



King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 27 - Friday 21st April 2023

Dear Families,

We hope you all had a good break over the Easter holidays. It was lovely to see the children arriving eagerly on Monday morning.

Eid Mubarak to all those families celebrating Eid! The children marking this special day have been talking excitedly about their plans over the past week. In Monday's assembly, we looked at some of the customs around Eid and, in particular, traditional foods that are eaten in different countries as part of the festival. We also talked more about Ramadan and children shared their own experiences of the holy month. A particular thank you to Julie and Melika from Mehretu Class in Year 4, who came to see me during their lunchtime to tell me more about Ramadan and Eid.



I have been amazed this week by the strong leadership qualities demonstrated by Violet, assisted by Kate and a team of their friends around Share a Story Day. From an initial idea Violet went away and developed a really strong plan for the day, totally independently. This involved writing letters to families and talking to the whole school in an assembly. Well done Violet and team - you are an inspiration. It was amazing to see children helping and enjoying this event. Thank you all for supporting it.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton, Headteacher

Y5 Bikeability

32 children from Y5 took part in Bikeability before Easter. They learnt a number of skills, including safety, during the sessions in the playground and out on the road. The instructors



were impressed with the children's ability and behaviour. Y6 will be taking part in Bikeability at the end of May.



Y3-4 Sportshall Athletics



Well done to the 30 children who took part in the Sportshall Athletics Competition held at the Kingston Academy. There was a tremendous effort from all. The children participated in a number of different track and field events including: soft javelin, long jump, chest push and relay races. Initially there were a few nervous children but it did not stop them performing to their best. It was great to see them

develop their confidence and self-esteem through the early morning practice sessions and into the competition. At the end they had the opportunity to watch the team managers participate in a relay race which they all enjoyed.

London Mini Marathon



Good luck to all the children due to take part in the London Mini Marathon events on Saturday, running either 1 mile (Reception - Y6) or 2.6km (Y5-Y6) around St James' Park. There has been much excitement in school in advance of this amazing event.

Thank you to Mr McLaughlin for arranging the event for us through the TCS London Marathon organisers. Every child who crosses the finish line will raise £10 for the school to spend on PE or IT equipment! The route passes right through central London and some iconic sites, such as Horse Guards Parade, Buckingham Palace and will finish on The Mall. We would love to see some photos of runners with their medals.

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.



Share a Story Day

Yesterday, we held Share a Story Day to raise awareness and money for the children in Ukraine via the charity <https://voices.org.ua/en>. Violet in Dali Class was inspired to arrange this whole event and was determined and committed throughout. She, along with Kate from Dali Class, hosted an assembly on Wednesday to explain to the school what was happening. Children brought in books to donate to a huge book swap, which the Y5 volunteers sorted into age categories. Every class had time to browse the books and each child chose one to keep for free. After school, families donated money for the remaining books and all proceeds will go to the Voices of Children charity. So far, over £300 has been raised - final total to follow.



Violet & Kate



O'Keeffe Class Y1



The Y5 Volunteers



Klee AM with their books

Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

O'Keeffe Y1 - Archie

Van Gogh Y1 - Emerson

Hockney Y2 - Molly & Matthew

Matisse Y2 - Leo

Da Vinci Y3 - Elliot

Cassatt - Emily

Mehretu Y4 - Lilia

Wiley Y4 - Nicola

Dali Y5 - Frankie

Warhol Y5 - Aletheia & Lois

Riley Y6 - Dima

Kahlo Y6 - Melissa & Monica

KS1 PE - Victoria in Hockney Y5 KS2 PE - Daniel in Dali Y5

Equality & Diversity Champions: Violet and Kate from Dali Class for organising Share a Story Day

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Izzy	Katarina	Zak	Max, Alisa	Tharul	Lucy
Rachel	Zoe	George	Teddy	Tanmay	Raiyan



Well done to everyone who took part in the Times Tables Rockstars Battle over the Easter holidays. The Battle was won by Kahlo Class! Warhol Class came second and Wiley Class third.

House Points

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



Villiers



Dawson



Cambridge



Hawks

Dates for the Diary

APRIL 2023

Sat 22	London Mini Marathon - details emailed to participating families
Mon 24	Summer term clubs begin this week
Wed 26	Y4 Thames Young Mariners Trip - Children to arrive at school 8am
Thur 27	Strike Day - School closed

MAY 2023

Mon 1	Spring Bank Holiday - school closed
Tue 2	Possible Strike Day - school will be closed if strike goes ahead
Thur 4	Y4 & Y5 Science event at Surbiton High School
Fri 5	PCSA Cake Sale - Coronation theme and school Coronation events
Mon 8	King's Coronation Bank Holiday - School closed
Tue 9	Start of Y6 SATs
Wed 17	Y4 Mehretu Class Assembly 9am - Families welcome
Fri 19	PCSA Quiz Night 7pm
Mon 22	Y6 Bikeability - details to follow
Wed 24	Reception Nelson Class Assembly 9am - Families welcome
Fri 26	PCSA Cake Sale
Mon 29	Half-Term week



JUNE 2023

Wed 7	Y6 Riley Class Assembly 9am - Families welcome
Fri 9-12	Y6 residential trip to PGL Liddington
Wed 14	Y2 Hockney Class Assembly 9am - Families welcome
Wed 14	Y6 Kids Out! Trip to Chessington
Thur 15	Nursery trips to the Library
Fri 16	Y3 trip to Science Museum
Sat 17	PCSA Summer Fair 2-4pm
Wed 21	Y1 O'Keeffe Class Assembly 9am - Families welcome
Fri 23	INSET Day - children not in school
Wed 28	Kusama Class Assembly 9am - Families welcome
Thur 29	Sports Day
Fri 30	PCSA cake sale

PCSA News

The PCSA is busy planning more wonderful events for the school community. Watch out for communication soon about a Quiz Night on 19th May, and a Summer Fair planned for Saturday 17th June.



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.



If you have some free time after Easter, 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. The course will run in Kingston Borough from 9.45am-2.30pm on Thursdays from 4 May to 15 June (not half-term 1 June). 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 07884 536161. Registered charity no: 1108975.

Message from parent, Tania Park:

I plan to hike up Mount Toubkal, the highest mountain in North Africa, on June 7-11, 2023. This hike is challenging, self-funded, and requires a great deal of physical and mental strength. The summit is close to 4,200 metres, spread out over three days (including two nights camping in the Atlas Mountains). It would be fantastic if any parents or carers would like to join me. If you wish, you could use the challenge to raise funds for the school. Here's the link with more information:

<https://adventuressinthewild.com/mount-toubkal-trek/>

Please contact me if you are interested. Thank you. Tania



Mount Toubkal