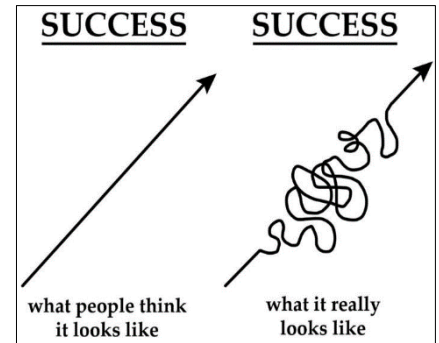




### Dear Families,

It has been lovely to see so many families at Meet the Teacher sessions this week. We will be sharing the information from the meetings on Google Classroom over the coming week once the technical issues detailed below are resolved. Next week, all of our Nursery and Reception children will be in so it may feel busier at drop off and pick up times. With this in mind, please only come through the main front gates when it is your child's drop off or collection time: Nursery 8.30am and 3.30pm, Reception 8.35am and 3.10pm and 8.40-8.50am and 3.15pm for Years 1-6. Please do not wait inside the school gates.

This week in assembly we talked about the importance of taking small steps to reach your goals using a story of a caterpillar patiently eating, shedding its skin, and eating and shedding its skin repeatedly in its preparation to become a butterfly.



Thank you for all your support in settling the children in to their new year groups and for all your efforts in ensuring the children are in smart uniform - they look great! Please remember **no rucksacks**. Please don't forget to name-label all uniform. We have a number of un-named brand-new sweatshirts and cardigans in our lost property box already! Have a good weekend,

Emily Newton, Headteacher

### School Lunch

Please remember to book your child's school lunch choices via ParentPay. You can book now up to October half term. Due to the high numbers of lunches being booked (because all children now have free school meals), we will not have spare lunches available for children who do not have meals booked. For children whose lunch has not been booked and who do not bring a packed lunch, parents/carers will need to bring a packed lunch to school before 12pm. To avoid this please make sure you have booked lunches in advance or provide a packed lunch for your child. Thank you.



### Free School Lunches and Pupil Premium Funding

**Universal Free School Meals** - While your child is in Reception Class and up to the end of Year 2, they are entitled to 'Universal Free School Meals', this means you do not pay for school lunches.

**Y3-Y6 Free School Meals** - this year all children in Y3-Y6 are also entitled to free school meals as a result of the London Mayor's scheme for 2023/24.

If you are in receipt of benefits, please also apply for Pupil Premium and your child will also receive food vouchers in school holidays, free holiday club places, an extra-curricular club place at school, and other benefits.

**Pupil Premium funding also provides vital funding for the school.**

For further details and to find out if you are eligible click the link - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>.

### Y4 Ukulele Lessons

Families of Y4 need to complete the Google form about ukulele lessons. School can loan a ukulele to children for the whole year but parents/carers need to sign a consent for this. Your child can bring in their own ukulele instead, if they have one - just let us know. A letter with full details was emailed to all Y4 families on 8<sup>th</sup> September. The Google form can be found here:

<https://forms.gle/FMgokp92yZ9aVGVE8>



## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open 7.45 to 8.45am daily, and is located in the King Athelstan Centre at the back of the school. The children are given a choice of breakfasts such as cereals, fruit, toast, milkshakes and juice and undertake a mixture of fun and educational activities. Breakfast club sessions must be pre-booked and paid for on ParentPay in advance. Bookings must be made by midnight on Thursday for attendance the following week. Click [here](#) to access the ParentPay login. In order to help us plan staffing, please book on ParentPay as far in advance as possible, and at least up to half-term if you know you need a place. For any queries, please contact the school office on: [admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org).

## Dates for the Diary

SEPTEMBER	
Monday 18	Y1 Meet the Teacher 3.20pm
Tuesday 28	Individual School Photos
OCTOBER	
Tuesday 3	A Day in the Life of Reception 4pm online
Thursday 5	A Day in the Life of Nursery 4pm online
Tuesday 10	World Mental Health Day
Tuesday 17	Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-6pm
Thursday 19	Parent/Carer Consultations 4.00-6.30pm
Mon 23-Fri 27	Half-Term
Monday 30	INSET Day - children not in school

## Achievement Assembly

Thank you to Ava in Riley and Sam in Dali for providing piano accompaniment for the KS2 assembly this week.



### Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Kayden	O'Keeffe Y1 - Emma
Hockney Y2 - Rachel	Matisse Y2 - Leyah
Da Vinci Y3 - Zoe	Cassatt - Toby
Mehretu Y4 - Mohamad	Wiley Y4 - Grace
Dali Y5 - Nicola	Warhol Y5 - Dorothy
Riley Y6 - Lois	Kahlo Y6 - Jihane

KS1 PE - Hannah in O'Keeffe Y1      KS2 PE - Asia in Cassatt Y3

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Viktor	Rachel	Ruby	Ivy	Gaby	Ethan
Melih	Alice & Sharav	Ari	Max F	Martha	

**Summer Reading Challenge** - Mr Barson handed out certificates to the children who read the most books over the summer. In order of number of books read: Sofie in Cassatt, Robbie in Mehretu, Leo in Da Vinci, Lorelai in Da Vinci, Max in Dali, Aletheia in Riley, Alex in Riley, Sharav in Matisse and Izzy in Matisse. Well done!

## Google Classroom

As you may know, we have had some technical issues with Google Classroom. We have been assured that these will be resolved next week. We will let you know when it is up and running again and you can log in to access homework, spellings and messages. Thank you for your patience.

## Pupil News



Agatha in Y5 Dali Class has shared the letter she received from Buckingham Palace! She originally wrote to His Majesty King Charles III with her concerns about littering and recycling, and got this wonderful letter in reply. Well done, Agatha, for using your initiative and taking the time to write.

## Teddington School

### Teddington School Open Evening

I am writing to invite families at King Athelstan Primary School to our Open Evening on 11 October 2023 between 5:00pm and 8:00pm. During this event, families will have the chance to explore our facilities, learn about extra-curricular activities and be able to engage with members of staff while having their questions answered. Families can reserve tickets for Open Evening and Open Mornings by visiting our website [Teddington School Open Evening](#)

Mr P Grills, Headteacher



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## Community News

In this section of the Digest we include information received from other agencies. We are not promoting these items, but include them in good faith as they may be of interest to King Athelstan families:

Many families use the Athelstan Recreation Ground in Villiers Road, and it is a great space for children to play after school. However, families have noticed that there is a lot of litter and also bird poo around the gates and railings. The bird poo mess is all over the pavement outside the entrance to the park, and has covered the hand railings too. It smells and, after it rains, is a slippery health hazard and just pretty foul. The more people that report it, the better chance we have of the council doing something. Please complete the online form here for the council to address this matter: <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/street-cleaning-2/street-cleaning-reporting-litter>