



King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 32 – Friday 26th May 2023

Dear Families,

Happy last day of the half term! We hope you have exciting plans for the week ahead and, most importantly, a bit of time to relax and enjoy being together as a family.

On Thursday 8th June we will be having class photographs. This time we have engaged a new photography company and we will be asking you for feedback once photos have been received. We will also be asking about some other options this company offer that we are considering for the future. Look out for a Google form next half term.

Over half term we will be having some work done on the trees in the school grounds. This is required as a result of our annual tree survey. When you return to school you will notice that the poplar trees in the car park will have had their height reduced considerably.

There will also be some work on the cherry tree in the car park, the eucalyptus at the front of the school, next to the flats, and one of the large trees in the 'wild area' at the front of the school. Sadly, the large willow tree in the KS2 playground has to be removed due to irreversible stem decay. We will be planting a new willow tree to replace this later on in the year. We have worked closely with our tree surgeons on this work to consider wildlife and other environmental factors and continued tree planting remains a priority as we move forwards on the development of the KS1 playground.



Don't forget to book your summer holiday childcare with KOOSA Kids – see information later in the Digest.

KOOSA are also expecting to announce some places as a part of the FUEL scheme- look out for more details.

Please remember to book children's lunches from 5th June, too.

Have a lovely half-term break.

Emily Newton, Headteacher

Nelson Class

Congratulations to Nelson Class on their first ever class assembly. They told their families all about growing and had a child-sized

ladybird, butterfly and hopping frog!

They sang

beautifully, and

Jade is really

proud of them all.

Well done Nelson

Class!



SEND Review Meetings

Families of children with SEND plans – please remember to book an appointment to meet your child's teacher to review their SEND plan. These meetings will take place in your child's classroom on either **Tuesday 13th or Thursday 15th June**, and will last for up to 15 minutes. The draft plan will be available for you to read and discuss with the teacher at the meeting. If changes are then required, an updated copy will be sent to you. As always, you will receive your child's school report later in the term in place of the summer term consultations.

Bookings should be made using the link below which will be open until **9:00am on Tuesday 13th June**. After this time please contact the school office to make or change bookings. **It is essential that you attend a meeting for each of your children with a SEND Support Plan.** <https://kingathelstan.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

Y6 Bikeability

8 children took part in Y6 Bikeability sessions throughout this week, and fortunately they were blessed with great



weather. On these courses they learnt a number of safety skills including control skills in an off-road situation.

The training consisted of both on and off-site work. Well done to all of the children who took part, they represented the school so well.



School Trips

There are several exciting school trips coming up in the last half-term of the year. All trips are notified to families via email, and will appear in ParentPay. **Please go to ParentPay to give consent for your child to attend, to pay (if there is a cost) and to let us know if you would like to volunteer to accompany the group.** As you know, every volunteer needs to have a current DBS check (Disclosure and Barring Service) for safeguarding purposes. See [this section](#) of the website for more details. All trips are listed below in the Dates for Your Diary section. Thank you.

Free School Meals for all Primary School Children

You may have seen reported in the press the announcement by the London Mayor, Sadiq Khan, to offer a free school lunch meal for **all** primary school children. Currently, all Infants (Reception - Year 2) receive the offer of a free meal, as well as children who qualify for free school meals due to their families being in receipt of certain benefits. The announcement detailed that this offer would be for one year from September 2023. We have had



no further details issued to the school, but need to plan with WilsonJones, our caterers, before the summer holiday for the impact to our lunch numbers. We would be grateful if you would complete [this Google form](#) to state whether you will be ordering a meal for your child from September, if it is free. **Please complete one form per child, before Tuesday 6th June 2023.** Thank you.

Share a Story Day

You will remember Share a Story Day which Violet and her friend Kate in Y5 set up in order to raise funds for a charity helping children in Ukraine. Violet said: *"My friends and I have organised a fundraiser called "Share a Story Day". My idea originated from the fact that Ukraine and Russia have been at war for over a year now and it's time King Athelstan does something to help the children. I thought we could do a book swap/sale as we all really like reading/books."* We had so many books handed in that one day turned into several, and as well as every child in school receiving a free book, the final amount raised by donations is a massive **£393.15**. This will be sent to Voices of Children Charitable Foundation <https://voices.org.ua/en/>



Manon, Kate and Violet counting the money

Thank you to everyone who contributed books, bought books or made a donation. Huge congratulations to Violet who made it happen, along with Kate. They arranged everything, from the original idea to the logistics of making signs, arranging tables and getting helpers to counting the proceeds.

Sports Day

Sports Day is taking place on Thursday 29th June with a backup date of Thursday 6th July, in case of bad weather. Details to follow, however, the timings of the day are as follows:

Timings for EYFS on the King Athelstan site

8:40-9:00am - Klee (morning nursery)
9:00-9:30am - Reception (Nelson and Kusama)
12:45-1:05pm - Klee (afternoon nursery)

Timings at the Athelstan Recreation Ground

9:50am-11:00am - Key Stage 1 (Y1-Y2)
11:00am-12:45pm - Key Stage 2 (Y3-Y6)

Job Vacancies at King Athelstan

We are currently recruiting for several roles in school. All our job vacancies are advertised on eteach here: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/kingathelstan-kingston/> Please pass this on to anyone who might be looking for employment in a Kingston school.



Amazon Wish List



Thank you so much to those who continue to purchase items for on our Wish List. This week, we have added disposable ice packs to be ready for the exciting trips coming up after half-term. All items purchased are very much appreciated. **There is no obligation to buy anything, but if you would like to make a purchase the link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>**

Achievement Assembly

Today, achievement assembly was accompanied on the piano first by Dima in Riley Class Y6 and then Electra in Mehretu Y4. They both played beautifully - well done.



Achievement Award

O'Keeffe Y1 - Faizan	Van Gogh Y1 - Olivia
Hockney Y2 - Katarina	Matisse Y2 - Max
Da Vinci Y3 - Elliot	Cassatt - George
Mehretu Y4 - Arran	Wiley Y4 - James
Dali Y5 - Manon	Warhol Y5 - Eme and Rayyan
Kahlo Y6 - Sapphire	Riley Y6 - Lillie Mae
KS1 PE - Joshua in O'Keeffe Y1	KS2 PE - Harrison in Cassatt Y3

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Joshua	Micah	Freya	Sky	Hugh	--
Rachel	Oli	Ziyad	Electra	Rayyan	--



Kayla in Mehretu Class read out her poem which won the Lower KS2 poetry section of the Spark Book Awards!

Frances in Riley Class was given her special recognition certificate for her entry to the Royal Academy art competition (left). She also won the Equality and Diversity certificate for diversity in art.

Well done on their fantastic achievements, Kayla and Frances!

House Points

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



Villiers



Dawson



Cambridge



Hawks

Dates for the Diary

JUNE 2023

Mon 5	Reception and Y6 - National Child Measurement
Tue 6	Y6 Kahlo Class to Hogsmill Garden
Tue 6	Y5 Cookery lesson in class
Tue 6	Parent/Carer-only optional meeting - Q&A about Relationships lessons 4pm
Wed 7	Y6 Riley Class Assembly 9am - Families welcome
Thur 8	Class Photos
Fri 9	Crazy hair and hats for bottles donation and uniform collection for Summer Fair

Fri 9-12	Y6 residential trip to PGL Liddington
Tue 13	SEND Review Meetings (in person)
Wed 14	Y2 Hockney Class Assembly 9am - Families welcome
Wed 14	Y6 Kids Out! trip to Chessington
Thur 15	Nursery trips to the Library
Thur 15	Y5 and Y6 RSE lessons #1
Thur 15	SEND Review Meetings (in person)
Fri 16	Wear crazy socks for chocolate and cake donations for Summer Fair
Fri 16	Y3 trip to Science Museum
Sat 17	PCSA Summer Fair 2-4pm
Tue 20	Language lessons for Years 3-6
Wed 21	Y1 O'Keeffe Class Assembly 9am - Families welcome
Thur 22	Y5 and Y6 RSE lessons #2
Thur 22	Choir in Rose Theatre Concert 2pm
Fri 23	INSET Day - children not in school
Wed 28	Kusama Class Assembly 9am - Families welcome
Thur 29	Sports Day
Fri 30	Y5 Workshop at The Hollyfield School
Fri 30	PCSA Y1 cake sale

JULY 2023

Mon 3-7	Clubs end this week
Tue 4	Y3 Country Dancing event
Fri 7	Y6 lolly sale after school
Thur 6	Sports Day backup (in case 29 June is cancelled)
Fri 7	Y6 Lolly sale
Tue 11	Y2 trip to Hampton Court
Wed 12	EYFS Beach Day
Wed 12	Y6 Production 2pm
Thur 13	Y6 Production 7pm
Fri 14	Y4 Ukulele Concert
Fri 14	Y6 Lolly sale
Mon 17	Y1 trip to Littlehampton
Tue 18	Y5 trip to Holly Lodge
Wed 19	Haring Tea Party 2pm
Fri 21	School breaks up for summer ONE HOUR earlier
Fri 21	There will be no KOOSA Kids on this day

PCSA News

The PCSA held a Quiz Night on Friday 19th May, which was a huge success. Year 3 also recently hosted a disco and, as well as having fun, they raised £275 for the PCSA fund. Thank you, Year 3!

The PCSA is excited to be planning the Summer Fair on **Saturday 17th June from 2-4pm**. Mark it on the calendar and bring family and friends to celebrate the summer and our school!

In the run up to the Fair, there are two days where we ask for donations of bottles/cans (wine, beer, squash) and chocolate for the tombola stalls (no nuts, please!), as well as cakes and items of uniform to donate.:

- **Friday 9th June - crazy hair/hats for bottle donations and uniform collection**
- **Friday 16th June - crazy socks for chocolate and cake donations**






OURCAMPS

FREE ATHLETICS SESSIONS

FREE WEEKLY COACHED ATHLETICS SESSIONS

SCAN ME



BOOK NOW

AGE:
5 - 15YRS

TIME:
4:15PM - 5:15PM

DATES:
EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

LOCATION:
KINGSMADOW, KINGSTON RD, KT1 3PB

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