



King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter 15

Thursday 4th July 2013

It has been such a positive year for King Athelstan - we have continued to grow the school. The word is certainly out that we are a great school to attend - we are full in EYFS with a waiting list! Exciting times are ahead of us. There will be building works over the summer to get us ready for the extra class. With only three weeks left of term it is hard to believe that we have so much left to do! Sports Day, Year 6 performances, school trips and of course the children's **Annual Reports** which go out on **next week**. Please look out for them in your children's bags. Thank you for everything you have done to support the school in going from strength to strength. Our future is bright!

Summer Term Dates

Friday 5 th July	Sports Day
Monday 8 th July	Country Dancing Festival (Y3)
Tuesday 9 th July	PGL Assembly
Thursday 11 th July	Y4 Class Assembly -9am Themed Lunch - Teddy Bears' Picnic
Friday 12th July	INSET day - school closed
Monday 15 th July	Yr 4 Drumming assembly - 9am
Tuesday 16 th July	Y2 Infant Music Festival (pm)
Thursday 18 th July	Y6 Production (evening) - 7pm
Friday 19 th July	Y6 Production (pm) - 1.30pm
Friday 19 th July	Y6 Sleep-Up
Wednesday 24 th July	9am Prize Giving Assembly 1pm Leavers' Assembly
Wednesday 24th July	End of term 2.30pm



Early Years Foundation Stage News Updates:

Transition reminders: The Stay and Plays have been well attended. Please take advantage of the remaining session so that you can support your child's smooth transition into Nursery / Reception. Our final session is Wednesday 11th July at 1.15pm.

EYFS Beach Day - Thursday 11 July: Please see your child's teacher if you would like to come along on the day (There is a sign-up sheet in class). Children must bring a swimming costume and towel and it is a 'beach wear' MUFTI day for all EYFS children that day.

We Need Your Help!

We are very short of spare boys' pants and girls' knickers and socks. Please return any school clothing your child may have brought home if they've had an accident. Any donations (good condition) that your child has grown out of would be gratefully received! Thank you.

Story Teller Visits EYFS

Thank you to John Cannon for coming in to do storytelling sessions with Nursery and Reception classes - the children really enjoyed the sessions and were able to demonstrate their 'good listening' skills.



Kingston Heritage Project

Da Vinci class took part in the Kingston Market Place Heritage Project with St John's and St Joseph's Primary schools. The project started at All Saint's Church where the children experienced a town crier re-enactment, an art workshop drawing and drama workshops. They had a fantastic time learning about the history of Kingston. During the week, the King Athelstan children recorded the world premiere of 'The Salmon, The Coin and The King's Stone,' written especially for our school by playwright, Peter Shaw. In addition, a group of children went to Hugh Herland Residential Home to interview local elderly people about their memories of the market place. It was a full and enlightening week for the children. They created a media site on the Makewaves website. Please visit the site and leave us a comment! www.makewaves.es/kmphp

Reminder - Class Assemblies

We are delighted to be able to finish the year with two class assemblies and a special PGL assembly to share some of the great things that the children have been getting up to this year. All these assemblies will take place at **9am** to enable as many of you to join us as possible.

Tuesday 9th July - PGL Assembly - sharing photos, videos and memories

Thursday 11th July - Y4 Class Assembly

Monday 15th July - Y4 Drumming Assembly

Next year every class will be doing a Class Assembly. We plan to give you the list of dates early in the autumn term to enable you to make arrangements to join us. These events are really important for the children. The more of you that can join us the better!!

Governor Update

Not an Ordinary Day

Budding entrepreneurs demonstrating skills they didn't know they had and the confidence we would all like! The Year 6 children from King Athelstan, St. John's and St. Joseph's had a brilliant day running their own businesses on June 20th. In mixed school teams they made, marketed and sold bookmarks, bought raw materials and ran bank accounts. They had the financial help and expertise of the Kingston Rotary Club and the support and guidance of governors, parents and teachers from all the schools. It was a very strong, local schools, community event where the SATRO co-ordinators engaged and involved all the children. The children had created businesses, bookmarks and profits in the morning. In the afternoon they stood up and told us about how they did it and what they learned. They also nominated their 'employee of the day'. Certificates were awarded for the highest profit, best presentation and best employees but all the children are winners in such an exciting event.

John Cannon

PE/Sports Update

Friday 5th July - Sports Day - a letter has gone out!

EYFS - 9:30-10:30 - Morning Nursery and Reception

KS1 - 10:30-11:30

KS2 - 11:30-12:30

Picnic Lunch - 12:30-13:30

EYFS - 13:45-14:15 - Afternoon Nursery



Monday 8th July - Year 3 - Country Dancing at Kingsmeadow

A letter has gone home recently inviting families to join their children at this wonderful event. It is a great afternoon and one that promises to be a lot of fun!

IMPORTANT - Water Bottle Request:

Please can you make sure that all your children bring a **clearly named, refillable water bottle** to all sports events, including sports day, so that we can reduce the number of disposable cups being used. We are an Eco School and are really keen to reduce our waste at all of these events. Thank you in anticipation of your support!

Mr Mc Laughlin



PCSA Summer Fair



It is always so wonderful to see our community come together for our summer fair. It really demonstrates what a fantastic team of parents and carers we have. They work tirelessly bringing this event together - no small task!! The atmosphere on Saturday was terrific - how blessed were we with the weather?! Thank you to all the staff that came along to help out, getting into the carnival mood. The event raised a staggering **£3500+** - the final figure will be confirmed by the end of term. Thank you to everyone who supported this event and made it such a triumph. All funds raised will go towards the school ICT project. What a fantastic end to the school year!

We wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone on the PCSA for their continued support throughout the year. Their team does so much to pull the school community together, welcoming all our new families and providing refreshments at so many school events. Amazing.

If you are not already involved in the PCSA, and have a little extra time, please contact Sandra or Vicki to let them know how you can help: kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com



Wimbledon - What a privilege!



Sandra Blenkinsop, the Schools' Games Organiser for Kingston, was asked by the Lawn Tennis Association Education Department to nominate a school that she felt was making, or has the potential to make, a significant contribution to the development of tennis. She nominated King Athelstan!

As a result of this nomination I am delighted to announce that we were successful in securing 7 tickets for children to go to the Wimbledon Tennis last week.

The school made the decision to select children who were current members of the School's Tennis Club. The members' names were put into a hat and the children were randomly selected for tickets. The lucky children were able to watch three matches at the all England Club on Court 2. They were able to watch some fantastic players including Tomas Berdych, who reached the final at Wimbledon in 2010. As well as watching some quality games of tennis, the children were given the opportunity to play tennis themselves in an indoor facility. A great day was had by all! What a wonderful opportunity - who knows we may have inspired the next Andy Murray!! Watch this space!

Mr Mc Laughlin

Newsletter prize draw - Congratulations to Josie in Year 4! Your grandmother read the letter and you got the prize!!

Thank you to all the families who returned their newsletter 'Read Response' slips. We had responses from 22 families, approximately 10% of our school population. Not bad but I think we could do even better. The children have been primed and have seen the prize! This month's prize is a great 'Headbanz' game that will keep you busy during the school holidays - it can be enjoyed by the whole family and is guaranteed to get you laughing! To be in with a chance of winning, complete and tear off the slip below. Drop it off at the school office and your family will be entered into a draw. If you read the letter online, just email the school office and they will enter you into the draw. Thank you for your support!

YES! Someone in the _____ family (insert your name) has read the newsletter this month and would like to be entered into the **prize draw** to win a family game. The draw will take place on **Friday 19th July during Achievement Assembly**. Please return this slip to the school office before the 19th July 2013. Many thanks and good luck!