



## King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 29 - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Families,

This very unusual week starting with the Bank Holiday followed by a strike day, has ended with activities to mark the Coronation of King Charles III. We started the day today with the whole school, from Nursery to Y6, singing together with our music teacher Mr Thomas. The children had been practising a range of songs to mark this moment in history. The songs focussed on being together, supporting each other and appreciating the world and community around us. We have included the songs (below) in case your children want to share them with you.

In assembly, children learned about what to expect from the Coronation itself and the history around different aspects of the ceremony. In particular, the significance of objects that will be used, such as the Sovereign's Orb and the 700-year-old Coronation Chair.

This morning, children made hats/crowns for the street party-style lunch. The playground was a mass of red, white and blue, and bright headwear! Marie and the catering team made delicious cupcakes for every child and we had music playing so it was a real street party atmosphere. Luckily, after a quick shower, lunchtime passed without rain. Children danced together and enjoyed the party playlist.

Next week is KS2 SATs for Y6. They have worked really hard and we wish them every success in their tests. Y6 - remember to get an early night on Monday so you are wide awake on Tuesday morning! Good luck everyone.



Here Comes The Sun - The Beatles  
Wonderful World - Louis Armstrong  
One Day Like This - Elbow  
Lean on Me - Bill Withers  
Celebrate - Kool and the Gang



Have a lovely long bank holiday weekend, and we'll see you all on Tuesday.

**Emily Newton, Headteacher**

### Nursery Trip - Volunteers wanted

Our Nursery children are going on their first trip on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June**, walking to Kingston Library. Once there, they will be reading stories and completing activities linked to their core books. As they are so little, we need lots of volunteers to accompany them. If you have a current DBS and would like to join them, whether your child is in Nursery or not, please email us on [admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org) to let us know which trip you could accompany. We will confirm helpers nearer the time. There will be two trips: Klee AM are going from 9.30am-11am, and Klee PM from 1.30pm to 3.10pm. Thank you so much.



### Y6 PGL Residential

**Y6 are going to PGL Liddington on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June.** All payments should have been made in full by now. Final Parent/Carer meetings are on Weds 24<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm or on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 9am. See emails for details.

## 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.

## 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.



## London Mini Marathon

Some families have asked us about fundraising from the London Mini Marathon. There was no expectation, but if any children did receive sponsorship from family and friends for completing the Mini Marathon, it can be paid into the Big Outdoors Project to go towards refurbishment of the KS1 playground. Thank you so much.

<https://www.givey.com/bigoutdoorsproject>

## Science Workshop

The whole of Y4 and Y5 were invited to Surbiton High School Assembly Rooms yesterday for an exciting science workshop. It focussed on different ways of making energy, such as movement, heat, explosions and electricity. Max in Y4 and Zarina in Y5 were chosen to go on stage to help with experiments. The children enjoyed it, especially the explosions part!

## Dates for the Diary

### MAY 2023

Mon 8	King's Coronation Bank Holiday - School closed
Tue 9	Start of Y6 SATs. SATs Breakfast 8.15am daily
Mon 15	Y3 trip to Kingston Mosque
Wed 17	Y4 Mehretu Class Assembly 9am - Families welcome
Fri 19	PCSA Quiz Night 7pm
Mon 22	Y6 Bikeability - details emailed to those taking part
Wed 24	Reception Nelson Class Assembly 9am - Families welcome
Wed 24	Parent/Carer Meeting for Y6 PGL 6pm
Thur 25	Parent/Carer Meeting for Y6 PGL 9am
Fri 26	PCSA Y2 Cake Sale
Mon 29	Half-Term week

### JUNE 2023

Wed 7	Y6 Riley Class Assembly 9am - Families welcome
Thur 8	Class Photos
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 - helpers wanted
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 Y1 cake sale

## PCSA News

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

- 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

New Malden Town Centre Partnership is hosting this event on Bank Holiday Monday 8th 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.

### Message from Kingston University

Kingston University has informed us that they are undertaking a site survey at the Middle Mill site as part of their estate management. The survey encompasses the Middle Mill halls of residence estate and the adjacent parts of the Hogsmill river only. Surveyors will be on location until 12 May. They will be using a tripod and scanner, measuring river depths, and using a drone to provide an aerial survey of the site. They wanted to reassure neighbours that the drone scan does not show any moving objects, including people or cars. If you or any of your community have any queries about the survey, you can contact the university at [community@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:community@kingston.ac.uk).

### Woodcraft Folk

These are events from a local youth group which would like to attract new members.



### May Half-term Swimming Course

From 29<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June (Monday-Thursday) there is a swimming course for children running at Grand Avenue Primary School. For more information and to book, contact [info@higginsaquatics.co.uk](mailto:info@higginsaquatics.co.uk)



### Kingston University - Young Scientist event

The Developing Minds Lab in the Department of Psychology at Kingston University London is running a Young Scientist Event for children aged 4-11 during half-term on **1st and 2nd June**. They would like to invite parents/carers and their children to the event. Here is the link for further information about the event:

<https://www.kingston.ac.uk/youngscientists2023>



### Local Plant & Produce Sale

This sale is being held at Kingston Methodist Church, Fairfield, on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

