



We hope you are all enjoying the second half of this term. As the weather is becoming ever more wintry, please ensure your child wears a coat every day, with hat, scarf and gloves all clearly named. A number of children are wearing long-sleeved tops under their school uniform polo shirt. Please ensure children ONLY wear short-sleeved vests that are not visible under their polo shirts along with their normal school sweatshirt. Please note ONLY the sweatshirts/cardigans with the school logo from PMG Schoolwear are permitted and no other purple sweatshirts or cardigans. Plans are well underway for the KS1 Christmas Productions and Nursery singing events, and the Christmas fair is on Friday 29th November after school. We look forward to seeing you there.

Dates for the Diary

Swimming will start for Y5 and Y6 in the week beginning 13th January 2020. Letters will be sent out soon.

Thur 21	Governor Visit Day
Thur 21	Parent/Carer Forum 9am
Fri 22	Cake sale - Wiley Y4
Fri 22	PCSA Crazy Hair/Hat Day for unwanted gifts
Tue 26	Art Club trip to Stanley Picker Gallery
Fri 29	PCSA Full mufti for bottles
Fri 29	PCSA Christmas Fair after school
Wed 4 Dec	Y5 & Y6 ice skating
Thur 5	Y4 to British Museum
Thur 5	Y2 Christmas Journey trip
Fri 6	Kahlo Y6 Class Assembly
Fri 6	Cake sale - Mehretu Y4
Wed 11	Reception Christmas walk into Kingston
Wed 11	Mehretu Y4 to Kingston Synagogue
Thur 12	Wiley Y4 to Kingston Synagogue
Fri 13	Nursery Christmas Singing
Mon 16	Y2 Christmas Production 2pm
Tue 17	Thinker's Project 3.30-4.30pm & 6-7pm
Wed 18	Y1 Christmas Production 2pm
Thur 19	Reception Christmas Production 2pm
Fri 20	Christmas Lunch & Christmas jumper/t-shirt/accessory (optional)
Fri 20	School ends at 2.30pm
23 Dec— 3 Jan	Christmas holidays
Mon 6 Jan	INSET Day
Tue 7	Children return to school
Thur 30	Y1 trip to the Natural History Museum
Fri 31	Warhol Y5 Class Assembly

PCSA News

The PCSA have been busy planning the Christmas fair which takes place on Friday 29th November from 3.20pm. Please collect your children as usual and take them to the fair in the main hall. It is always an amazing event with lots of exciting things to see, do, eat and buy. There will also be the secret room, where children can buy and wrap a small gift for parents/carers in secret! Thank you to all for contributing bottles, chocolates, and unwanted gifts to help the fair along.



School Donations

We recently set up a Wish List on Amazon with various items for any parents or carers who wish to make a donation. There is no obligation to purchase anything. To find our list, click on: <http://amzn.eu/iVtYjlt> The response has been so positive. Thank you to all those who have purchased items for us, ranging from first aid heat packs to new footballs! Alongside this, the PCSA have set up a Giving Machine account whereby if you nominate King Athelstan as your cause, the PCSA receive a percentage of your total spend online from stores such as Amazon or Argos, and it won't cost you anything. Go to <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/> and sign up or log in and support King Athelstan PCSA. Thank you in advance for all fundraising.

MUGA update

The MUGA is now complete and we have had a special assembly and official opening to ensure everyone understands the rules around its use. It is a fantastic addition to the school. We will invite parents/carers in to see it in the next few weeks.

Parent/Carer Consultations

Thank you to all for making the recent parent/carers consultation evenings such a success. We hope you enjoyed seeing the children's work and speaking to the teachers. If you haven't had a meeting yet, please contact your child's teacher as it is an important meeting and we expect everyone to attend.

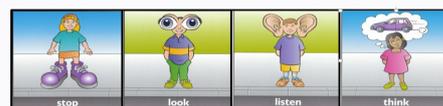
Community Tidy Up

Parents/Carers and local residents recently held a big community tidy up around Mill Street, Fairfield, King Athelstan Park and streets in-between. With help from a charity called Plog-olution 28 bags of rubbish (92 plastic, 19 glass, 135 cans) were collected and 47 pizzas were made at the Hogsmill garden to keep everyone fed! Next time, they hope to clear the river, too. What a fantastic effort from the local community to make our environment a better place. Let's hope the area stays rubbish-free for as long as possible. The team plan to run community clean up events like this every three months to keep our neighbourhood clean and it would be great if we can get the school and more families involved. Watch this space...



Road Safety Week

The children in Y1-6 have had **Green Cross Code** a special assembly on road safety. Ask them about these pictures and the Green Cross Code:



Toys from home

Please remember that children should not bring any toys, games from home into school. This can cause problems with items being misplaced or damaged. Trading Pokemon cards are permitted on Fridays **ONLY**. Thank you for your cooperation.

World Mental Health Day

This was again a great success, starting with our wonderful 'Wake Up, Shake Up' session by Year 6—well done all! A big thank you to the Co-Op on Lower Marsh Lane who donated the fruit, juice and biscuits. We managed to raise over £200 with our Follow your Rainbow theme for Kingston WelCare, a charity focussed on making families stronger. Thank you to all who donated to this worthy charity.



Y6 have decided to run another Wake Up Shake Up session on Monday 2nd December from 8.30am—come along and join in their early-morning session for a great start to the day!

A special thank you to the Park family and friends for raising an extra £100 for WelCare by holding a family-friendly 2k run.



URGENT Health & Safety

Please NEVER use the staff car park as access to the school or to YMCA. This is incredibly dangerous. The **ONLY** entrance/exit to the school is the pedestrian entrance. Access to YMCA is via the pedestrian gate and then in the marked walkway at the side of the car park. We will be talking to children about this in assembly so please support them in keeping the school rules. Thank you.



Congratulations!

Well done to Amelie R and Theo in Year 6 who have been appointed as Head Girl and Head Boy for this year. They underwent a tough application process and a formal interview with some strong competition to get the roles. All of the children interviewed had worked hard to put forward their ideas.



Well done also to our new prefects who are : Julia, Lorcan, David, Sophie, Elena, Swasti, Joseph, Zakir, Diya, Chloe C, Isabella, Ines, Zakaria, Alex, Grace, Ugo, Amelie J, Jessica, Charlotte, Klaudija, Isobel, Umnya, Thalia, Mia, Monty and Alfie L. They will be carrying out important jobs within the school and are all role models for the younger children.

House Captains have also been elected as follows:

- Red House Dawson** : Ayah and Morgan
- Blue House Hawks** : Scarlett and Adam H
- Yellow House Cambridge** : Caoimhe and Sami
- Green House Villers** : Lam and Ollie

We wish them all good luck in their new roles.

Trips & Events

It has been a busy term with lots of trips for the school. Y6 have been to the Magistrate's Court to find out all about the justice system, and even sat in the dock!

Y2 investigated the 'Out of Order' toppling phone boxes in Kingston as part of their design technology studies.



Y5 went to the Science Museum to examine all types of forces, springs, gravity and friction amongst others.



Pumpkin

We were very lucky to be given a huge pumpkin by local resident, Barry Wood, again this year. Nurture, Year 5, Reception classes and Nursery all took advantage of having it

at Halloween. Here Nursery are planning ways of trying to move the pumpkin out of their giant spider web, as it was very heavy and nearly as big as them!

School Council

The whole school got involved with the School Council Polling Station and election process. This year's elected School Council members are:



- Year 1 : Eabha and Gracie-Mae
- Year 2 : Hugh and Aletheia
- Year 3 : Lillie-Mae and Betty
- Year 4 : Aniyah and Isabella
- Year 5 : Ano and Teagan
- Year 6 : Zakaria and Ben

They have already carried out their first task—helping the PCSA to update the Totaliser to show £48,610 raised! Well done to all. The School Council will have an exciting trip to visit the Houses of Parliament in Westminster in March.



Swimming

The swimming pool at Kingfisher Leisure Centre will be closed from 25th November until the 2nd January 2020. Unfortunately, this means that Y3 and Y4 will miss 3 weeks of swimming, but this is unavoidable. Y5 and Y6 will start their swimming lessons in January for the Spring Term—letters will be sent out soon with details. We ask for a voluntary contribution of £30 per child to support swimming, and are very grateful for these payments which enable us to send all children in KS1 and KS2 swimming every year. Thank you.

