



Dear Families,

This week started with our Festivals Day celebration. It was fantastic to see the children completing a diverse range of learning about festivals around the world. As I went into different classrooms, children were able to tell me all about the background of their festival and the traditions surrounding it. See the item below with some photos of the parade.

Thank you for all your positive feedback about our successful Sports Day on Thursday. It was great to see the children demonstrating all their skills in sport. They had practised hard in the previous weeks and it was particularly good to see the wonderful team spirit and resilience of individuals who fell and just got back up and kept going. Thank you to Mr McLaughlin, supported by the staff team., for such good organisation and to families for all your support on the day. Congratulations to Red House - Dawson, who win the Sports shield this year. Previous winners were Red House again last year, and Green House - Villiers in 2021.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Sidrah Rana as our class teacher in Y5 Warhol next year. Miss Rana is joining us as an ECT (Early Career Teacher) from St Mary's University. She will be spending some time in school over the next couple of weeks to get to know the school and the children.

A number of children have been bringing spray bottles in to school, or water bottles that have a spray feature. Please note that these are not permitted and cause significant problems in the classrooms. Please leave spray bottles at home and bring a simple water bottle in instead. Thank you.

Enjoy the weekend.

**Emily Newton, Headteacher**

### Sports Day

Here are just a few photos of yesterday's Sports Day:



*Mr McLaughlin, Mr Revers and their fantastic team of helpers!*



*Winners – Red House Dawson House Captains with the Sports Shield.*



### Amazon Wish List

Thank you so much to those who continue to purchase items from 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>**





## Festivals Day

The school looked very festive on Monday when we held our first ever Festivals Day. Everyone wore brightly-coloured clothing, and children learned about various festivals celebrated around the world. At the end of the day, there was a "Festival of Festivals" parade where everyone showed off their flag, hat or mask which they made according to the festival that each year group had chosen. Thank you to French teacher Mrs Bailey for arranging this, and to the families who offered ideas and support with festivals from different cultures.



## Y5 Hollyfield Workshops



The Hollyfield School invited the whole of Year 5 last Friday afternoon to attend a series of workshops, which included Design Technology, Music and Cookery using their specialist classrooms and equipment. The children really enjoyed the sessions and the experience of being in a secondary school, too.



## Dates for the Diary

### JULY 2023

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.
Thur 13	PCSA Second-hand uniform sale after school
Fri 14	Y4 Ukulele Concert
Fri 14	Y6 Lolly sale and PCSA second-hand uniform sale
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
Thurs 20	Y6 Leavers' assembly 1.45pm
Fri 21	School breaks up for summer <b>ONE HOUR</b> earlier
Fri 21	There will be <b>NO KOOSA Kids</b> on this day

## Pupil News

On Saturday, Ben, Robbie, Bibi (Cassatt) and Elsie (Nelson) completed the Cancer Research Muddy Kids 5k Run at Kempton Park to raise money for the charity. They raised an incredible £4700 between them! The course included obstacles to climb and muddy trenches to wade through. They did really well and wanted to share their achievement with school. Here are a couple of before and after photos, showing well-deserved medals!



Here is a photo of Elena from Y1 with her very special Blue Peter badge! She was awarded this for writing to the BBC to describe a robot she had designed, along with a picture. The Blue Peter badge allows its wearer free access to over 200 Blue Peter Badge attractions around the UK - she will be very busy this summer. Well done, Elena!



# The Hogsmill Herald



Issue 4, July 2023. £1 recommended donation. All proceeds go to the KS1 Playground Fund.

Look out for the latest edition of The Hogsmill Herald, written and edited by David in Y6 and his team. This is Issue 4, and David recommends a donation of £1 with all proceeds going to the KS1 playground fund. You can [donate here](#).

## School Uniform

PMG Schoolwear in Chessington continues to supply our school uniform, which can be ordered online. **The last date for orders to guarantee delivery before the start of term is 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023.** If you would like to visit the shop in person, it is advised that you book an appointment so that you do not have to queue. To go to the website, or book an appointment to visit the shop, [click here](#). Generic items of



uniform, such as plain black trousers, black skirts or plain white PE t-shirts, can be bought at any high street shop or supermarket. All children must wear plain black school shoes with school uniform, not boots or trainers. Black trainers are only permitted with PE uniform. Please note, **the PCSA will be holding second-hand uniform sales next week on Thursday and Friday after school.**

## 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

### FUEL: Summer 2023 Holiday Activity and Food programme - bookings open!

Bookings have opened for the Summer 2023 FUEL Holiday Activity and Food programme!



FUEL provides free activities and food for children whose parents are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals during the Easter, Summer and Winter school holidays. If your child is eligible, you should have a 17 digit FUEL code. If you think your child may be eligible but you haven't got a

code, email the FUEL team at: [fuel@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:fuel@achievingforchildren.org.uk) or ask at the school office.

If you have your code, you can book on to sessions

now: <https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information-and-advice/fuel-holiday-activities-and-food-programme>

There are also still spaces available for the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (FUEL) with KOOSA Kids here on site at King Athelstan Primary. These spaces are for eligible children aged 4-13 who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals, as above.

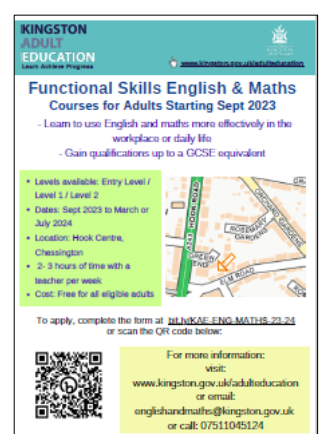
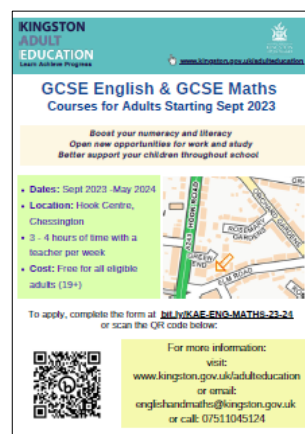


### Kingston Adult Education - free course for adults



Functional Skills and GCSE English and Maths courses will be running in September. This is a good opportunity for parents/carers to gain a valuable qualification. The

courses will be held at the Hook Centre in Chessington; they are free to all. Learners must be aged 19 or over, and not already have a GCSE at grade C (or equivalent) in English or Maths. To enrol, please click on the link or scan the QR code on the flyer: <https://bit.ly/KAE-ENG-MATHS-23-24>





## Fairfield Litter Pick - 22<sup>nd</sup> July



Thank you to those who took part in the Fairfield litter pick in May. As you'll see from the photo, it was another really well attended event which saw over 35 local litter heroes help gather up 7 big bags of rubbish, including 3 filled with recycling. It is hoped that - with everyone's help on **Saturday 22 July from 2-3pm** - Fairfield Recreation Ground and the Children's Playground can once again be cleaned, to leave this popular park looking lovely for everyone to enjoy during the summer holidays. As always, there will be 20 litter pickers to lend out, plus sweet treats for everyone who takes part. Thank you so much!

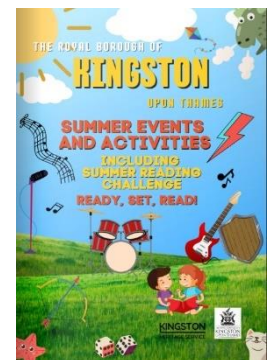


## Summer Reading Challenge

You can join the Summer Reading Challenge at your local library and take part in person. The Challenge will launch in libraries on **Saturday 8 July 2023**. Alternatively, children can take part in the Challenge online by signing up [here](#). Please note, **the in-person and online Challenges are separate**. Physical incentives like medals and certificates are only available via the library, for those taking part in the in-person Challenge.

**To take part at the library:**

- Visit your local library and tell them you would like to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge
- The library will get you signed up and will give you a special collector folder
- Your child will set a personal reading goal for the summer (we recommend six books)
- Your child can borrow and read books, e-Books and audiobooks of their choice. They can read anything they like: fiction, fact books, poetry, joke books, picture books and graphic novels all count towards completing the Challenge!
- The library will provide fun reading activities and special incentives along the way
- Your child will receive a certificate for taking part, or for reaching their Challenge goal
- In addition, many libraries offer a wide variety of events and activities for families to enjoy throughout the summer



## Kingston Music Service

KMS is very happy to announce the start of their new beginner groups for Violin, Trumpet, Clarinet and Recorder. Members of the new STARter groups are all beginners. They will learn together, sing together and have fun together. Groups will start in September at the Tolworth Music Centre (on Tolworth Girls' School site), and will mix learning a new instrument with singing and musical games - for the low cost of £8 for a 45min class plus instrument hire at £19 per term (if needed). For those in receipt of Universal Credit there is free instrument hire - contact us for a reduction in group fees. For more details, [click here](#).

