



King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter 11

Monday 25th March 2013

What a short half term this has been - yet so very busy! Book days, Mother's day celebrations, Red Nose Day, Family Lunches all being finished off by a visit from Image Musical Theatre Company with a production of 'Wind in the Willows'. It has been wonderful to have your support with all these events. The children have loved having you involved in so many aspects of school life. We hope all the children have a restful Easter and come back full of energy, ready to work hard and learn.

Spring Term Dates

Weds 27 th March	Musical Theatre 'Wind in the Willows' visiting school	
	End of term 2.30pm	
Thursday 28 th March	INSET Day	
Easter Holiday - 29th March - 12th April		
Monday 15 th April	Beginning of term	
Friday 19 th April	EYFS Sponsored Bounce	
Monday 22 nd April	Y2 swimming starts	
Friday 26 th April	Y1 swimming starts	
Thursday 2 nd May	Bags to School collection	
Monday 6 th May	School Closed - Bank Holiday	
Monday 13 th May	Y6 SATs WEEK	
Monday 20 th May	Climbing Wall	
Friday 24 th May	Circus Skills Day	
Monday 3 rd June	End of term 3.15pm Back to school	

Red Nose Day - A Side Splitting Success!

On Wednesday 13th March over 80 children auditioned for our Red Nose talent show. We enjoyed an amazing range of talents - playing instruments, acting, singing, dancing, magic tricks and telling jokes. On Friday we watched some of the most entertaining acts and staff showed off some of their dancing skills - much to the delight of all the children! Thank you for buying our King Athelstan Red Nose Joke book - it went down a treat. We hope you enjoyed reading it as much as we enjoyed putting it all together. Everyone looked brilliant in their 'backwards' clothes - thanks for making such a big effort. The PCSA tea party looked amazing - the hall was full! All of the cakes were very inventive and looked delicious. Check out the PCSA website to find out who the competition winners were. We obviously have a lot of talented chefs at King Athelstan! We raised a total of **£525.85**, £250 of this will be donated to the Landirani Trust to support the education of orphans in Malawi. Thank you for your support. A huge thank you should go to Clare Williams for leading the organisation of the day.



Yummy Lunches

We are delighted that our school caterers, Caterlink, offered taster sessions at the recent Parent/Carer Forum. This resulted in more than 40 families joining us for the 'Family Lunches' this week. It was wonderful to see the children proudly guiding their parents and carers through the lunch hall arrangements and enjoying a meal together. Many parents and carers commented on the quality of the meals and noted that things had improved since their days at school! A huge thank you to all our lunch staff for making every family so welcome. The caterers are planning some themed meals - look out for information after Easter.

Early Years Foundation Stage News Updates:

Please support the Nursery and Reception children raise money doing their Sponsored Bounce in the hall. They are hoping to raise money for new bikes and scooters - the 'bounce' takes place in the hall on Friday 19th April.



Thank you to all mums, grans and carers for your fantastic support during our Mother's Day celebrations. Mums and carers from Lowry class were served a drink of milk or water and given a daffodil, card and 'superstar' shortbread biscuit by their children. We then entertained them with a poem, songs and a story. Cezanne and Rousseau entertained their mums and carers with a rendition of 'My Girl' and had a tea party. The staff pulled out all the stops and their rooms looked amazing! Mums and carers enjoyed cucumber sandwiches, cakes, biscuits and juice.

World Book Day - Thank you to parents/carers for the fabulous costumes - everyone looked great!



Governor Update - Help Us To Stamp Out The Midges!

Do you feel pestered by midges when waiting near or on the school grounds? If you want to help with this problem - read on! My colleague governor, Damon Hart-Davis and I have established what we think is good evidence that this problem probably could, and probably should, be addressed by Thames Water. However it is difficult to persuade a large company like that to take action. In order to do so we, and others, are investigating all the sites we can find along the Hogsmill River where the little pests are a nuisance. We are sending our evidence, and requests for action, to the people at Thames Water. You can do two things to help -

- If you know anywhere else locally where this nuisance exists, please let me know via the school or at david.ryder-mills@councillors.kingston.gov.uk. We already know of some, but won't be offended to be told again.
- Please don't laugh too loudly (or be too alarmed) if you see grown men charging around the playground, or elsewhere, with nets and jam jars - we are collecting evidence! *Dave Ryder-Mills, Lib Dem Cllr for Norbiton*

Staffing Updates

After sixteen years of amazing work with the children at King Athelstan Elaine Cousins, our NNEB who works in Nursery and the children's centre, will be leaving us to go and work at Surbiton Hill nursery. We would like to thank her for all that she has done to support the school. She will be greatly missed.

TA Update: Miss Davison is now supporting Monet Class am and both Monet and Picasso classes pm, Mrs Duncan is working in Picasso for our am sessions and Miss Curtis is our supply TA for Dali class.

Sports Update - March 2013

Forthcoming Events

Starting week commencing 22nd April - there will be swimming for Years 1 & 2 - more information to follow.

Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th June- Gugafit - Get Up Get Active (Healthy Schools) - Parents/Carers welcome to attend - information to follow.

Monday 20th May - Climbing Wall Sponsored event for KS1 & KS2

Sports Competitions

Wednesday 13th February

A mix of ten Year 5 and 6 children played in the Borough rugby finals at Southborough playing fields. They played well against some fierce competition. Well done to all of the children who represented our school.

Tuesday 12th March

We are delighted and extremely fortunate to have a number of external sporting providers working with our school. 14 children from the hockey club attended the 'Quicksticks' tournament hosted at Surbiton Hockey Club. Despite the cold conditions children persevered and played some fantastic hockey. Well done to Lucy Taylor in Gainsborough for winning the club's 'outstanding contribution' award.

As well as working with our after school club Surbiton Hockey Club have also worked with Gainsborough this term on refining their skills and perfecting their game play. We have also managed to secure some funding for next term and will be targeting Year 4 from Tuesday 23rd April.



Health Awareness - Hand, Foot and Mouth

Please be aware that we have had a couple of children come down with Hand, Foot and Mouth. For symptoms and advice please visit www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk



PCSA Circus Skills Day - Friday 24th May

We are very excited about the forthcoming circus skills day that the PCSA have kindly organised for the children. Everyone will get the chance to work with a professional and try out some circus skills - plate spinning, stilt walking, juggling and even uni-cycling. We will be asking the children to make a donation of £1 to contribute to with the cost of the event and come to school in mufti with a circus theme. It promises to be a great day! Look out for more information after Easter.



Lost Property Collection

Throughout next week lost property will be available for collection on the Infant Playground after school. All unclaimed items will be given to charity at the end of term.

Do you have a little extra time?

Thank you to all the parents who have helped us across the school this term from Nursery to Y6. We still need more helpers in Lowry Class (PM), Cezanne and Rousseau classes. Please see one of the EYFS team if you can spare an hour to come in and support the children with an activity. Mrs Neafcey would also like to thank the parents who have volunteered to help with the preparation of displays around the school. She is still looking for a couple more volunteers to join her team. Guidance and training will be given. Interested? Please leave your name at the school office.



Delivery of packed lunches to the office

Please ensure your child arrives at school with their packed lunch at the start of the day. There are currently a large number of lunch boxes being dropped off throughout the morning - this is causing significant disruption for our school office staff and causes distress for children.