



King Athelstan Primary School Newsletter Four



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2020, and it is already half-term. There are plenty of things to do around Kingston in half-term, including the Reading Challenge which the children brought home from school. Kingston and Surbiton libraries are free and are open every day except Sunday and Wednesday. There is also the Thumbs Up It's Thursday fun family craft session at Kingston Museum on Thursday 20th February. We hope you will all enjoy a relaxing break whatever you do.

Dates for the Diary

February	
17-21	Half-term
Thur 27	Y6 trip to Kew Gardens
Fri 28	Class Assembly—Y3 Da Vinci
Fri 28	Cake Sale—Matisse Y2
March	
Mon 2	Wake Up, Shake Up 8.30am
Mon 2	Parent/Carer Consultations (not Da Vinci Y3) Parent/Carer Consultations Da Vinci & Klee only
Tue 3	
Wed 4	Parent/Carer Consultations
Thur 5	World Book Day : 'Bedtime Stories'
Fri 6	Nurture (Y1&Y2) trip to the Library
Tue 10	School Council to Houses of Parliament
Tue 10	Y3-6 Gymnastics Competition
Thur 12	Wake Up, Shake Up for Sport Relief 8.30am
Thur 12	Sport Relief Day
Fri 13	Class Assembly—Y6 Riley
Fri 13	Cake Sale—Van Gogh Y1
Wed 18	Y5 trip to the British Museum
Wed 18	Nurture (Y1&Y2) to Hogsmill Garden
Fri 20	Mothers' Day Celebrations
Sat 21	Parents/Carers v Staff Football Match
Thur 26	Parent/Carer Forum 2pm
Fri 27	Reception trip to the Wetland Centre
Fri 27	Class Assembly—Y5 Dali
Fri 27	Cake Sale—O'Keeffe Y1
Tue 31	Thinker's Project Exhibition 3.30-4.30pm and again 6-7pm
April	
Thur 2	PCSA Easter Fair
Fri 3	Class Assembly—Y4 Wiley
Fri 3	Break up for Easter at 2.30pm

Rose Theatre Book Swap

The London Children's Book Swap is a free event that takes place at arts and cultural venues across the city. To coincide with the weekend of World Book Day, this year's Book Swap will be on **Sat 7th March** from 10am in the Rose Theatre Café to give everyone the chance to celebrate all things literary. Bring a book, grab a book and replenish your library!

Assembly

Ask your child about assembly to find out what they have learned. Recently, there was an assembly all about Haring, our specialist recourse provision (SRP). We have also had assembly on 'invisible differences' such as autism. We have a weekly assembly on current events and achievement assembly every Thursday.

Y6 PGL Trip

The next instalment of £50 is due by Friday **28th February**. The final instalment for payment is due on Friday **27th March**. All payments must be made on **ParentPay**. The trip takes place from 3-6 July 2020 at Liddington.



School Donations

Please remember we have 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> Thanks to those who have already purchased items for us, ranging from first aid heat packs to new footballs! Alongside this, the PCSA have a Giving Machine account— 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. The Book People also run a scheme where King Athelstan School can benefit if you buy books from them. Thank you in advance for all fundraising.



Kayleigh & baby Olivia

Congratulations to Klee Nursery teacher Kayleigh Lee who gave birth to Olivia on 15th January. We send Kayleigh, Joe and big sister Isabella all good wishes. Olivia has already been in to visit Early Years!



Parent/Carer Consultations

These will be taking place on Monday 2nd and Wednesday 4th March (Da Vinci Class ONLY will be on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th March). Klee (Nursery) will be on Tuesday afternoon as well. The booking system is live from Friday 14th February at 7.30am.

Wake Up Shake Up!

Well done to the Year 6 team of children for running the Wake Up, Shake Up sessions on the first Monday of every month. This was their idea and they arrange the music and all the moves themselves. Come along and try it—children and adults alike can benefit. The next session will be on Monday 2nd March and then Monday 4th May (due to the Easter break).

Swimming at Kingfisher Leisure Centre

As part of essential maintenance, Kingston Council has been carrying out works to the roof at Kingfisher Leisure Centre. During the repair works significant further issues came to light. The council will not be in a position to confirm the likely reopening of the centre until **April 2020** at the earliest. Unfortunately, this means that Years 5 and 6 will not be swimming at all this term. Years 1 and 2 are due to start swimming after Easter, but this will depend if the centre is re-opened. We will let you know nearer the time.

Sports News

Well done to the Y5-6 Netball team who are through to the High 5 Playoffs in March! Mr McLaughlin is busy planning the upcoming Y3-6 Gymnastics borough tournament. Trials are always held to decide on teams for sporting events, and practice sessions arranged. Next term there will be Kwik Cricket, tennis, relays and football competitions. Good luck to all our teams!



Playground Works

Mrs Williamson has been working hard with our external Project Manager on the next phase of development. We have now received quotes for the KS1 and KS2 development from five companies and these are currently being evaluated. We hope to be able to progress with the next phase very soon and will share information and designs with you as soon as we are able.

ParentPay

As you know, the school uses ParentPay to collect money for school lunches, trips, and extras like DVDs. It is also used to gather volunteers and consent for trips, even if there is no payment due. Just a reminder that you can pay any amount of the total due, so small amounts can be paid towards a cost if you do not want to pay the whole amount at once. We do ask for full payment to be received by a given date as we need to use this money to pay for tickets and coaches. Please speak to the office if you have any problems with ParentPay. Please note, if you have volunteered, we will always confirm helpers on trips by phone or email.



Mobile Phone Recycling

Eco Warriors have contacted the council's Kingston Mobile Mop Up campaign, where we can help raise money for charity while doing our bit to help the environment - all by just re-cycling old mobile phones. We have requested a collection box and any old phones can be put into it from Monday 24th February until Sunday 8th March. All profits from the campaign will go to the Mayor's Charitable Trust, which helps two amazing local causes - Kingston Centre for Independent Living and Oxygen, a charity for young people's mental health and well-being.



Parking

Please be considerate when parking at drop off and pick up times. There has been some dangerous parking recently on the corner of Dawson Road, which has nearly caused an accident with our children. **This area has double yellow lines which mean it is not permitted to park there at any time.** Please park legally a bit further away and walk into school. We have previously mentioned the issue of leaving engines idling whilst waiting, which is toxic and dangerous. Please turn your engine off. Thank you.



Healthy Snacks

Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to eat at breaktime. However, some are not as healthy as they appear. For example, Kellogg's Fruit Winders Doubles contain 37% sugar, and Fruit Bowl apple and strawberry fruit flakes contain 69% sugar; that's five times the amount of sugar found in fresh fruit, but with far lower levels of vitamins, minerals, water and enzymes that are all important for good health. Please only bring actual pieces of fruit for playtime snacks. Thank you.



Event Photos



Reception classes had a very exciting afternoon when the Fire Service came to visit in their fire engine. They demonstrated how the hose worked, and explained all the safety equipment on board. The children even tried on some helmets!

This is Albus, one of our PAT (Pets as Therapy) dogs, who always enjoys reading with our children. The other PAT dog who visits us is called Georgie. They both love coming to visit us at King Athelstan!



Lots of children had a lovely time having their hot chocolate or squash reward (above) for reaching their 100 reading dots. They relaxed whilst reading their books in the Staff Room with Mr Porter. We will have another reward session for the next children who reach their 100 dots next term.



Mr Barson has set up a great display in Kingston Museum showing a range of artwork related to topic across all year groups. It is in the community case for the month of February, so you can go and see it, maybe during half-term.

Y1 had a great day at the Natural History Museum to investigate their topic "Time Travellers". They really enjoyed it and their behaviour was excellent.



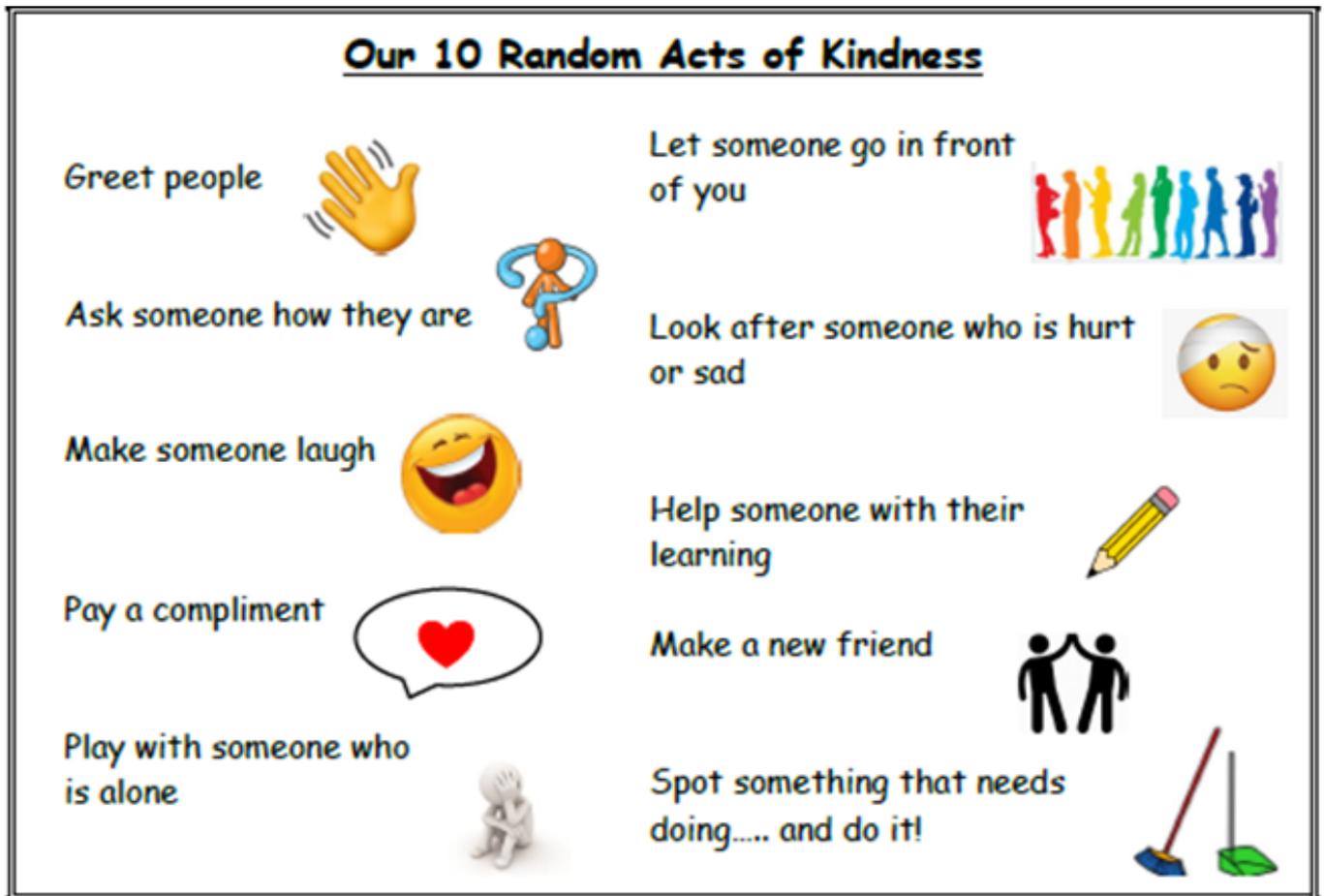
Rotakids recently visited the Teddington Lifeboat Station as RNLI is their chosen charity this year. They had a wonderful time learning about the charity, all

about how the station works, and, of course, they had to get into the vehicles and try on the outfits for themselves! Thank you to John Cannon from the Rotary Club for arranging the trip.



Random Acts of Kindness

At the end of the Autumn term, the School Council evaluated and revised our Random Acts of Kindness. Miss Newton recently launched the new Random Acts of Kindness in assembly:



We use a very useful memory technique to remember them all. The images above are visualised on ten different parts of your body. The images are linked to the acts. This system can be used to learn absolutely anything! We aim to do at least one Random Act of Kindness each day.

This is how we remember them:

1. **On your head:** a yellow waving hand
2. **In your ear:** a blue question mark around an orange person
3. **On your nose:** a laughing face
4. **In your mouth:** a speech bubble with a heart inside
5. **On your shoulder:** a person sitting on their own
6. **Around your waist:** a rainbow queue of people
7. **Between your knees:** a sad face with a bumped head
8. **Under your feet:** a giant pencil
9. **On your left palm:** two stick people doing a high-5
10. **On your right palm:** a mini broom and dustpan



You can help your child remember these by asking:

"What's on your head?"

"What are you standing on?"

"What's around your waist?"