ordered on the day priced at just 50p each.



Reading Bucket List

This month's Reading Bucket List requests are below. We invite you to either: dig out an old copy you may have at home; have a look in your local charity shop; find second-hand online; donate as a 'birthday book'. Please hand in any books to your class teacher. Thank you!

Reception - The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Year 1 - Any book by Eric Carle

Year 2 - Princess Smartypants by Babette Cole

Year 3 - The True Story of the Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka

Year 4 - Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo

Year 5 - War Monkey by Claire Funge

Year 6 - Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo



PRIDE

O'Keeffe class has been working hard on a whole school approach to Building Learning Power. To ensure that it is accessible to children in all year groups, they devised a new acronym:

- P** = Perseverance
- R** = Respect (for own learning and others)
- I** = Imagination
- D** = Delving deep
- E** = Excellence

They decided on an animal for each learning skill, based on their behavior:

For **perseverance**, the honey badger, as these determined animals show that if you "try, try, try, then you can, can, can."
 For **Respect**, the wolf; these majestic creatures work in closely-knit teams. "For the strength of the Pack is the Wolf, and the strength of the Wolf is the Pack" (Rudyard Kipling).
 For **Imagination**, the unique chameleon. It creatively adapts to its environment to approach each situation differently - this will remind us to think "outside of the box" in our learning.
 For **Delving Deep**, the intelligence of the dolphin was recognised - we want to be learners who "think about thinking" and ask how we get to answers, as well as going "above and beyond" to explore learning further.
 Finally, when all of these skills are put to use, we will strive for **Excellence** and always do the best we can. The lion, as part of a Pride and the "King of the Jungle", was the obvious choice as an animal respected and admired.

Baby News



Congratulations to Mrs Joanna Mendis, French teacher, who is proud to announce the arrival of Sebastian Mendis on Monday 23rd October weighing 7lb 15oz. He might be coming in for a visit soon...

PCSA - Mufti Days

On Friday 17th November there was a joint mufti day for unwanted gifts for the Christmas Fair, and donations for Children in Need, which raised £209. On Friday 24th November we received lots of chocolates and sweets. The next mufti day is on Friday 1st December and the request is for bottles for the bottle tombola. Thank you for all the donations so far. The Christmas Fair is sure to be an exciting day with fun for all the family on Saturday 2nd December. The Fair is open on **Saturday 2nd December** from 11am until 2pm, so please join us if you can.

