



Dear Families,

A warm welcome to the new school year and our first Digest. A particular welcome to those families joining us for the first time.

As you know, we had an Ofsted inspection during the last week of last term. This week we have had the draft report to check for factual accuracy. Ofsted then complete their processes and will send the final report and outcome to share with you all. We hope this will happen in the next few weeks.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II that was announced yesterday. We spent time last term during the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations learning about her reign and the history of life in the United Kingdom over this time, and so the children are already very knowledgeable about the Queen. Today we spoke for a few moments in assembly about the news and thought about the remarkable commitment the Queen showed to her role throughout her life. We also talked about yesterday's historical significance as Charles III became King and how the children would remember this moment throughout their lives. We will revisit this over the coming days in line with national events.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton, Headteacher



Thank you for gifts

At the end of the summer term staff received many lovely gifts, cards and vouchers. There is absolutely no expectation for families to give anything at all, however your generosity, kindness and good wishes are much appreciated. Thank you.



PE Days

Children come to school in their PE uniform on days when they have PE, or when they will have a before or after school sports club. Reception classes will be notified shortly about arrangements for their PE lessons. The uniform policy, detailing both school and PE uniform, can be found [here](#). Please note, **there are changes to PE days for Matisse, Riley and Wiley classes**, with immediate effect:

	Monday	Tuesday	Weds	Thursday	Friday
Year 1 O'Keeffe		✓		✓	
Year 1 Van Gogh	✓		✓		
Year 2 Hockney	✓			✓	
Year 2 Matisse			✓		✓
Year 3 Cassatt		✓			✓
Year 3 Da Vinci		✓	✓		
Year 4 Mehretu			✓		✓
Year 4 Wiley	✓	✓			
Year 5 Dali				✓	✓
Year 5 Warhol	✓				✓
Year 6 Kahlo	✓	✓			
Year 6 Riley		✓	✓		

Lost Property

Please start the new school year by making sure ALL items your child brings into school are clearly labelled with their name, including refillable water bottles. The picture (left) is lost property from the summer term, all of which is unnamed. Any named items are regularly reunited with owners. Any unnamed, unclaimed lost property has to be disposed of. The PCSA aim to re-distribute school jumpers and cardigans. Thank you.



Absence Reporting

Please call the school on 020 8546 8210 by 8.30am on the day if your child is sick or will be absent. There is a dedicated phone line for you to leave a message. Please state your child's name, Class, and reason for absence. You can also email on admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org to leave a message.

Breakfast Club and After School Club Provision

Please ensure that you have registered and booked the dates you require at both Breakfast Club and the YMCA after-school provision. More information can be found on the school website [here](#).

Class Assemblies

Each class from Reception to Year 6 will host one class assembly this year, which their families are invited to attend. Class assemblies are on Wednesdays and start at 9am. Please wait at the school gates after drop off.



Wed 23rd November 2022	Warhol Class Y5
Wed 30th November 2022	Kahlo Class Y6
Wed 25th January 2023	Dali Class Y5
Wed 1st February 2023	Da Vinci Class Y3
Wed 8th February 2023	Riley Class Y6
Wed 1st March 2023	Cassatt Class Y3
Wed 8th March 2023	Wiley Class Y4
Wed 22nd March 2023	Van Gogh Class Y1
Wed 29th March 2023	Matisse Class Y2
Wed 3rd May 2023	O'Keeffe Class Y1
Wed 17th May 2023	Mehretu Class Y4
Wed 24th May 2023	Nelson Class Reception
Wed 14th June 2023	Hockney Class Y2
Wed 28th June 2023	Kusama Class Reception

Y6 Moving to Secondary School

Children born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 (current Year 6) are due to start Year 7 at secondary school in September 2023.

- Click [here](#) for details on open events for Kingston secondary school admissions in September 2023 (for current Year 6).
- You will need to use the eAdmissions website from 1 September 2022 to apply online for your child's secondary school place.
- The closing date for applications is **31 October 2022**
- You can name up to six schools in your application including academy or free schools and schools in other council areas.
- If you do not live in the borough, you need to apply through your own council and you can include Kingston schools in your application

For further information, click [here](#).

Toys and Games/Breaktimes

Please note that we do not permit toys and games from home in school. Children should not bring in any toys or games, including trading cards such as Pokemon. Pieces of fruit and vegetables such as carrots are the only snacks we encourage at breaktimes, so please do not send your child in with chocolate bars or crisps. Thank you.

Achievement Assembly

Well done to the following children who received their certificate of excellence this week:



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Joy

O'Keeffe Y1 - Anna

Hockney Y2 - Otilie

Matisse Y2 - Aaliyaah

Da Vinci Y3 - Hazel

Cassatt Y3 - Mohamad

Mehretu Y4 - Lacey

Wiley Y4 - Gracie-Mae

Dali Y5 - Grace

Warhol Y5 - Dexter

Riley - Whole class

Kahlo - Melanie

KS1 PE - Alex in Hockney Y2

KS2 PE - Evan in Dali Y5

And all staff and children in school for a great first week!

Times Tables Rock Stars - Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Sirine	Nadia	Bibi	Natalia	Loveen	Olivia
Oscar	Katarina	Nancy	Amber	Oliver	

Support Staff

Our support staff continue to be organised into phase teams, providing the flexibility to best meet the needs of the children. As previously, Early Years classes have a full time NNEB and TAs predominantly support children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) across the school. We plan the deployment of this vital staff team using the following guiding principles:

- We aim to build pupil independence: children will be supported with their peers and will be actively encouraged to develop their independent skills
- All children will be supported to access as much of their year group's curriculum as possible, delivered by their teachers
- Staff will work as a team to support the needs of the phase: children will work with a range of adults, developing relationships across the school family
- We will deploy staff strategically to best meet the needs of the children within our available resources: children with EHCPs and SEN support needs will be prioritised for additional intervention as this is where the greatest need is. All children will continue to be supported through any necessary classroom resources, specific strategies, adaptations to the curriculum and the Nurture Team.

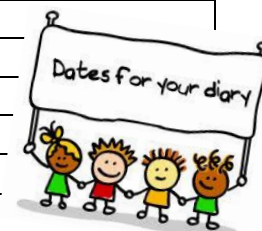
The support staff phase teams are as follows:

EYFS (Nursery & Reception)	KS1 (Years 1 & 2)	Lower KS2 (Years 3 & 4)	Upper KS2 (Years 5 & 6)	Specialist Resource Provision	Inclusion Team
Barbara Favretti	Louisa McDonald	Shal Naik	Melissa Clayton	Kerry Crombie	Jane Bennett
Imogen Flood	Eman Al Obaidi	Val Penny	covered by Roz Coelho)	Triona Brading	Denise Ramkissoon
Anna Waters	Sarah Bradley	Cara Rowles	Karen O'Connor	Joanna Brown	Tracey Whooley
Vida Stevens	Mariam Al-Majali	Debbie Willington	Vanessa Sa	Katie Keane	
Ceris Heath	Jade Wimonrat	Luka Rizza	Sonia Madronero	Sophia Gillam	Pupil Premium TA
+1 TBC	Nimita Nimita	Lise Marie	Dave Revers	Doha Ahmad	Ben Atkins
		+1 TBC	+1 TBC	+1 TBC	

You will notice that we have some new staff in place for September and some posts that we are still recruiting to. Please be assured that these processes are ongoing. It is also important to note that these arrangements must remain flexible so that we can respond to the changing needs of the children over time. This may mean that phase teams alter across the year.

Dates for the Diary

SEPTEMBER	
Monday 12	Y6 Meet the Teacher 4pm online via Google Classroom
Tuesday 13	Y5 Meet the Teacher 4pm online via Google Classroom
Thursday 15	Y4 Meet the Teacher (4pm Mehretu/5pm Wiley) online via Google Classroom
Friday 16	Y3 Meet the Teacher 4pm online via Google Classroom
Mon 19	Y2 Meet the Teacher 4pm online via Google Classroom
Tue 20	Y1 Meet the Teacher 4pm online via Google Classroom
Friday 23	International Day
Tue 26	Clubs start this week



Community Notices

Tiffin Children's Chorus is recruiting!



Professional training choir for ages 8-18

Does your child enjoy singing? Tiffin Children's Chorus provides choral training for children who love singing. During rehearsals each Monday afternoon during term-time, children learn sight-reading and ensemble skills, improve their singing, learn lots of new songs, and have a lot of fun!

Tiffin Children's Chorus has a long history of providing child singers for professional concerts, productions and recordings. We've performed on stage at the **Royal Opera House**, sung with the **London Symphony Orchestra** at the Barbican, filmed on set with **Emma Thompson** in **Last Christmas**, and recorded with **Madonna**.

If your child loves singing, performing, making music with other children, and sometimes even going on residential trips, why not get in touch?

Email fsmith@tiffin.kingston.sch.uk for more information.

Junior Choir (Y3-6): Mondays 4.15-5pm ~ Senior Choir (Y7-13): Monday 5-6pm ~ Tiffin School Music Department



Recording with Joe Hisaishi



Making "A Tiffin Christmas" CD



La Boheme at the Royal Opera House

Tiffin Children's Chorus is a choir for 8 to 18 year olds run from Tiffin School which rehearses once a week and performs regularly. They have a long history of providing children's choruses for lots of professional performances, films and recordings. In recent year, they have performed at the Royal Opera House, Royal Albert Hall and Barbican, have filmed with Emma Thompson and recorded with Madonna. They provide a high level of choral training, while providing lots of opportunities for fun and making new friends!

Local Litter-Picking

A number of local resident groups started arranging Fairfield litter picks in January by as a way of inspiring a bit more local pride from park users, young and old. Working with Kingston Council as well as local councillors, litter-pickers can be loaned for those who don't have their own, and the rangers very kindly arrange for the bags to be collected after our events to keep the park clear. Take a look on Twitter @SSRAKingston for more information. The next event is tomorrow **Saturday 10 September, 2-3pm** and the team would love to start the new academic year off in style by attracting new litter heroes - especially those we know have so much enjoyment from the amenity - to join them. So if you are free on Saturday afternoon, come along and help! It would be greatly appreciated! Please note, children must be supervised and supported by an adult in their family.



SATURDAY 10 SEPT 2-3PM

THE GREAT FAIRFIELD LITTER PICK

JOIN FELLOW LOCAL RESIDENTS TO HELP CLEAN UP THIS POPULAR PARK!

MEET Fairfield Park Pavillion
BRING Gloves / Litter picker

FREE COFFEE & CAKE FOR EVERY LITTER HERO!

FAIRFIELDLITTERPICK@HOTMAIL.COM

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



You may remember that eight Y6 children were invited to be part of a special event in Kingston on Friday 8th July by the Coronation Stone. The event formed part of Kingston's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, and was attended by HRH Prince Edward. Seven local schools represented each of the Saxon Kings. We made a large poster all about King Athelstan and a crown to represent the one he might have worn.

This fantastic display of photos (left) was put up in the Guildhall 2 Foyer at the end of the summer holidays. If anyone would like to go and see it, do pop in.

Home-Start Volunteers Needed

If you have some free time before Christmas, and you are a parent/carer or grandparent, you could help other families with pre-school children. Local charity Home-Start is offering a free course to train you to be a home-visiting volunteer, supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability. Last year we helped 241 vulnerable families and 338 children in the boroughs of Kingston, Richmond and Hounslow. The course will run in Kingston 9.45am-2.30pm on Thursdays from 6 October to 24 November (not half-term 27 Oct). After the course, you would visit a family for 2-3 hours a week. For more information, please contact Angie Ahmed angie@homestart-rkh.org.uk or 020 8487 8500. Registered charity no: 1108975.

