



King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 26 - Friday 31st March 2023

Dear Families,



Happy last day of term! The children (& staff) have worked incredibly hard this term and are all ready for a well-earned break.

This week in assembly we have looked at the Easter story from the Christian religion. In KS1 we looked at cartoon pictures depicting the story and in KS2 we examined a series of artwork depicting scenes from the story.

Congratulations to those children in Y5 who have completed their Bikeability cycling proficiency this week, and to Matisse Class for their wonderful assembly.

We are thinking ahead to the King's Coronation and will write to you in the new term with more information on the way the school is marking the occasion. Our school events will be on Friday 5th May and will have some similar elements to the Queen's Jubilee: the children can dress in red, white and blue and we hope, weather permitting, to invite families into the playground after school for a Coronation-themed cake sale and some music. Start thinking creatively about your cakes! Wishing you all a very happy holiday and a happy Easter to all those marking this festival.



Emily Newton, Headteacher

Y6 Trip to Kew Gardens

As part of their 'Into the Forest' topic this term, Y6 went to Kew Gardens on Tuesday to experience the rainforest climate and environment for themselves. They took part in an immersive experience, exploring the complex rainforest habitat and variety of rainforest plants located in one of Kew's famous glasshouses. They had a wonderful time, despite the rain!



Thinker's Project Exhibition

On Tuesday, we held the Thinker's Project Exhibition from 3.20pm -3.50pm, and again from 5.30pm-6pm. Here is a selection of some of the wonderful work the children submitted:



Easter Cake Competition

Reception families ran an Easter cake competition today and there were many delicious entries! The winner in the cupcake category was Alice in O'Keeffe Class with her chick decorations. The cake winner was Elliot and Robin Cheetham - joint effort. Runners up were Agatha in Y2, Aaliyaah in Y2, Eloise in Y2 and Leo in Y2. All the cakes were sold after school in a bumper cake sale! Thank you and well done to all our bakers.



Alice



Eloise



Agatha



Elliot & Robin

Science Week Project Update

It was very exciting around the school this week when the caterpillars turned into cocoons and then emerged as butterflies! It has been fascinating for all to see how they changed. Some of the cocoons are yet to hatch, but Matisse Class were the first to see a beautiful Painted Lady, the most widespread butterfly species found on the planet. Reception now have 3 butterflies and they held a ballot to name them: Sam, Rowz and Ninja.



Y6 French Fashion Show

It was très à la mode in Year Six this week as our unit on clothing finished with a fashion show. The children loved coming into school in mufti and then posing and describing what each other was wearing. We used verbs and nouns from our prior learning and created our own scripts with some very chic finishing touches. Attention Paris, nous voilà!



Matisse Class Y2 Assembly



Matisse Class treated their families to a fabulous assembly all about the Great Fire of London. They sang two songs, acted out some scenes and even threw pretend water over the audience! Well done Matisse.

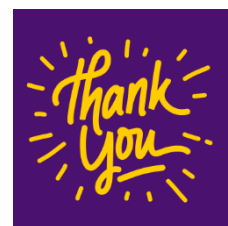
ParentPay

You will be aware that school uses ParentPay for all payments to school: lunch bookings, consent for trips and offers of volunteering for trips, and all families need to be able to access it. ParentPay currently does not have an app, but does instead provide instructions on how to add a link to the home screen of your phone. [Click here](#) to see the instructions. Thank you to Mr Carter-McLeod for investigating this.



School Volunteers

Thank you so much to all the parent/carer volunteers who have assisted us in school this term. There has been a rota of Y5 mums accompanying swimming every week; mums and dads attending various other trips, sometimes driving themselves to venues if we do not have a seat for them on a minibus; mums and grannies coming in to hear reading; and even teachers' parents helping out as volunteers in classrooms! We love having you and it is amazing that we can rely on volunteer help so that we can continue to plan exciting trips and learning experiences for all the children. If anyone else would like to apply for a DBS check so that you can join our volunteers, please see the information and application form here <https://www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/for-parents-and-carers/what-to-do-if/> under the heading "If you would like to volunteer in school/for a school trip". Each DBS check costs the school £12 so we ask, where possible, for a donation towards this on ParentPay. Thank you!



Scooters and Bicycles

Sadly, two scooters have gone missing from the bike sheds recently. Please check your child's scooter to ensure you have the right one, and return it if not. All items are left in the bike sheds at your own risk, so please lock any scooters or bikes you leave there. **Please make sure you put your child's names on all items.**

Amazon Wish List

Our Amazon Wish List is here: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz> There is no obligation to buy anything, but if you would like to make a purchase, it is very much appreciated.





Achievement Award

Da Vinci Y3 - Whole Class Cassatt - Bethany
 Mehretu Y4 - Whole Class Wiley Y4 - Karlis
 Dali Y5 - Zarina Warhol Y5 - Ethan
 Riley Y6 - Nicole Kahlo Y6 - Lucien
 KS2 PE - Charlie in Da Vinci Y3 and Mei in Wiley Y4

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Grace	Alice	Eddie	Issy
Robbie	Gabby & Teddy	Ollie	Mariam

Miss Smee would like to remind all children in Y1-6 that there is a Times Tables Rockstars Battle over the Easter break. It is a class battle starting tomorrow until the end of the holidays.

House Points

This week's winners are **Yellow House (Cambridge)**. Green (Villiers) are in second place, with Red (Dawson) third and Blue (Hawks) fourth. Well done all!



Villiers



Dawson



Cambridge



Hawks

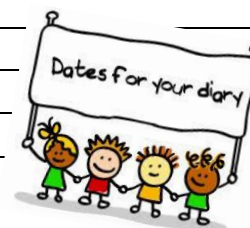
Dates for the Diary

APRIL 2023

Mon 17	Children return to school
Thur 20	Violet's Share a Story Day Book Swap - Cash only please
Thur 20	Parents/Carers/Staff Games Night - see PCSA email for details
Sat 22	London Mini Marathon
Wed 26	Y4 Thames Young Mariners Trip - please consent and pay on ParentPay

MAY 2023

Mon 1	Spring Bank Holiday - school closed
Wed 3	Y1 O'Keeffe Class Assembly 9am - postponed to 21 st June
Mon 8	King's Coronation Bank Holiday - School closed
Tue 9	Start of Y6 SATs
Wed 17	Y4 Mehretu Class Assembly 9am - Families welcome
Mon 22	Y6 Bikeability - details to follow
Wed 24	Reception Nelson Class Assembly 9am - Families welcome
Mon 29	Half-Term week



Pupil News

We are really impressed by the children's thoughtfulness and commitment to help others with their independent fundraising ideas and plans. Here are just two of their wonderful ideas:

Sponsored Cycle Ride for the Big Outdoors Project - Well done to Hugh and Rosa on their 27k sponsored cycle from Kingston along the river to Barnes and back through Richmond Park on 26th March! They were 'Riding for a better playground' and the total so far from cash donations and their fundraising page is: **£562.05!** Hugh said: "We are really proud of ourselves and so are our parents" and so is the whole school! Thank you so much. Their fundraising page is still open for donations:

<https://www.givey.com/25kbikeride>



Violet's Share a Story Day - We have now sent a letter to all families about Violet's plan to raise awareness and money for the situation in Ukraine via the charity <https://voices.org.ua/en>. On **Thursday 20th April** children will bring in to school (with families' permission) as many books in good condition as they wish to donate to a huge book swap. Y5 volunteers will set the books out in the hall, organised by age from 2-11 years. All children will have time to view and choose a book for free. After school, children may buy as many books as they like, which can be paid for by donating cash on the day. Families can also donate for the free book if they wish. **CASH DONATIONS ONLY.** All donations go to the Voices of Children charity.

PCSA News



Y6 families on behalf of the PCSA are holding a **games and social night** on **Thursday 20th April** - see flyer. It promises to be lots of fun!

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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.

Forest School Easter Holiday Club 4,5 & 6th April - Open to ALL primary aged children from Year 1-6. Book here: www.forestschooling.co.uk

Forest Schooling UK, Forest School of the Year 2020 - Woodlands Awards



Little League Football - New Malden Little League Football will be holding trials to give the opportunity for players, both boys and girls, to either join the League or move up from the Junior Section to the Senior Section. Trials will be held at Manor Park in New Malden at 09:30 to 11:00 on **Saturday 6th May, Saturday 13th May and Saturday 20th May** for children born between **01/09/2010 and 31/08/2016** who are eligible to play in the **23/24 season**. Players wishing to attend should wear football boots and shin pads with any suitable sportswear. The trials are free. If selected, the annual fee to play the whole season is £40. Following trials, the League will organise players into Teams and the League plans to commence late September. Any parent/guardian wanting their child to attend should complete a Trials Application form which is found under the "Join Us" tab on the New Malden Little League Website. Click link to access the website: [New Malden Little League - Home \(chessck.co.uk\)](http://NewMaldenLittleLeague-Home.chessck.co.uk). Forms will also be available to complete at each trial date.



Please find attached information for the Easter Club at Alric Avenue Allotments, run by the Kingston Police Youth Engagement Team. This is for children in Years 5 and 6. It is free, and runs from 10am - 1pm. Families will need to contact Cheryl Smith, **Kingston Youth Engagement Officer**, for information on registering their child.

Cheryl.Smith2@met.police.uk tel: 07388 387 680



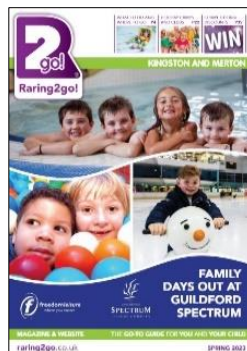
Family Wellbeing - see the link below for the Kingston Community Newsletter which has some courses running to help with family wellbeing, resilience and dealing with anxiety. The courses are free, or there is funding available for those who may need financial help.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wgnD6t8tE6_PNGBcQWh29SQc9N90YKKp/view

Raring2go! Magazine - The Spring Kingston & Merton magazines are now published and, as previously requested, here is a digital link to the magazine:

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/kingstonandmerton>

[n/spring2023/](https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/kingstonandmerton) Included in this edition are Easter days out and events, holiday camps, including a 10% discount with Camp Beaumont, and craft / cooking activities to do at home, all within the local area.



The Hogsmill Community Garden

On Swan Path, Vineyard Close, Kingston, is taking part in the RHS Big Seed Sow. Go along on **Saturday 1st April** to sow seeds to take home and try some crafts. Open from 11am-3pm and free.

