



King Athelstan Primary School Newsletter No 6. July 2021



Message from Mrs Mastrocola:

As we edge closer to the end of the school year and the start of the summer holidays, we have been making every last day count at King Athelstan this week. Our Year 6 children enjoyed themselves on our first school trip since the pandemic to Thames Young Mariners last Friday. Take a look at the great photos here and on Twitter @KingAthSchool. We also held prize giving on Thursday and listened to some brave Year 5 children give speeches for the new position of Co-Chair of our new Junior Leadership Team - more information to come in September! Well done to all involved - you are all King Athelstan stars!

It was great to read over 460 reports this year and to see each child's progress and achievements. We want to avoid children having summer reading loss - remember to enrol your child in the Summer Reading challenge at one of Kingston's libraries. It is so important to exercise reading skills daily! <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

We have also been saying a lot of farewells! Sadly, to our wonderful children in Year 6 - Our Class of 2021. A new learning journey lies just around the corner as they start secondary school. We will miss every single one of them! Hold on to those butterfly dreams and keep aiming high. We wish them well and hope that they will come back and tell us about their future successes. I know for a number of families it is also the 'end of an era' attending King Athelstan. We wish you all success and happiness and please do stay in touch - remember you are always part of the King Athelstan family! We are sadly saying goodbye to Ms Bywater, one of our School Business Managers, who is moving to a new position at a school in central London and Mrs Umemoto, a TA, who is planning to devote more time to her family as well as gaining further qualifications. Ms Clarke is leaving Breakfast club, but we will see her face around school as a tutor for a while in September. We wish them all well in their new jobs and adventures and thank them for all their hard work at King Athelstan.

I am incredibly proud of our children and community. Our staff team at King Athelstan is central to ensuring our children's continued successes - their energy, skills and stamina in doing their very best for the children each and every day is wonderful. We are so lucky to have such a hardworking and enthusiastic team - please let them know how valued they are and look after them! Thanks also to our volunteers who add so much to the King Athelstan community - be it our parent/carer helpers on trips, members of the PCSA or, of course, our governors. Volunteering lies at the heart of what makes our school so enriching for our children - well done to all involved.

Finally, please remember that we return to school on **Thursday 2nd September**. Nursery and Reception children have their own individual start dates as notified to you. A huge thank you for all your support for your child and our school this academic year. I hope you find time this summer to rest, relax and have fun with your family and friends. Best wishes.

Key Dates

Thur 2 Sep	Y1-6 return to school
Thur 9 Sep	Y6 Meet the Teacher
Mon 13 Sep	Y5 Meet the Teacher
Tue 14 Sep	Y4 Meet the Teacher
Thur 16 Sep	Y3 Meet the Teacher
Mon 20 Sep	Y2 Meet the Teacher
Tue 21 Sep	Y1 Meet the Teacher
25-29 Oct	Half-term holiday
Mon 1 Nov	INSET Day
Week of 15 Nov	Parent/Carer Consultations via SchoolCloud
Week of 22 Nov	Parent/Carer Consultations (SEND) via SchoolCloud
Fri 17 Dec	Break up for Christmas

New Miss Newton

Miss Newton gave birth to the new Miss Newton, Elise Martha Kate on 4th June. Elise weighed 8lb 9oz and is doing really well. Miss Newton loves being a mum, but misses all the children at King Athelstan, too!

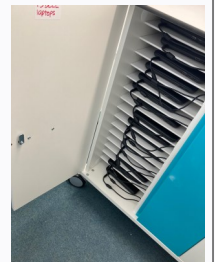


Recent Donations

We would like to say a big thank you to the Ernest Cook Trust, who donated £2000 to the school, allowing us to purchase new laptop trolleys. These enable storage and charging of our new DfE laptops so they are ready for use in class, or can be loaned out to isolating pupils who would not otherwise have access to technology.

As well as donating a dictionary to every child in Year 6, the Kingston Rotary Club has kindly given us £457 which they would normally spend to take Year 6 for the Rotary Kids Out day to Chessington. The money will be used towards our outdoor learning environment.

We have also been given £2,000 by Countryside Covid-19 Community Funding, supporting the Cambridge Road Estate regeneration project, which we will spend on Chrome books to support children's learning. Thank you so much to all.



Amazon Wish List

The school Wish List is found here: <http://amzn.eu/iVtYjlt>



We regularly update the list with a variety of items which we find useful across the school. If you do make a purchase, please add a note so we know who it is from and can thank you properly. Thank you so much, we really appreciate this.

Contact

The school office remains closed to parents/carers. All visitors must be booked in advance.

General enquiries/prospective parents/carers who want to book an online tour: admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org

To notify of a change of arrangements for a child: messages@kingathelstan.rbksch.org. Please email wherever possible, and try to let us know of same-day changes, such as pick-up arrangements, **before lunchtime** to ensure we can pass messages to the correct staff. The telephone number in case of emergency is: 020 8546 8210.

Outdoor Learning Environment

As you know, over the Easter break we created a new growing area for King Athelstan. We have now had an official opening of the Allotment, with a ribbon 'cut' by Beyza, the oldest girl in Y6, and Leo, the youngest boy in Reception! They did an amazing job, along with Da Vinci Class who came along to support. Mrs Mastrocola said thank you to Mrs Williamson and her team of helpers who made it all happen. Each year group has their own bed to plant, and there are some general areas. Now we can look forward to some fantastic flowers and produce from the beds.

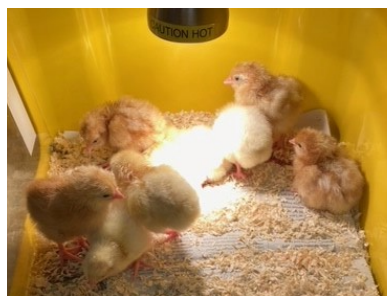


We would like to say a huge thank you to the volunteers of the Hogsmill Community Garden, off Vineyard Close, who donated lots of plants and continue to support our school. They are currently also fundraising for a project in connection to the University, which you can find out more about here: https://www.givey.com/hogsmillgarden_shelter_den



King Athelstan Chicks

In June, Reception classes helped look after 10 eggs, and learned all about how the eggs hatch into chicks. Here are the before and after photos! Only one egg failed to hatch. The children named the chicks Thunderbolt, Poppy, Sparkle, Fluffy, Goldie, Rosie, Millie, Rainbow and Square.



EYFS Beach Day

Nursery and Reception children had plenty of fun in the sun on our annual EYFS Beach Day! There was lots of paddling, bubbles and games galore...



Summer Reading Challenge

Get ready for Wild World Heroes, this years [Summer Reading Challenge](#) for children, both online and in your local public library this summer. This six-book reading challenge focuses on making a positive difference to the local environment. Teaming up with WWF, there are plenty of interactive activities for children this summer, both physical as well as digital. The challenge launched across the country on 10 July and is open to all children aged 4-12. It is an ideal way to help boost children's reading levels over the summer and to reconnect with their library. Check here for your local library, which may still have reduced opening hours:



www.kingston.gov.uk/library

Quality Mark

King Athelstan has recently received the Quality Mark Award yet again. This national accreditation is awarded to schools which meet the Quality Mark Standard. The Quality Mark promotes, supports and celebrates progress and improvements made by a school in English and mathematics. Without these 'basic skills' of communication, children are disadvantaged throughout their lives - as learners, in the workplace and as parents, consumers and citizens. To achieve a Quality Mark, schools undergo an assessment against 'Elements' which cover key aspects of the school's improvement agenda, including identifying and analyzing the school's needs; good strategic planning; target setting for improvement; intervention and support for pupils under-achieving or under-attaining; provision of quality in both teaching and in resources; staff development; and active engagement with families. Effective monitoring and evaluation are also required and we are very proud to have met the standards once again.



Mr McLaughlin's Marathon

Mr McLaughlin, our fantastic PE teacher, is running the London Marathon on 3rd October, to raise money for our PCSA and the Big Outdoors Project. More information to follow, but the fundraising page is: <https://www.givey.com/mrmclaughlinsmarathon>



All the children will be helping Mr McLaughlin to train for such an important event...



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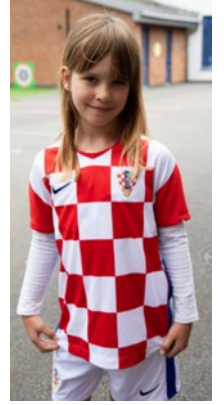
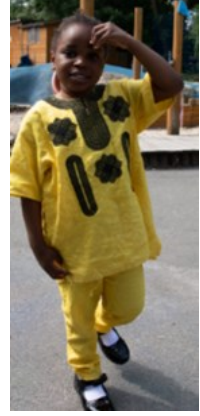
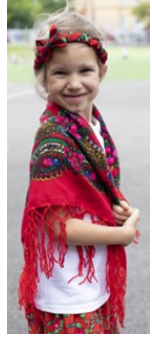
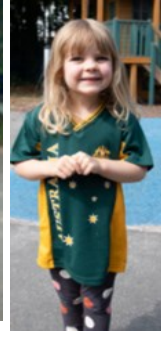
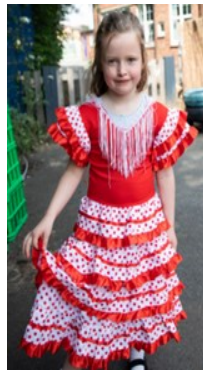
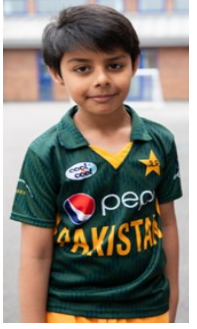
EYFS Poster Winner:
Nadia, Kusama



KS1 Poster Winner:
Adam in Hockney



KS2 Poster Winner:
Mariam in Mehretu



Sports Days 2021

Well done to all children who participated in Sports Day this year. It was great to see them show off their athleticism across the three days. The atmosphere was fantastic and the children cheered and supported their teams really well. Thank you to all of the staff for their support in making these such special days for the children. A special mention to all parents/carers for sending the children into school in their house colours. They all looked great and it added to the team spirit. Congratulations to the green team who won Sports Day this year, and thank you to Mr McLaughlin for all the brilliant organisation!

Winners; Green House Captains Maisie & Arya receiving the shield



Place	Team	Points
1 st	Green	605
2 nd	Red	585
3 rd	Yellow	583
4 th	Blue	574



Thames Young Mariners - Outdoor Adventurous Day - Friday 16th July 2021

The Y6 children recently spent the day at Thames Young Mariners in Richmond. They participated in a variety of activities including: raft building, woodland skills and team tasks. Every child demonstrated a positive attitude towards the activities and challenges they were set. Throughout the day it was evident that they had developed their confidence, self-esteem and team-work skills, and they all had a great time! Well done to all of Y6. They were a real credit to themselves and to the school.

