



Dear Families,

Thank you all for your generous donations for our Harvest Festival collection. Kingston Foodbank were delighted. Mr McLaughlin led Monday's assembly which included the usual news items and also had a focus on looking after the school toilets. We have had a number of issues recently with a small number of children throwing wet toilet paper on to the ceiling and also putting whole stacks of toilet paper into toilets causing serious blockages. Please could you support us by talking to children about toilet hygiene and manners, flushing the toilet after use and picking up any paper they may drop - thank you!

We are looking forward to a visit from PC Lucie Smith on Monday. PC Smith is one of our Safer Schools Officers and will chat to KS2 children in assembly and pop into other classes to say hello. She will also be out on the playground so that children can talk to her about her work.

Don't forget next Tuesday is World Mental Health Day - wear a green accessory!
Enjoy the lovely warm weather this weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher



Harvest Collection



Thank you so much for all the donations left earlier this week which we have given to the Kingston Foodbank. The photo (left) is just a small sample of the items given. There was a bumper collection of 28 bags full of all sorts of dried foods and tins as well as toiletries and cleaning products which will be handed out to support families in Kingston.



Voluntary Payments

Thank you to those families who have made voluntary payments in the 'Donate the cost of a lunch' item on ParentPay. So far, an amazing £307.40 has been raised! Our works over the summer in the main school kitchen cost us £530, so your donations will go towards maintaining all the specialist kitchen equipment including the steam oven, the large dishwasher, the fridges and the freezers.

The 'Donation to the school fund for resources' has received £660 this term so far. To give an idea of costs to the school, we have just spent £951.55 on a paper order (A3 and A4). We also bought the same volume of paper in May 2023. Your donations will go towards the costs of the pallet of paper.

Families also donate to the 'voluntary overpayment for trips' and each year group benefits from any money paid in to support the costs of their trips. Thank you so much.

World Mental Health Day

On **Tuesday 10th October**, we will be celebrating **World Mental Health Day** in school, as we do each year. We will be teaching the children the importance of looking after our mental health. Children may **wear green accessories** (hair bows, socks, head bands, etc.) along with their usual school/PE uniform. The theme for this year is: **'Care to Share'**. We will be exploring and teaching children that **sharing** is an important skill to learn and practise as it helps us make friends, become better learners and live a happier life.

We will be **sharing a toy** and **book giveaway** at the end of the day where children can take an item home to **share** with their family. We will also be raising money for the redevelopment of the KS1 playground as this is a space that our children love to **share**. If you are able, please donate via the World Mental Health Day item in your ParentPay account. Thank you.



Y6 PGL Residential Trip



PGL Liddington has once again been booked for this year's Y6 to attend in June 2024. The first payment instalment of £35 is due for Y6 families by **9th October** - please see your ParentPay account. There is an instalment schedule set up in ParentPay to spread the cost, but additional payments can be made at any time.

School Website



The school website is a great source of information for families. The Curriculum tab has details about what the children are learning in school. Click [here](#) to see the curriculum overviews for each year group. You can see our [reading](#) programme and [maths](#) information on how to access sites such as Times Tables Rock Stars, NumBots and J2e. Under the [For Parents and Carers'](#) tab you can find and download useful forms, including applying for a DBS check so that you can volunteer on school trips. All letters sent out from school are listed here, and the school calendar shows all school events as well as term dates and school holidays. The [Inclusion](#) tab explains all about our Zones of Regulation, SEND and has a feature on Haring, our Specialist Resource Provision.

Applications for Secondary School - September 2024

Children born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 are due to start Year 7 at secondary school in September 2024 (current Y6). Kingston Secondary Schools hold open events throughout September and October. Use the eAdmissions website to apply online for your child's secondary school place. Applications close on **Tuesday 31st October 2023**. For more information please visit <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/schools-education/apply-secondary-school-place-september-intake>

Nasal Flu Immunisation

The immunisation is a painless nasal spray, available for all children from Reception to Year 6, and will take place at school on **Wednesday 1st November** during the school day. **Parents/cares must give consent by 30/10/23 for their child to be included.** To give consent please complete this online form <https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2023/kingston>. The NHS highly recommend that all children receive the vaccination to protect them against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.



Year 5 Dragons!

In English, Year 5 have been writing instructions on how to ride a dragon. They have been planning their texts very thoroughly and working tremendously hard on using descriptive language to teach people how to become Dragon-flying gurus! Miss Rana was really impressed with their concentration and their neat handwriting, as well as great creative ideas.



Maths KIRFs

Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs)

By the end of each half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts instantly. Please see our school website for guidance and examples of the KIRFs.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4*	Year 5	Year 6
Aut 1	Know division and multiplication facts to 20.	Know division and multiplication facts to 20.	Know number bonds for all numbers to 20. For example: 1 + 9 = 10, 2 + 8 = 10, 3 + 7 = 10, 4 + 6 = 10.	Know number bonds to 20.	Know the multiplication and division facts for all times tables up to 10.	Know the multiplication and division facts for all times tables up to 12.
Aut 2	Know number bonds for each number to 10. For example: 2 + 3 = 5, 3 + 2 = 5, 4 + 2 = 6, 2 + 4 = 6.	Know number bonds for each number to 10. For example: 20 - 10 = 10, 15 - 5 = 10, 10 - 5 = 5.	Know the multiplication and division facts for the 3 times table.	Know the multiplication and division facts for the 4 times table.	Know the multiplication and division facts for the 5 times table.	Know the multiplication and division facts for the 6 times table.
Sp 1	Know number bonds for 10.	Know the multiplication and division facts for the 2 times table.	Know the multiplication and division facts for the 4 times table.	Know the multiplication and division facts for the 8 times table.	Know the multiplication and division facts for the 8 times table.	Know the multiplication and division facts for the 10 times table.
Sp 2	Know number bonds for 10.	Know the multiplication and division facts for the 10 times table.	Know the multiplication and division facts for the 10 times table.	Know the multiplication and division facts for the 10 times table.	Know the multiplication and division facts for the 10 times table.	Know the multiplication and division facts for the 10 times table.
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*Children in Year 4 will be taking the 'Multiplication Tables Check' to determine whether they can fluently recall their multiplication tables. In a Year 4 (2024) assessment to be taken by pupils at the end of year 4, when it is statutory.

KIRF (Key Instant Recall of Facts) have been designed to support the development of the mental skills that underpin much of the maths work in schools. This is part of a national drive to improve mental maths. Every half term, each year group will have a focus and by the end of each half term, children should know those facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts instantly. It is expected that the children will learn and practise these in school AND at home. See the school website [here](#) for more information about the maths curriculum.

Amazon Wish List



School has its own Amazon Wish List where families can purchase items to help enhance the children's experiences. This was set up in response to suggestions from parent/carers. Thank you so much to those who continue to purchase items on our Wish List. **There is no obligation to buy anything, but if you would like to make a purchase the link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>** Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

OCTOBER

Tuesday 10	World Mental Health Day - wear green accessories
Tuesday 17	Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-6pm - book online
Wednesday 18	Y5/Y6 Cross Country - invited children only
Thursday 19	Parent/Carer Consultations 4.00-6.30pm - book online
Friday 20	Y1-Y6 Book Looks 3.20-3.50pm
Friday 20	Y6 Cake Sale
Mon 23-Fri 27	Half-Term
Monday 30	INSET Day - children not in school
Tuesday 31	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm - book online

NOVEMBER

Thursday 2	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm - book online
Monday 6	Y5 Junior Roadwatch
Friday 17	Y3 trip to Gunnersbury Park
Friday 17	Children in Need - wear spotty accessories
Thursday 23	Y3 Stone Age Day

DECEMBER

Saturday 9	PCSA Festive Fair 12-3pm
Thursday 21	Break up one hour earlier for Christmas holidays

JANUARY 2024

Monday 8	INSET Day - children not in school
Tuesday 9	Children return for spring term
Friday 12	Y5 swimming starts

Achievement Assembly

Thank you to Rowen in Wiley, Kerem in Riley and Sam in Dali for providing piano accompaniment for assembly today.



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Jayson	O'Keeffe Y1 - Aaron
Hockney Y2 - Stanley	Matisse Y2 - Alannah
Da Vinci Y3 - Inaya	Cassatt - Erin
Mehretu Y4 - Rumaisa	Wiley Y4 - Charlie
Dali Y5 - Mei	Warhol Y5 - Frankie
Riley Y6 - Miah	Kahlo Y6 - Rayyan
KS1 PE - Giulia in O'Keeffe	Y2KS2 PE - Teddy in Warhol

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Melih	Izabella & Megan	Lorelai	Zlata	Max B	Ava
Jayson	Sarah	AJ	Max P	Teddy	Loveen

House Points

House Captains, as well as Y6 Prefects for this year, have just been announced. House Captains will be collating House Points for inclusion in next week's Digest.

PCSA News

Every parent, carer or member of staff automatically becomes a member of the PCSA on joining the school. Don't forget to check out the new PCSA noticeboard at the front of the school as you walk through to drop off or collect children. It has list of all the upcoming events as well as fundraising ideas. Currently, the PCSA would like volunteers to help with:



- **Halloween Trail.** If you'd be happy to decorate your house and have a letter clue in your window let us know!
- **11th November – The Family Rave.** We need help setting up and clearing up at the end.
- **9th December – The Festive Fair.** We need extra people to help run the day.

The PCSA can be contacted on: kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com

KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids, who run our after school club, are pleased to confirm that the dates and venues for October half term, Christmas 2023 & February half term 2024 holiday clubs have now been released and bookings are now open! Their autumn/winter programme of holiday activities is brimming with fun and exciting team & sports games, art and science activities, drama and of course our famous go karts! The programme takes off with a Spooky adventure during October half term (23rd to 27th October). Children will take part in up to 9 activities each day, all from just £25.50 per child for a standard day (10.00am to 4.00pm)! Visit www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club for more information or call 01276 21884.



Pupil News



Isabella in Riley Class brought in her dragon, which she made at home in her spare time! It is a puppet who can 'talk' with a moving mouth. She made the head from card which she covered, and twisted card which she painted for the horns. She also used clay for the mouth, and obviously lots of white fur. Well done, Isabella, wonderful work!

Community News

Home Start provides a vital lifeline for local families with children under five. At the heart of this local charity are the parent volunteers who give their time to help other parents who are struggling to cope. They support them to manage their own issues as well as helping their pre-school children to be ready for nursery and school.

Last year they helped 286 vulnerable families and 476 children in the boroughs of Kingston, Richmond and Hounslow; most being referred by Health Visitors and other professionals.

The trained volunteers support parents with difficulties such as mental health, family breakdown, domestic abuse, bereavement, disability or a combination of factors that can affect their children's welfare. For more information: www.homestart-rkh.org.uk.

If you have some free time now the children are back at school, and you are a parent or grandparent, you could help other families with pre-school children. Local charity Home-Start is offering a free course to train you to be a home-visiting volunteer, supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability. The course will run in Hampton Wick 9.45am-2.30pm, on Thursdays from 5 October to 16 November (not half-term 26 Oct). After the course, you would visit a family for 2-3 hours a week. For more information, please contact Angie Ahmed angie@homestart-rkh.org.uk or 07884 536161. Registered charity no: 1108975.

RECRUITING NOW

Volunteer. Because childhood can't wait.

If you have parenting experience, a few hours spare each week and want to make a difference to a local family, join our network of trained volunteers, helping families with young children through challenging times. Free volunteer course runs in Hampton Wick on Thursdays 9.45am-2.30pm from 5 October to 16 November (not half-term 26 October).

To find out more, contact
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