



Dear Families,

This week, I have particularly enjoyed a lovely class assembly from O'Keeffe Class and listened to our wonderful Choir sing at the Rose Theatre.

Children in the majority of classes have met their teacher for 2023-24, and it was lovely to see them in their new classrooms. Our next transition session is on 13th July. Teachers have spent INSET Day today handing over information and preparing for their new classes.

In assembly this week we talked about Drowning Prevention Week. Our key messages can be found in this summer



water safety poster. We watched [this video](#) to remember the important message to float like a starfish if you ever get into trouble in water. Please watch this very short video with your children and practise the starfish float next time you go swimming. Here is a further helpful video for parents/carers:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odWm3DeRFIA>

The next few weeks are incredibly busy so please keep our



dates for the diary section of the Digest handy.

Please ensure your child has sunscreen on each day and that they bring a hat and named, refillable water bottle.

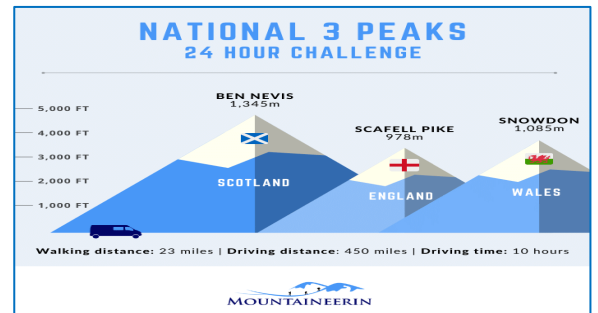
Good luck to the staff team as they complete the National Three Peaks Challenge!

Enjoy the weekend and the lovely weather.

Emily Newton, Headteacher

National Three Peaks Challenge

Today, five staff members (Kayleigh Lee, Barbara Favretti, Ceris Heath, Roz Coelho and Darren Mc Laughlin) have travelled to Scotland to start their gruelling challenge of walking up and down the highest mountains in Scotland, England and Wales within 24 hours, all to raise money for the school! Money raised will go towards the Big Outdoors Project to renovate the KS1 playground.



Key facts about the challenge

- Ben Nevis - 1345m, this is the highest mountain
- Scafell Pike - 978m, a Saturday evening climb
- Snowdon - 1085m, 4:30am climb on the Sunday

The children have attended an assembly about the Three Peaks so they are aware of the challenge. Many of you sponsored the team last year, when the attempt had to be abandoned due to an issue with the company's transport, and we are very grateful for your support. A massive **£6,100** was raised last year, with an additional **£3000** donated by Waitrose. If you would like to contribute this year, that would be much appreciated. The new Givewy fundraising page is [here](#) if you are able to donate any amount, however small! Thank you so much.

Choir at the Rose Theatre



Our KS2 Choir took part in the Kingston Music Festival of Singing on Thursday, held at the Rose Theatre

Kingston. They sang beautifully,



and behaved really well throughout all the rehearsals

and sound checks. It was an amazing experience for them to perform in a real theatre. It was extra special because our choir had worked with a professional composer to create one of the songs used. Unfortunately, we were not able to take photos of the performance, but only of the Choir relaxing and waiting their turn to practise! Well done all, and thank you to Mr Thomas for organising it.



Now that Y6 have returned from their amazing adventures over their weekend at PGL, and their Kids Out day at Chessington, they have been busy starting rehearsals for their end of year production, which is 'Star Wars - The Umpire Strikes Back'. Y6 families have received details about booking tickets and recordings of the show. All children will be able to see the show in school.

Sports Day

Sports Day is taking place on Thursday 29th June with a backup date of Thursday 6th July, in case of bad weather. Please remember that all lunches booked on the day will be either a cheese or chicken sandwich packed lunch. There will be no hot food or jacket potatoes on this day - Children booked in for jacket potato will be given the cheese sandwich option. Alternatively, you can provide a packed lunch from home for your child, and remember to cancel any hot meal previously booked.

All details and house colours have now been issued on Google Classroom. 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)

Language Learners

On Tuesday we were visited by 16 Year 10 students from Kingston Grammar School who had planned short language lessons for children in Years 3-6. Over the afternoon they delivered lessons in German, Chinese, French, Spanish and Italian to various classes. The children enjoyed learning new words (and practising their French which Mme Bailey has taught them!), and the KGS students also enjoyed the experience of passing on their language skills.



Safeguarding - Online Platforms

As always, we would like to remind parents/carers to carefully monitor the content their children access on the internet and via gaming platforms. The internet and online games can provide great opportunities for learning and socialising, as part of a balanced range of activities, but also comes with **significant risks**. This is something we manage frequently in school (e.g. children accessing inappropriate content, online bullying) and comes up consistently in safeguarding training and bulletins for staff. There is a helpful checklist here:

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/articles/what-should-i-teach-my-child-about-safe-online-behavior> outlining key things to teach children about safe online behaviour.

One, very popular, gaming platform that is raised regularly is Roblox - an online gaming platform where you can play games designed by other users and create your own games. There is no minimum age specification for Roblox but the platform is aimed at ages 13+. **The main risks associated with Roblox are accessing games with inappropriate (sexual, violent, horror) content, those that encourage dangerous behaviours (e.g. self-harm) and the chat/forum functions.** You can find out how to set parental controls on Roblox here: <https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/360000375686-Account-Restrictions>.



These allow you to limit interactions and the types of games your children can play. However, even with these in place, **we recommend regularly monitoring what your child accesses** as users with less-than-good intentions often find ways to bypass these controls. Thank you for your support.

Amazon Wish List



Thank you so much to those who continue to purchase items for on our Wish List. 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>**

O'Keeffe Class Assembly

O'Keeffe Class presented a fantastic assembly this week, all about mini beasts and types of animals: amphibians, reptiles, invertebrates and more! They shared their knowledge and learning beautifully and were word perfect in their songs, ending with 'What a Wonderful World'. Well done, O'Keeffe Class.



Festivals Day

King Athelstan's first ever Festivals Day is fast approaching on Monday 3rd July. Many thanks to the families who have been in touch and offered ideas and support with festivals from different cultures. On the day we plan to immerse ourselves in the festival that our year group has chosen, including making a flag, hat or mask to wear in our "Festival of Festivals" parade around the school. On Monday 3rd July, the children can come into school in mufti - just brightly coloured clothes to add a splash of colour to the parade. We are looking forward to celebrating a diverse range of festivals from many different cultures.

Dates for the Diary

JUNE 2023

Wed 28	Kusama Class Assembly 9am - Families welcome
Thur 29	Sports Day. Remember - no Clubs running on 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
Mon 3	Festivals Day -wear bright colours
Tue 4	Y3 Country Dancing event
Wed 5	Strike day - school closed
Thur 6	Sports Day backup (in case 29 June is cancelled)
Fri 7	Strike day - school closed
Tue 11	Y2 trip to Hampton Court
Wed 12	EYFS Beach Day
Wed 12	Y6 Production 'Star Warts - The Umpire Strikes Back' 2pm. Ticket only.
Thur 13	Y6 Production 'Star Warts - The Umpire Strikes Back' 7pm. Ticket only.
Fri 14	Y4 Ukulele Concert
Fri 14	Y6 Lolly sale
Fri 14	PCSA Second-hand uniform sale after school
Fri 14	Y6 Leavers' Disco 6-8pm
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

Summer Reading Challenge



The Reading Agency is launching this summer's Reading Challenge along with local libraries. Children can take part online or at a local library. Find out more here:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

Also, please see the poster at the end of the Digest about the benefits and importance of children reading and being read to every day.



PCSA News

The PCSA would like to thank everyone who attended and helped organise the Summer Fair. It was a brilliant event, with delicious food, drinks, games for everyone and even a fire engine (to look around, no fire!). We hope everyone had lots of fun and we look forward to planning the next event for you to enjoy.



The event raised a brilliant **£3,060** that will be used solely for the benefit of the children at the school. Keep an eye out for the after-school lolly sales to help Y6 raise funds.

Take a look at the PCSA [website here](#) for lots more information, upcoming events and fundraising results.



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

Here are some local activities/days out which may be of interest to families:



ALL WELCOME
 Timetable for Opening Day of Boxing Gym & Cafe Saturday 24th June 11am to 4pm

VENUE KINGSTON ROAD RECREATION GROUND & Searchlight Kingston Road KT3 3RY

Everything is Free
 Opening Ceremony with Mayor

11am

11.30 Display by Two Kings Boxing Club

12 to 12.45 Kevin's Magic Show

12 to 2.00 Table Tennis Coach

1.00 to 2.00 Para Multi Sports Session Fulham Coach in the Searchlight Centre.

1.00 to 3.00 Fulham Coaches:- Goalposts and Sports Day Races

2.00 to 3.00 The New MUGs Ukulele Band

2.00 to 3.00 JV Street Dance class in the Searchlight Centre

3.00 to 3.30 Zumba instructor in the park (time to be confirmed)

AND free Tennis Coach at Tennis Courts 10.00 to 12.00

Pallets' 2 Bird boxes on sale

& MORE

FREE ICE CREAM
 FREE Tea & Cakes
 FREE Balloons

bring a picnic

Organised by Friends of KRRG & Searchlight

Summer delivery of the F.U.E.L programme (Kingston and Richmond's Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) provision):

FREE
Holiday activities and food
 For eligible children aged 4 to 16 years

FUEL
 Feed Us Everyday Lives

EASTER SUMMER WINTER
 #krfuel23

Kingston and Richmond boroughs

achieving for children

Department for Education
 E.fuel@achievingforchildren.org.uk

There is a great mix of clubs on offer, which will be extremely helpful in keeping eligible children engaged, safe and fed over the summer holidays. Club bookings are now live on our [Local Offer website](#) and existing FUEL codes are valid. If your child is newly eligible, please contact school to receive your FUEL booking code.

This summer Achieving for Children is excited to have partnered with so many great organisations. Check out www.kingston.gov.uk/2023/11 to book with any of these groups, and find a date and location that works for you.

Ominira Youth Services
 Dickering Lane, Kingsmyton, Chessington, Piper Hill, Ham, Poweston, Wilton, Hampton and Heatham House

Junior Adventures Group
 SCL
 THE CYCLE COACH

Next Thing
 Richmond Rugby
 FILM

KNSA
 Planet Active
 Harlequins







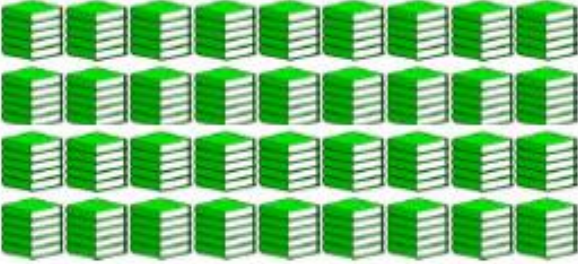



Sportworks
 Learning Hive
 OURCAMPS

Please note that places are limited, and eligibility criteria is applicable for free places. Advance booking will be required. Visit www.kingston.gov.uk/2023/11 for more information. Please contact individual activity providers for more details.
 *Partnership with partners, Achieving for Children is working with funding from the Department for Education to provide a summer holiday activities and food programme (FUEL).

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King Athelstan Primary School: Importance of Daily Reading
Why it is so important that you hear your Child read, or read
with your Child **every** day...

Child A reads for 20 minutes per night, 5 times a week 	Child B reads for 4 minutes per night...or not at all 
In one week: 100 minutes of reading 	In one week: 20 minutes of reading 
In one month: 400 minutes of reading 	In one month: 80 minutes of reading 
In one school year (9 months): 3,600 minutes of reading 	In one school year (9 months): 720 minutes of reading 
By the end of Year 6: 28,800 minutes of reading (80 school days) 	By the end of Year 6: 5,760 minutes of reading (16 school days) 

Which child would you expect to be better at reading?
Which child would you expect to be better at writing?
Which child would you expect to have a broader Vocabulary?
How do you think each Child Views themselves as a learner?

