



King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter-February 2018



Welcome back. We hope you all had a restful half-term break. As the weather continues to be unpredictable please ensure children have warm coats, gloves, hats etc for outdoor play, and that all items are named. World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March when children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. It will be a special day with lots of activities based around reading. We also celebrate Mother's Day on Friday 9th March with assemblies to say thank you to all our female carers.

Reading Bucket List

The children are really enjoying reading books from their class Reading Bucket List. If you have any copies of the books below, or could donate any, we would be very grateful! Children often bring in a copy as their "birthday book" which is a lovely way to add to the class collections.

The requests are:

Nursery - Goldilocks and the Three Bears or The Three Little Pigs

Reception - any fiction books linked to people who help us, eg fire fighters, doctors, police officers etc

Year 1 - Willy and Hugh by Anthony Browne

Year 2 - Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson

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

Year 4 - The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket

Year 5 - The BFG by Roald Dahl

Year 6 - The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

Please hand in any books to your class teacher. Thank you!



Messages from the School Office

- Please could children not wear large brightly-coloured Jo Jo bows. Ribbons, hairbands or small bows in school colours are fine.
- Please ensure that any snacks children bring for break time are healthy, such as a piece of fruit.
- Lost Property - please label everything so that we can try to return items to owners. Please also check the table when we put lost property items outside.

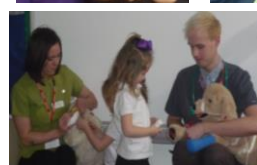
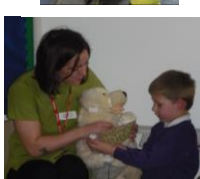
Y1 to Natural History Museum



Year 1 had a great day at the Natural History Museum. They saw dinosaur skeletons, as well as dinosaur eggs and huge teeth! They also investigated mammals, such as tigers and rhinos. They behaved excellently, and everyone enjoyed the trip.

Reception Visitors

Reception have had an eventful time looking at people who help us, and have had visits from some firemen, police, and vets! They had a chance to look inside a fire engine, use the hose, try on police and fire-fighters clothes and hats, and helped the vets to practice bandaging poorly animals.



Y3 trip to Kew Gardens



Y3 were very busy on their trip to Kew Gardens. They saw the giant waterlilies and plants that flourish in African countries. They also investigated the life of bees and how they pollinate flowers.

Bikeability Instructors

The Sustainable Transport Team is recruiting new Cycle Instructors to meet the increasing demand of Bikeability courses for Year 5 and Year 6. As the majority of our courses are run during school time, this job is suitable for parents. A trained instructor could expect to earn up to £190.88 to deliver a standard 10-hour Bikeability course. If they are a regular cyclist with good road sense, a good communicator and enjoy working outdoors, we would like to hear from them! For an informal chat or to discuss the role, contact:

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Trainee Teacher

We are delighted to welcome Mr Joe Lamb to our team. Mr Lamb is working in Picasso Class as part of his teacher training year. Our trainee teacher Miss Reid has started her second teaching practice at Latchmere School.

Key Dates	
March	
Thur 1 Mar	World Book Day
Thur 1 Mar	Y5 & Y6 Hockey POSTPONED to 7th March
Fri 2 Mar	Y2 Fire Engine visit
Mon 5 Mar	Parent/Carer Evening 4-7pm
Wed 7 Mar	Y5 & Y6 Hockey Tournament
Wed 7 Mar	Parent/Carer Evening 15.30-18.30pm
Fri 9 Mar	Mother's Day Celebrations
Fri 9 Mar	Y6 to Magistrates Court
Fri 9 Mar	Magritte Class Cake Sale
Tue 13 Mar	Y3-6 Gymnastics Competition
Wed 14 Mar	Drama Workshop for Reception - Year 2
Thur 15 Mar	Gainsborough Class Assembly 9am
Fri 16 Mar	Hockney Class Cake Sale
Mon 19-22 Mar	Y5 Bikeability
Tues 20 Mar	Parent/Carer Forum 9am
Tues 20 Mar	Last strings lesson this term
Wed 21 Mar	Y4 trip to the London Mithraeum Museum
Thur 22 Mar	Matisse Class Assembly 9am
Thur 22 Mar	Y3 trip to Chessington Zoo
Fri 23 Mar	Y5 Easter Experience trip
Fri 23 Mar	PCSA Easter Eggstravaganza
Sat 24 March	PCSA Football Match
Mon 26 Mar	Y6 trip to Kew Gardens
Wed 28 Mar	Class Photos
Wed 28 Mar	Thinker's Project Exhibition
Thur 29 Mar	Last day of term. Finish at 2.30pm
April	
Mon 16 Apr	Inset Day
Tues 17 Apr	School starts for children
Fri 20 Apr	Matisse Class Cake Sale
Tues 24 Apr	Y4 first strings lessons of the term
May	
Thur 3 May	Michelangelo Class Assembly 9am
Fri 4 May	Picasso Class Cake Sale
Thur 10 May	Y3-4 Tennis Competition
Thur 10 May	Kandinsky Class Assembly 9am
Fri 18 May	Monet Class Cake Sale
Thur 24 May	Monet Class Assembly 9am
Fri 25 May	International Day
Mon 28 May- Fri 1 June	Half-Term week

Jewellery

Please note that the school cannot take responsibility for items of jewellery. Only stud earrings, which can be removed independently, and religious jewellery are permitted in school. All jewellery must be removed for swimming lessons. Thank you for your cooperation.

Oral Health Workshop



On 30th January, children in Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 saw a puppet show with songs and lots of information and guidance on eating healthily and brushing teeth properly in a fun way. Each child received a free toothbrush and toothpaste to use at home to keep those happy smiles sparkling clean and bright!

Pencil Cases

Children are provided with everything they need in school, and do not need to bring in a pencil case or any stationery items. Please leave these at home for after-school use. Having these items in school causes a lot of issues that take up teacher time to resolve.

MumsConnected

A new initiative called **MumsConnected** is aimed at mums (or dads) under 25. This fantastic free event series will give the participants the chance to discover new skills and discuss topics like doing business and finding work online; vlogging and blogging; managing your finances online, and keeping your kids safe on the internet. For more information, contact Claire Leonard: info@homestart-richmond.org.uk or 020 8487 8500

Home-Start Richmond, Kingston & Hounslow invites you to our

#MUMSCONNECTED PARTIES

Wednesdays 10 - 11am

21st Feb | 28th Feb | 7th March | 14th March | 21st March

Join us to learn more about digital and tech

Working online | Vlogging and blogging | Digital design

Online finances | Online safety for kids

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Owls in school!

We had some very special visitors in school yesterday, flying around the hall! We learnt some amazing facts about owls. The company also took photos of individuals. Proofs and details of how to purchase these will follow. There is no requirement to purchase these photos. The main reason we invited the company in was to give children an experience and learn about how rubbish harms wildlife.



Parent/Carer Evenings

Parent/Carer meetings with teachers are on Monday 5th and Wednesday 7th March after school. The booking system is open online to make your booking on:

<https://kingathelstan.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

Please contact the office if you have any problems with this.

Twitter

Check out our Twitter feed: @KingAthSchool. We now have 133 followers.

PCSA Easter Eggstravaganza

On Friday 23rd March the PCSA are running an Easter Eggstravaganza after school until 4.30pm. There will be games, crafts, cake competitions, Easter Bonnet Parade and an Easter Egg Trail. Details to follow...



Mother's Day Celebrations

On Friday 9th March the children are preparing several assemblies throughout the day to tell mums, aunties, sisters, grandmas and carers how much we appreciate them. It would be lovely to see as many of you here as possible to help us celebrate. Timings have been sent out.