



## Mrs Mastrocola's Weekly Digest Issue 10 - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Families,

This week at King Athelstan we have been taking part in the National Anti-Bullying Week. On Monday we celebrated diversity and uniqueness by all wearing odd socks! During assemblies and in class, we have explored what bullying means and what children can do if they are concerned. Each child has signed up to our new class anti-bullying charters and has been thinking about the national theme of 'One Kind Word'.



The School Council arranged our fundraising effort for BBC Children in Need on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November - we have had some very spotty children in school today, wearing their spots and Pudsey items for Children in Need. £1 donations have been made by each child and

staff member in order to wear their spotty accessories and, at the time of writing, a wonderful £201 had already been raised. Please share any remaining donations via the ParentPay link below. All money paid into here goes directly to the charity:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=5265>

Thank you for your generosity.

Many thanks for your support.

Best wishes,

**Lucy Mastrocola, Acting Headteacher**



### Hockney Class Assembly



Hockney Class (Y2) hosted assembly on Wednesday. They bravely stood up to perform their very first class assembly. The class got together only a week and a half in advance of the show to discuss ideas and through script writing, casting, costume and hours of relentless rehearsal, they were able to put together a performance to be proud of!

### Road Safety Week



It is Road Safety Week next week. The theme is ROAD SAFETY HEROES, celebrating the heroic work of road safety professionals, and explaining how we can all play a part in making journeys safer for everyone. Y5 are taking part in Junior Road Watch and have a special visit from the police who will show them how they deal with speeding drivers in a hands-on way. More information will follow next week.

### School Photographs

Remember that individual school photographs will be taken on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**. If you have more than one child in school and would like them to have a photograph together, please complete this form before 23<sup>rd</sup> November so that we can arrange it:

<https://forms.gle/fhMtH76SeUQiF5eKA>

### King Athelstan wins poll!

Elizabeth I's reign as England's greatest monarch has ended after she was usurped by an Anglo-Saxon king! A poll run by leading historians that sought to find the greatest king or queen of England has delivered a shock winner in the form of Athelstan, the first king to unite the country, who was crowned King of all England in Kingston in the year 924. We are very proud that our school is named after him! [Click here to find out more about King Athelstan.](#)



## Anti-Bullying Week

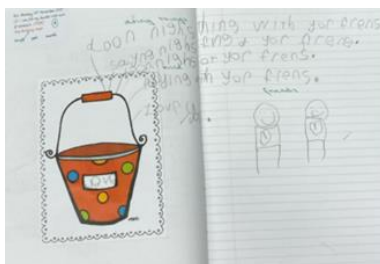
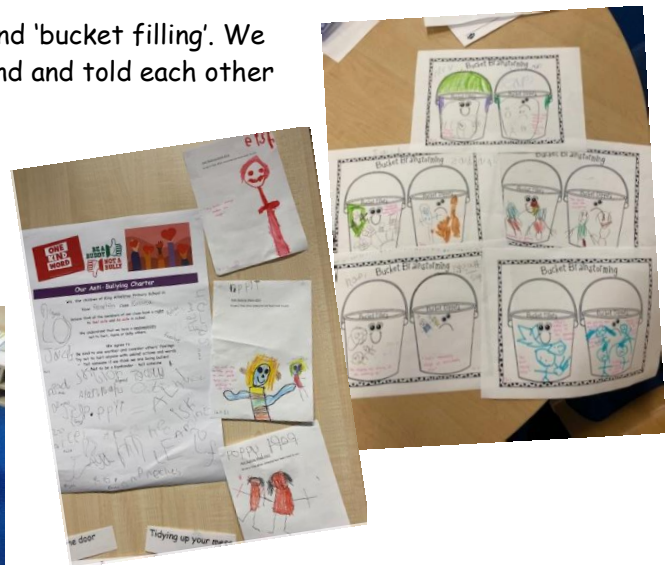
This week, all of the children at King Athelstan have taken part in the annual Anti-Bullying Awareness Week, led by Katrina Lee, Kusama class teacher and PSHE Lead. Throughout the week, the children have taken part in an assembly and PSHE lessons to help them understand bullying further and to support them in reporting bullying in school. At King Athelstan, we think it is important that children, staff and parents understand the features of bullying which include:

- It happening more than once, repeatedly over time
- It is deliberate, hurting someone on purpose - not accidental
- It is unfair; the person(s) who bullies is stronger or more powerful (or there are more of them) and, even if they are enjoying it, the person they are bullying is not.

We believe that having an active approach to preventing bullying and responding quickly and effectively when it occurs will lead to less bullying and happier and safer pupils. We promote an ethos of care throughout the school. Central to this are our school rules and PRIDE values which are regularly revisited with children. Local and national anti-bullying resources are used to reinforce our anti-bullying message.

The theme of anti-bullying week this year was 'One Kind Word'. We focused our learning on the positivity that kind words can bring to the people around us and thought about the ways that we can help make our school an even kinder place. Below are some highlights of our week from each year group.

In Reception, we listened to stories about kindness and 'bucket filling'. We had lots of discussions about what makes a good friend and told each other examples of when we have been kind and when someone has been kind to us. We then created some lovely pictures to show kindness and to represent when someone might fill our emotional buckets and when someone my dip into these buckets.



In Year 1, we printed off some buckets and spent some time making a mind map of kind actions to fill up people's buckets. Once they had completed their own mind maps in books, children drew a picture of themselves being kind to someone else. This afternoon the children are taking part in a bucket



dipping and filling sorting activity. Afterwards we will have a circle time celebrating all of our kind actions from this week.





In Year 2 we have been creating beautiful odd socks to celebrate our diversity and uniqueness. We are going to cut them out and hang them around our class like a washing line to remind us to say kind words to each other.

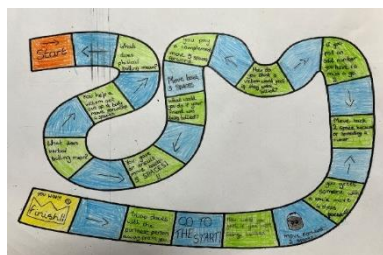


In Year 3, Cassatt Class spoke about Anti-Bullying and signed their class charter to say they were all going to follow to our anti-bullying policy. Da Vinci Class made 3D buckets and created a wonderful 'Bucket Filler' display. The children will use these buckets to add nice messages when a member of their class shows an act of kindness.

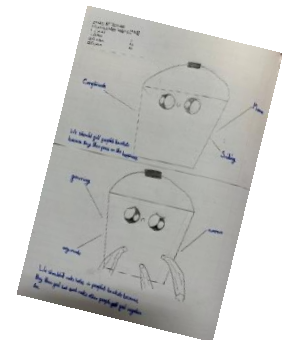


In Year 4, Mehretu Class discussed the power of words. In groups, we filled up a bucket and then sorted some scenarios. After this, we drew our own buckets and listed ways to fill them, as well as ways people may dip into them. We finished by created our own origami buckets and began filling each other's' buckets up.

Wiley class have been thinking about filling up buckets too. We have discussed the impact of words and actions, both kind and unkind. We have also linked this to our writing in English, thinking about how Quasimodo was treated in the novel 'The Hunchback of Notre-Dame'.



In Year 5, we looked at the video all about 1 kind word and what that means in relation to "filling buckets" and "dipping into buckets". We also looked at playing an anti-bullying board game with lots of different scenarios and then created our own one.



In Year 6, the children created their own kindness buckets using origami. After making their kindness buckets, they then reflected on the importance of the bucket and how they will use it to spread kindness.



## House Competition

This week, first place is taken by **Yellow House, Cambridge**, on 30 points. Red and Blue Houses share second place on 24 points, with Green on 18.



**Villers (18)**



**Dawson (24)**



**Cambridge (30)**



**Hawks (24)**

## Dates for the Diary

NOVEMBER 2021		DECEMBER 2021	
Mon 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Road Safety Week</li> <li>Y5 Junior Road Watch</li> <li>SEND Parent/carer online consultations</li> </ul>	Thur 2	School Tour for new families 4pm - request a place on <a href="mailto:admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org">admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org</a>
Tue 23	Individual School Photo Day (& siblings if booked)	Thur 2	Y5 & Y6 ice skating trip
Wed 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Year 4 Wiley Class assembly</li> <li>SEND Parent/carer online consultations</li> </ul>	Fri 3	MUFTI - wear your own clothes in return for donating bottles of wine/juice for the PCSA Christmas Market
Thur 25	School Tour for new families 4pm - request a place on <a href="mailto:admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org">admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org</a>	Sat 4	PCSA Christmas Market 2pm - 4pm
Fri 26	MUFTI- wear funky socks in return for donating in-date chocolates/sweets for PCSA Christmas Market. No nuts please!	Mon 6	Y5 Viking Day
JANUARY 2022		Mon 13	2.30pm - Y2 Hockney Christmas assembly *
Tue 4	School & Nursery closed - INSET day	Tue 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery Christmas Stay &amp; Play * 8.55AM/12.45PM</li> <li>2.30pm - Y1 Van Gogh Christmas assembly*</li> </ul>
Wed 5	School & Nursery closed - INSET day	Wed 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.00am Nelson Class Christmas assembly*</li> <li>2.30pm Kusama Class Christmas assembly*</li> <li>Y4 trip to Rose Theatre</li> </ul>
Thu 6	Children return to school (Thursday)	Thu 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.00am - Y2 Matisse Christmas assembly*</li> <li>2.30pm - Y1 O'Keefe Christmas assembly*</li> </ul>
Mon 10	Y5 Swimming lessons commence	Fri 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Jumper Day</li> <li>Christmas lunch</li> <li>Term ends 2.30pm</li> </ul>
Thur 13	School Tour for new families 4pm - request a place on <a href="mailto:admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org">admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org</a>	*Please note that up to three adults may attend EYFS/KS1 Christmas assemblies per child. However, for Nursery Stay & Plays it is 2 adults per child due to restrictions on space.	
Wed 19	Y5 Warhol Class assembly		
Wed 26	Y1 Van Gogh Class assembly		

## SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

**Please remember** that Parent/Carer consultation meetings for children with SEND Support Plans will take place in the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Children have brought home draft copies of their plans today for you to review with teachers in these meetings.

## PCSA News

Thank you for all the contributions of unwanted gifts on Crazy Hair Day. The other mufti days coming up are:

**Friday 26th November - Funny Feet Day** -Children can wear their silliest socks for donations of chocolates and sweets. **No nuts** please.

**Friday 3rd December - Full Mufti Day** -Children can wear their own clothes and shoes for donations of bottles of wine/juice.

**Saturday 4th December 2-4pm - Christmas Market**

Come along and bring the family for food, games, stalls and a fantastic auction!

And don't forget, if you're doing some online Christmas shopping, use [The Giving Machine](#) and a portion of what you spend goes to our charity! The PCSA can be contacted here:

[kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com](mailto:kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com).

