



## King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 28 – Friday 28th April 2023

Dear Families,

It was fabulous to see many children arriving on Monday with their Mini Marathon medals, and hear them excitedly recounting their adventures on the Marathon course. A number of children spoke about their experience in assembly, too. Well done everyone, and thank you to all families for engaging so brilliantly with this event. A huge thank you to Mr McLaughlin for organising such a remarkable opportunity for the children.



In assembly we finished talking about the Eid celebrations and also noted that it was St George's Day last Sunday.

We recently had a visit from a teacher who used to work at King Athelstan in the 1990s. He was delighted to see how much the school has developed both physically and in terms of the number of children attending and curriculum focus. We always say to the children that even when you leave the school, you will always be part of the school family and Peter's visit was a really good illustration of this.

Next week is another unusual week with bank holiday Monday followed by a strike day on Tuesday. Then on Friday children may wear red/white/blue mufti to mark the Coronation. We are looking forward to marking this day in history. Here is a [link](#) to the letter sent previously about our activities. Don't forget to bring cakes for the PCSA Coronation-themed cake sale after school!



Have a good, extended weekend and we will see you all on Wednesday.

**Emily Newton, Headteacher**

### London Mini Marathon



Congratulations to all of the children who participated in the TCS Mini Marathon last Saturday, running either 1 mile (Reception - Y6) or 2.6km (Y5-Y6). Fortunately, it was great weather for running, and the rain held off. It was great to see how happy the children were as they ran around the streets of London. We are waiting to hear how much we have raised, courtesy of the sponsor, TCS, but anticipate it will be more than £700. A huge thank you to the parents/carers for bringing their children into London and to the staff who attended on the day. Thanks to all the families who sent us photos of the event. Here are some photos of the day.



### Nursery Spaces in September 2023

We have some places for 2 year olds in Nursery in September 2023. Your child must be two years old by 31st August 2023 to be considered for a 2 year old funded place. For further information on Nursery admissions arrangements, Nursery tours, criteria, or how to apply please visit:

<https://www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/about-the-school/admissions/> or contact Miss Faye Turner in the School Office. Please feel free to share this with friends and family local to King Athelstan.



## From the Office

1. WilsonJones, our school caterer, has launched their delicious new menu this term with some exciting new dishes. However, children have been complaining to staff that they don't like some lunch choices which have been picked for them by families. *Please review your bookings with your children* so they know what has been chosen as we are not able to swap them. *Don't forget, you can book school lunches now for the rest of the school year so you don't need to remember to do it every week!*
2. When contacting school, *please give your child's full name (first name AND surname) and their class* - we do have several children with the same or similar names and want to avoid confusion or delay.
3. Last week, a car driven by someone dropping a child at King Athelstan pulled into a parking space on Villiers Rd, and just missed a Y4 child who was cycling to school. The driver didn't look or even notice that she'd nearly hit him. Please drive and park carefully around the school premises.

## Y4 Thames Young Mariners Trip

Well done to all the Y4 children who attended an Outdoor Adventurous Activity Day on Wednesday. The children had fun taking part in raft building, team tasks and woodland skills. They developed their confidence, self-esteem and team work skills, and both class teachers and Mr McLaughlin applauded the children for their attitude and great behaviour throughout the day.

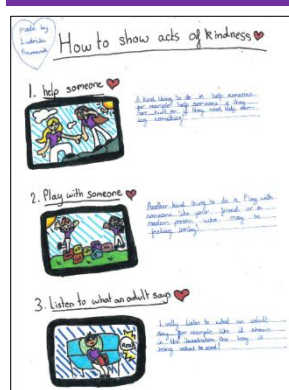


## Amazon Wish List

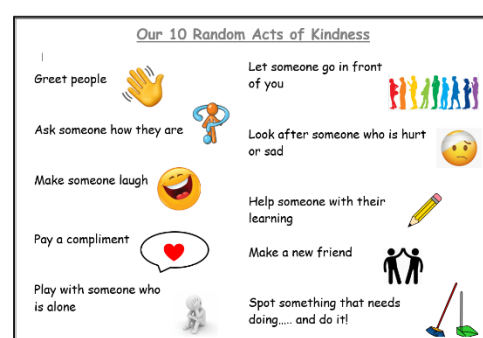
Our Amazon Wish List is here: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz> There is no obligation to buy anything, but if you would like to make a purchase, it is very much appreciated.



## Pupil News



Ludmila in Warhol Class made a lovely poster (left) on how to show acts of kindness. We encourage all children to do this with our Random Acts of Kindness poster (right). Ludmila did this in her own time to highlight the importance of always being kind. Well done, Ludmila!



## House Points

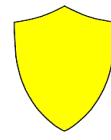
This week's winners are **Red House (Dawson)**. Yellow House (Cambridge) came second, Green (Villiers) are in third place, with Blue (Hawks) fourth. Well done all!



Villiers



Dawson



Cambridge



Hawks

## Achievement Assembly



### Achievement Award

O'Keeffe Y1 - Izzy

Van Gogh Y1 - Daisy

Hockney Y2 - Nadia and Aicha

Matisse Y2 - Jasper and Jeremiah

Da Vinci Y3 - Denys

Cassatt - Mohamad and Alex

Mehretu Y4 - Tilly-Rae

Wiley Y4 - Himden

Dali Y5 - Nataniel

Warhol Y5 - Tharul

Riley Y6 - Clara

Kahlo Y6 - Aaliyah and Tanmay

KS1 PE - Jack in O'Keeffe Y1

KS2 PE - Bentley in Mehretu Y4

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:



Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Elvis	Peter	Bibi	Sky and Electra	Bella	Lucy
Tasya	Lorelai	--	Willow	Alex	Mariam

## Dates for the Diary

### MAY 2023

Mon 1	Spring Bank Holiday - school closed
Tue 2	Strike Day - school closed for children
Thur 4	Y4 & Y5 Science event at Surbiton High School
Fri 5	PCSA Y4 Coronation Cake Sale
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 Y2 Cake Sale
Mon 29	Half-Term week



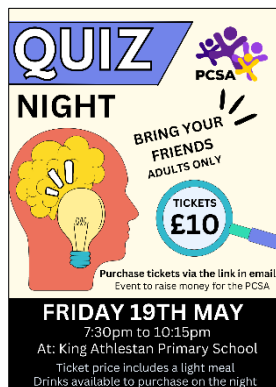
### JUNE 2023

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	<b>INSET Day - children not in school</b>
Wed 28	Kusama Class Assembly 9am - Families welcome
Thur 29	Sports Day
Fri 30	PCSA Y1 cake sale

### PCSA News



The PCSA have organised some great events for this term. So far there is:

- 5 May - Y4 Coronation cake sale - see flyer (right)
- 19 May - Quiz Night for adults - see flyer (left)
- 26 May Y2 cake sale
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Fair from 2-4pm.
- 30 June Y1 cake sale
- 7 July Y6 lolly sale
- 14 July Y6 lolly sale



### 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.

#### King's Coronation Celebration Event, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

New Malden Town Centre Partnership is hosting this event on Bank Holiday Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 11am to 5pm at Jubilee Square, Cocks Crescent, New Malden, KT3 4AJ. Local artists, choirs, and dance groups will perform,



together with Radio Jackie's DJs, to entertain and commemorate this momentous day for the country that will go down in history. There will be a selection of food stalls serving delicious cuisine from around the world, along with a bar with a choice of beverages. There will also be enjoyable activities such as craft, sports and games where you can socialize with others in the community and have fun. The aim being to bring together local community groups and celebrate different cultures, as well as what makes each of us

uniquely British. Last year there was a wonderful event celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, so this also promises to be a jam-packed day of entertainment, including dancing, music, singing, giggling, and gastronomic delights.

#### Entertainment

**On Stage**  
**11:00** Opening Speech  
Mayor of Kingston.  
**11:10** New Malden Voices Choir  
**11:40** Children's Chinese Lion Dance  
**12:10** Sri Lankan dancers/ drummers  
**12:40** Korean dancers  
**1:10** New Malden Ukulele Group  
**1:40** Here Comes Cilan  
**2:10** London Kim's Dance Group  
**2:40** Mabes  
**3:10** Emily's School of Dance  
**3:40** Rob Hughes  
**4:10** Scarlett Black  
**4:40** Beth Jakob

#### Fun Kingston Bike Ride, Sunday 4 June

This family-friendly **Fun Kingston Bike Ride** is led by the Kingston Cycling Campaign. It will take place on **Sunday 4 June, from Fairfield Park at 11am**. Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June is World Bicycle Day, and it's the start of Bike Week on 6 June. The aim of the ride is to help build confidence levels amongst all ages and abilities. It will be a positive event that will help plant the seed for more people to get out on their bikes and develop a culture of cycling for both children and adults.

