



King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 26 - Thursday 28th March 2024

Dear Families,

What a busy last week of term with trips, Thinker's Project exhibition, drama workshops and assemblies. A big thank you to the team who came in last weekend to clear the hut and the 'wild area' in the KS2 playground - what a transformation! Thank you all for your time, energy and enthusiasm.



Today we say farewell to Mrs Kerry Crombie, our Teacher in Charge of our Specialist Resource Provision, Haring. She has made a phenomenal contribution to our school., developing the provision from before it opened and managing every aspect of it for the past five years. She has also provided endless training for our staff team around SEMH and she leaves us significantly better equipped to support the children with SEMH needs. Miss Triona Brading will be Acting Teacher in Charge of Haring for the summer term.

We hope you all have a restful Easter break. For everyone who is currently marking Ramadan, we wish you Eid Mubarak for the second week of the holidays, as Eid will fall before we return to school. Enjoy the celebrations.

Have a lovely break.

Emily Newton
Headteacher



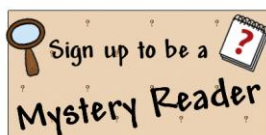
Thinker's Project Exhibition

We have had another fantastic Thinker's Project Exhibition, with wonderful displays of children's work this term. It was lovely to see so many family members coming to see the displays which the children have worked so hard on. One parent commented: "So much effort and talent in one room! So proud to be part of such a brilliant school community! Well done all." Next term, the Exhibition will be on Wednesday 10th July from 3.20-3.50pm, and again from 5.30-6pm.



EYFS and KS1 Mystery Readers

Thank you so much to all the parents and family members who became 'Mystery Readers' this term in Nursery, Reception and KS1. The children absolutely loved seeing who turned up in their classrooms to read them wonderful stories! Due to the great success of the scheme, we will be putting sign-up sheets for Mystery Reader slots next term onto your child's Google classroom. If you are thinking of signing up, it only takes about 15 minutes at the end of the day and you will have a captive audience. You can bring a book from home, maybe your child's favourite, or we can give you a book in school. Books in home languages are very welcome. Thank you.



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Y2 Hockney Class Assembly

Well done to Hockney Class for a great class assembly this week, showcasing all their learning about the Great Fire of London. The assembly recording is now on Hockney's Google Classroom.



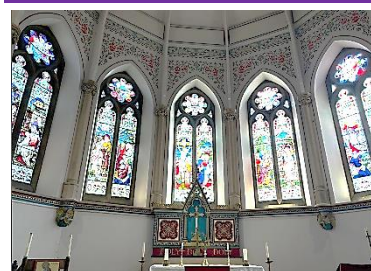
Y2 Great Fire of London Drama Workshop



Last week a theatre company came in to run a drama workshop for Y2. The topic was the Great Fire of London, and the workshop introduced Thomas Farriner, the King's baker, from Pudding Lane, who survived the fire to tell the story of what happened during those three fateful days. With his help, and later Samuel Pepys, the famous diarist of the time, the children discovered what it was like to live in London before and after the fire. This really helped Hockney Class with their assembly, too! The children looked amazing in their 17th century clothing.



Y5 trip to St John's Church



This week, Y5 walked to St John the Evangelist Church in Kingston as part of their RE studies. They examined all the parts of the church - the altar, pews, pulpit, nave etc., and found out about the different robes and colours which the vicar wears for different ceremonies. Miss Rana took some photos of the beautiful stained glass windows.

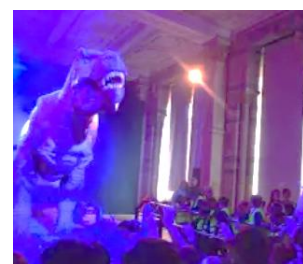


Y4 Trip to the Natural History Museum

Y4 had an amazing time this week at the Natural History Museum. The children really enjoyed seeing the volcanic rocks, volcanologist suit and Pompeii casts they have been learning about up close. They also loved the earthquake simulator! They were lucky



enough to be able to visit the dinosaurs and see Mary Anning's dinosaur discoveries, which feeds into their Summer term topic. The day ended with a fantastic interactive talk in the Attenborough Studio where everyone was trained up as volcanologists and saved Volcano Town from destruction! The children were super well behaved and did really well on the long journey home in the rain. Well done Year 4!



YR-Y6 TCS Mini Marathon

Thank you to all who applied for this event on **Saturday 20th April**. Final packs have been given out with race numbers and instructions. Good luck to all those running! Good luck, too, to Barbara from Nursery who is running the actual marathon on Sunday 21st April, and to Jack Morris, Dali Class teacher who is also running and helping to raise money for our Big Outdoors Project. If you're able to sponsor him, [click here](#).



Amazon Wish List

We have added some new items to our Wish List. Thank you so much to everyone who has been kind enough to purchase items from our List - it is very much appreciated. The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>. There is, of course, no obligation to buy anything.



Outdoor Learning Update/Wildlife Garden

Last Sunday, a group of volunteers from the school community kindly gave up their morning to help in our wildlife garden. With lots of energy and enthusiasm, we were able to create a new compost heap and clear lots of dead foliage; empty and sweep out the (very) dusty, cobwebby outdoor classroom and clear and prepare the ground for planting the Coronation wildflower seeds (below). There are more plans for the area including a raised pond and



pallet-based bug hotel. We will be looking for volunteers again next term to help with these projects. At the moment we are awaiting the final layer of surface for the path and then we will be opening the area to the children for lessons and activities with their classes, hopefully early next term. The space is looking really great already and we are excited to get it into use! Thanks again to our volunteers and to Mrs Williamson for coordinating everything.

Coronation Wildflower Seeds

On Monday, our Eco Warriors, School Councillors and Junior Leadership Team Vice Chairs helped prepare the ground and sow the wildflower seeds. These are the seeds donated by King Charles to schools across the country to mark his coronation in 2023. The children worked extremely hard and very carefully and we are looking forward to seeing the seeds starting to sprout up soon! Thanks to Caitlin, Brian and Pip from the Hogsmill Garden for supporting the children in the planting.



Nursery Trips to the Library

We still need volunteers for the Nursery trips. The Nursery team are taking two groups of children to Kingston Library on **Tuesday 30th April** and need adults to accompany them. There will be two trips, one leaving at 9.30am and one at 1.30pm, each lasting about 1.5 hours. If you have a DBS and are available on this day for either trip, please contact the school office on admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org to volunteer. You do not need to have a child in Nursery to help out. Thank you.



Clubs for Summer Term

Remember, summer term clubs will start in the week beginning 29th April, and finish by Friday 12th July.

Kitchen Assistant Vacancy

WilsonJones are recruiting a **Kitchen Assistant** to join Marie and her catering team. It is term-time only, working from 11:15am - 2:15pm. If you are interested in the role, please contact Kate Wilcz from WilsonJones head office on 07729720756 or email on kate.wilcz@wjcaterring.co.uk. See the website on: <https://www.wjcaterring.co.uk/primary-schools>



Pupil News



Burhan in Riley Class had a very exciting day last week when he took part in an activity in Westminster, next to the Houses of Parliament. As part of the London Most Valuable Peacemakers (MVP) Tournaments program, Jewish, Muslim and Christian children came together after World Water Day (March 22) to play a football game in teams with children from other religious backgrounds to promote unity and camaraderie. The aim was to kick down the 'Wall of Division'. This had been organised by the Sir David Amess Children's Parliament in collaboration with the Association of British Muslims. Burhan certainly enjoyed his day.

KOOSA Kids Holiday Club

KOOSA Kids holidays clubs are very popular and book up quickly. The booking system is open now for the holidays clubs over the summer. See the website here for all activities and to book:

<https://www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club>



DATES FOR THE DIARY

APRIL 2024	
Wednesday 17	Y4 Thames Young Mariners Trip
Thursday 18	Y6 trip to Kew Gardens
Wednesday 24	O'Keeffe Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Friday 26	Y1 Cake Sale after school
Sunday 28	Y5/6 Fashion Show - at Fusebox Tickets available here
Monday 29	Summer term clubs start this week
Tuesday 30	Klee AM and PM Trips to the Library - Volunteers needed
MAY 2024	
Wednesday 1	Kusama Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Monday 6	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Wednesday 8	Matisse Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Thursday 16	PCSA Quiz Night - at school Tickets here
Monday 20	Y6 Bikeability this week
Wednesday 22	Nelson Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Mon 27 May	Half term week
JUNE 2024	
Tuesday 4	Y6 to visit Hogsmill Garden
Wednesday 5	Kahlo Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Thursday 6	International Day
Fri 7 - Mon 10	Y6 PGL Residential trip
Tuesday 11	Y6 PGL children not in school
Thursday 13	Class Photographs
Tuesday 18	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations - in person
Thursday 20	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations - in person
Friday 21	Reception cake Sale
Friday 21	PCSA Y5 Disco
Monday 24	Y6 Junior Roadwatch
Wednesday 26	EYFS Sports Day at school
Thursday 27	KS1-KS2 Sports Day at Athelstan Park
Friday 28	Y3 trip to the Science Museum
JULY 2024	
Monday 1	Y6 Transition Day (Richmond Schools)
Wednesday 3	Y6 Transition Day (Kingston Schools)
Friday 5	INSET Day - children not in school
Saturday 6	PCSA Summer Fair 12-3pm
Monday 8	Last week of clubs
Wednesday 10	Dali Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Wednesday 10	Thinker's Project Exhibition 3.20-3.50pm
Wednesday 10	Thinker's Project Exhibition 5.30-6pm
Friday 12	PCSA Y6 Disco at school 6-8pm
Wednesday 17	Y6 Production 2pm
Thursday 18	Y6 Production 7pm
Tuesday 23	Prizegiving
Tuesday 23	Y6 Leavers' Assembly & Tea 2pm. Families invited
Wednesday 24	PCSA Whole school picnic in Athelstan Park from 2.10pm
Wednesday 24	School breaks up for the summer one hour earlier than usual

Community Governor Vacancy

From Caroline Dawes, the Chair of Governors: As governors at the school, we're responsible for overseeing the way the school is run, signing off on key policies and the budget, and supporting the leadership team to continue to drive improvements. This Thursday we had a very interesting and informative day visiting the school to see first hand how well your children are being taught and supported throughout the school day. We're currently looking to recruit more community governors, so if you know anyone who might be interested please contact Kate Hendry, Clerk to the Governors, on khendr2@kingathelstan.rbksch.org directly. Please note we are **not** recruiting parent governors at this present time as we already have two but may recruit more in due course. If you have any comments or questions please get in touch. Thank you.

PCSA

The PCSA (Parent Carer Staff Association) brings together parents, carers and staff to support the school and to raise money. The recent second hand uniform sale raised **£124.72** in donations, and the last 2 cake sales raised a whopping **£270.35**. Templates for the summer fair poster competition have gone out in book bags. Entries will be collected at drop off on Thursday 18th April. To register to have an Estate Agent board outside your house advertising the Summer Fair, [please click HERE](#).



Upcoming events:

- Fashion Show for all - Sunday 28th April at Fusebox, Kingston [Tickets available here](#)
- Quiz Night 7pm, adults only, in school Thursday 16th May [Tickets here](#)
- Indie Disco 8pm, over 18s only, Fighting Cocks Kingston Friday 14th June [Tickets here](#).
- Y5 Summer Disco - Friday 21st June 7-8.30pm St John's Hall (ticket needed)
- Summer Fair - Saturday 6th July 12-3pm
- Y6 Leavers' Disco - Friday 12th July 7-8.30pm School hall [Tickets here](#)
- Dragon Boat Challenge - Sunday 21st July [Find out more about the event here](#).
- Y6 Leavers' Tea - Tuesday 23rd July at school
- End of year picnic for all - Wednesday 24th July at Athelstan Park, after school

For more information and details of all events see the PCSA website: <https://pcsa.kingathelstan.co.uk/>

Community Messages

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:

Royal Academy of Arts - Young Artists Summer show - Taking inspiration from the [Summer Exhibition](#), the Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4-19 years studying in the UK.



Submitting artwork is completely free and must be done online by Easter. Once the school is registered, artwork can be submitted. If you're 12 or under, a parent/guardian will need to enter for you. Each student can submit one artwork and there is no theme. Each entrant will be asked for an image of the artwork plus some information about the piece such as title, size, and a little text about the artwork and why it was made. The artwork will be seen by a [panel of judges](#) and the selected pieces will be shown in the online exhibition. Some of the artworks will also be shown at the Royal Academy of Arts. To find out more and to enter, [click here](#). Good luck!

We're Going on a Bear Hunt - in partnership with Wild in Art and Walker Books, Kingston First is thrilled to announce the **Bear Trail**, inspired by Michael Rosen's iconic children's book "We're Going on a Bear Hunt", illustrated by Helen Oxenbury. This free trail will feature **ten unique bear sculptures**, each hand-painted with stunning artwork by talented artists, and will take place from **29th March to 7th June, 2024**. You can pick up a trail guide leaflet at **Waterstones, Fusebox, and The Rose Theatre**. You'll have a map of the trail, where you can tick off all 10 bears as you make your way around Kingston!



Kingston Adult Education - as part of Kingston Council, Kingston Adult Education provides a comprehensive range of courses that could be of interest to local parents and carers. Our [summer term programme](#) is full of courses to develop skills, improve wellbeing and increase earning potential - **a number of which are free** or subsidised for adults on low incomes. Classes take place throughout the week at various times, both online and at centres across Kingston. For further information, click on the link above.



Family First Magazine - Family First is a free magazine, published quarterly. It focuses on promoting the health and well-being of families living in the UK. As the UK's largest and most widely distributed family publication, our main goal is to encourage children and their parents to lead more active lifestyles by participating in sports, exercising regularly, and adopting healthier eating habits. However, we believe that achieving these goals should be enjoyable and fun for the whole family. Read the latest edition [here](#).
