



Dear Families,

A highlight this week has to be Kusama class assembly - I watched it with the KS2 children and I still have the "Spring Chicken" song in my head!

Please remind your children in Y5 and Y6 who bring phones to school, that they are not permitted to use them **at all** once they enter the school site - this includes waiting to come in for early morning reading and when they are leaving the school site. Thank you.

**Please check your child's phone regularly and take it away at night-time.** There have been a number of issues recently involving children using messaging apps/social media on their phones out of school. These are brought to our attention in general because of safeguarding implications or because children are scared, worried or upset in school. Lots of these issues happen late at night or when phones are not monitored. Thank you.

Please check the menu with your child when you are booking their school lunches. Some children say they do not like the lunch which has been booked and do not eat it. We do not have the capacity to give alternatives, so please make sure it is something they will eat.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend - we hope the weather picks up. See you all on Tuesday.

**Emily Newton, Headteacher**

### Nursery Trip

Both Klee classes went to the library this week to examine all the books, enjoy story time, have a singalong and some bubble fun! Thank you so much to all the volunteers who accompanied both groups. We needed a lot of adult help, and had parent volunteers from classes from Nursery right up to Y6, as well as parents of staff!



The children behaved brilliantly, despite the rather long walk, and all enjoyed their first ever trip.



### Haring Garden



This week in the Haring garden the children have been using their design technology skills to design and create wooden spoon scarecrows. We hope they will protect our plants from any hungry birds!



### Amazon 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.



## Kusama Class Assembly



Kusama hosted their first ever class assembly on Wednesday and did an amazing job. They showcased all their learning about growing, the success of the seeds which they grew and also about the chicks who hatched in Reception. They sang so beautifully that they had to do it twice. Well done, Kusama!

## KOOSA Kids

If you would like your child to attend KOOSA Kids after school and they are fully booked, please make sure you are on their wait list so that KOOSA can contact you as soon as a place is available.

**KOOSA kids can now offer extra places on a Wednesday.** This is in response to the waiting list for this session and is an adjustment to maximum capacity. Any information about long term agreements for the Wednesday places for September 2024 will follow soon, as will details for September bookings and the expansion of places available. Book for after school or the holiday clubs on their website [here](#).



## Achievement Assembly



O'Keefe Y1 - Yanice

Van Gogh Y1 - Oscar

Hockney Y2 - Harley

Matisse Y2 - Amina

Cassatt Y3 - TJ

Da Vinci Y3 - Micah

Mehretu Y4 - Ben

Wiley Y4 - Adam

Warhol Y5 - Alice

Dali Y5 - Gracie

Kahlo Y6 - Isla

Riley Y6 - Can

PE KS1 - Oscar in Van Gogh Y1

PE KS2 - Jessica in Cassatt Y3

Hazel in Wiley Y4 received a Diversity & Equality certificate, and so did Violet, Evan, Jihane, Manon, Martha, Molly, Yasmin, Hugh and Eddie all in Y6.

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Paola	Megan	Eden	Grace	Max	Eme
George	Shirav	Sahib	Alex	Hai Yen	

## House Points

This week, **Yellow (Cambridge)** are the winners on a huge 35 points. **Blue (Hawks)** are second with 31 points. **Green (Villiers)** are third with 25 points, and **Red (Dawson)** have 23.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### MAY 2024

Tuesday 7	Reception & Y6 National Child Measurement Programme
Tuesday 7	KS1 Panathlon Festival - invited children only
Wednesday 8	Matisse Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Mon 13-Thur 16	Y6 SATs & breakfast at 8.15am daily
Thursday 16	PCSA Quiz Night - at school <a href="#">Tickets here</a>
Monday 20 +	Walk to School Week
Monday 20	Y6 Bikeability this week
Wednesday 22	Nelson Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Wednesday 22	Y6 PGL Parent/Carer meeting 6-7pm or Thursday
Thursday 23	Y6 PGL Parent/Carer meeting 9-10am or Wednesday
Thursday 23	Outdoor Learning Day
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
Wednesday 12	Y6 Kids Out - Chessington World of Adventures
Thursday 13	Class Photographs
Friday 14	PCSA Indie Disco, adults only <a href="#">Tickets here</a>
Monday 17	Choir concert at the Rose Theatre
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 7-8.30pm <a href="#">Tickets here</a>
Monday 24	Y5 Workshop at The Hollyfield School
Monday 24	Y6 Junior Roadwatch
Tuesday 25	Y3 Country Dancing Festival
Wednesday 26	EYFS Sports Day at school
Thursday 27	KS1-KS2 Sports Day at Athelstan Park
Friday 28	Y3 trip to the Science Museum - go to ParentPay

### 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
Thursday 11	Y1 Trip to Littlehampton - go to ParentPay
Friday 12	PCSA Y6 Disco at school 7-8.30pm <a href="#">Tickets here</a>
Wednesday 17	Y6 Production 2pm
Thursday 18	Y6 Production 7pm
Sunday 21	PCSA Dragon Boat Racing <a href="#">Tickets here</a>
Tuesday 23	Prizegiving Assembly
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 holidays one hour earlier than usual No KOOSA Kids on this day



## PCSA

The PCSA (Parent Carer Staff Association) brings together parents, carers and staff to support the school and to raise money. The fashion show last week was a great event and also raised an amazing £669.96.

Upcoming events:

- Thursday 16th May - Quiz night\*
  - Friday 14th June - Indie Disco, adults only\*
  - Friday 21st June - Year 5 Summer disco\*
  - Friday 21st June - Reception cake sale
  - Saturday 6th July - Summer Fair 12-3pm
  - Friday 12th July - Year 6 leavers disco\*
  - Sunday 21st July - Dragon Boat race team ([sign up here](#))
  - Friday 4th, 12th & 19th July - Year 6 Ice lolly sales
  - Wednesday 24th July - Schools out picnic, Athelstan Park
- \*[Tickets for all events can be found here](#)



## 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:

**University of Kingston** - The Developing Minds Lab at Kingston University would like to invite children aged 4-11 years to their Young Scientist Event on 29th and 30th May, during half-term. This is a free event - please see the flyer (right) for more information and to book a space via the link.



**Kingston Town FC** - a local football club, where some King Athelstan children already play, are looking for younger players to start an under 7s team. Contact [ktfcnewplayers@gmail.com](mailto:ktfcnewplayers@gmail.com) to find out more.

**BRITE Box** - the team at BRITE Box will be running two more of our popular free 'Cooking Together' family cooking sessions at Welcare in Kingston this term (Canbury Park Rd). One session is after school on 16<sup>th</sup> May and the other is during half term on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May, to allow families who may not be able to take part after school to attend. In the sessions, families cook and eat a BRITE Box meal together. After school snacks and refreshments are provided and there is plenty of space for children to play.



**Kingston Music Service** - Live event at All Saints Church, Kingston, on Saturday 18 May from 12-3pm. Join KMS for a free afternoon of performances, workshops, and exhibitions from some of the most exciting music makers in



the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames. Held in the glorious surroundings of All Saints Church, Kingston, this is an opportunity for young people and adults alike to explore what the borough has to offer, from listening to short performances, to taking part in free workshops, or even

having a go at a brand new instrument. Entrance is free, and more information can be found on our website: <https://www.kingstonheritage.org.uk/musicinkingston>.

**Kingston Police Youth Engagement** - The Police are once again running free sessions for children in Years 5 and 6 during the half-term holiday in May. They run from 10am - 1pm, and consist of gardening, games and crafts. To book a place, contact [dolly.hunt@met.police.uk](mailto:dolly.hunt@met.police.uk)



## Achieving for Children Parent/Carer Courses



**Little Stars**  
5 week course  
New courses start each half term

Sharing books, songs and play to help you support your child's language development. Suitable for children who need support to encourage speech, but are not on a speech & language therapy pathway. Recommended age 18-36 months. Booking essential: <https://forms.gle/edUzGIdo4tZHQNFA>

Contact:  
Sophie 07849 305143  
Siobhan 07784 006661




**The Butterfly Group**  
Information for Parents

Helping adult and child relationships following a challenging time or event.

Have you experienced a difficult time in your life?  
Through bereavement, relationship breakdown or other traumatic events.  
Has this impacted on your relationship with your child?  
Is your child experiencing difficulties with their behaviour?  
How can you reduce yours and your child's anxiety?  
Build stronger relationships with your child?

If you can relate to any of the above. Our 5-week course may be for you.

It aims to help parents

- Recognise how difficult events and trauma can affect children.
- Understand what may be behind a child's behaviour
- Build healthy relationships between adults and children
- Understand what anxiety is
- How to have difficult conversations with your child

Please complete the expression of interest form: <https://forms.gle/edUzGIdo4tZHQNFA> a member of the Children's Centre team will be in contact with you.

Starting Thursday 6 June 2024  
10.00am to 11.00am  
Cheshington Children's Centre  
Buckland Road, Cheshington, KT9 1JE  
☎ 020 397 2006 option 5  
Free of charge




Please see here two courses being offered free for parents/carers, which may be of interest. For more information, see the links within the posters.