



Dear Families,

This week we have been celebrating the great outdoors and thinking about how we can be more eco friendly. In Monday's whole school assembly, Mrs Williamson told the children the story of the King Athelstan lockdown apple pip. During the March lockdown, Vida and a group of children in Reception planted an apple pip. Now look at it! What an amazing little seed! Mrs Williamson talked about how, even though the seed was small, it could do big things, just like Greta Thunberg in Sweden who, aged only 15, began a climate change movement which now encompasses the globe. Any small action we can take will help the planet.



Today has been our **Outdoor Super Learning Day** and we have all enjoyed our fantastic grounds by taking our learning outside. Classes have been involved in a wide range of activities including bulb planting, gardening in the allotment, outdoor treasure hunts, cave painting, pot making, creating faces with natural objects and observational drawing. Some classes even took their maths and phonics outside!

During Outdoor Learning Day we challenged the children to make a promise to the planet, writing their pledge on a leaf. These leaves will be displayed on Friday 5th November to create our own Forest of Promises reminding us how we can do our part, no matter how small. This is a WWF initiative linked to the COP26 conference, which the children heard about as part of their learning. Go to <https://www.wwf.org.uk/get-involved/schools/forest-of-promises> to find out more.



Also this week Da Vinci class had their first ever class assembly. Families joined us as we were teleported back in time to the Stone Age as the children taught us all about the learning they have done around this topic! It was great to see so many families and the children excelled at remembering their lines, cues and Stone Age song. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and Mrs Williamson was extremely proud of them.

Please note, next week beginning **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October** is half-term. We also have an INSET day on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**, so children return to school on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. Wishing you a wonderful Autumn half term with your family - stay safe.

Best wishes,

Lucy Mastrocola, Acting Headteacher

## Staffing

As you may be aware, Mrs Barr, our wonderful art teacher, took a leave of absence during the Summer Term to spend much needed time with her family. This was, sadly, due to the unexpected death of her husband. Mrs Barr is now taking a further break to support her family during this challenging time and Mrs Pye, who is well known to the children, has kindly agreed to take on the art teaching in the interim. The children are aware that she is spending time with her family but have not been explicitly told of the bereavement. I will leave this to individual families' discretion as to what, if anything, you feel it is appropriate for your children to know. I am certain you will all join me in sending her all our love and support at this very difficult time.

Today we say goodbye to a valued member of our school family, who is moving away from Kingston. Miss Carlotta Zardetto was a Teaching Assistant in the school, and more recently in Haring. Thank you to Miss Zardetto for all her hard work, and we wish her every success in her new adventures!



## Secondary School Applications

Families of children in Y6 will be aware that the closing date for Secondary school applications is on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. Parents/Carers should apply via the eAdmissions website <http://www.eadmissions.org.uk/> As the closing date is on a Sunday this year, please submit secondary school applications before 6pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October. The eAdmissions Helpdesk will not be available to assist parents who experience difficulty logging in to an existing account or creating a new one until 8am on Monday 2 November and we wish to avoid parents submitting a late application because of this. Please be aware that applications submitted late (unless late for a good reason) would only be considered after all on-time applications.

## Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

After positive feedback from many families who stated a preference for online consultations, the autumn parent/carers consultation meetings for Nursery - Year 6 will be taking place online using SchoolCloud from 15<sup>th</sup> November (from 29<sup>th</sup> November for Riley Class). The consultations for children with SEND will all take place in the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Further information and details on how to book are in the letter emailed on 20<sup>th</sup> October. The link is:

<https://kingathelstan.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

## Eco News

We are delighted to announce our Eco Warrior team for 2021-2022. This year has seen a very strong set of applications and it was a really difficult decision for Miss Meggitt and Mrs Williamson. However, the final team is:

Eco Warriors 2021-22			
Van Gogh	Ari	O'Keeffe	TBC
Hockney	Alex	Matisse	Freya
Cassatt	Raiya	Da Vinci	Kayla
Mehretu	Martha & Violet	Wiley	Miah
Dali	Kerem	Warhol	Jessica
Kahlo	Khaled	Riley	Lucia

The post is currently unfilled for O'Keeffe but we will contact families about this after half term. We very much look forward to getting the team together for their first meeting after half term and will keep you posted on their work. Congratulations to all the new Eco Warriors!

## Headlice

Headlice are a recurring problem in any primary school. Please check your children over half-term and treat them for any headlice or nits. Thank you.

### London Marathon

The mini marathon and Mr McLaughlin's London marathon have now jointly raised £3371 to date! Well done everyone, whether running or sponsoring! It is still not too late to sponsor Mr McLaughlin here : <https://www.givey.com/mrmclaughlinsmarathon>, or the children, on: <https://www.givey.com/kalondonminimarathon>. The fundraising pages will close on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. Thank you so much for your donations and for your support.

### House Competition

This week **Yellow House, Cambridge** are the winners with a massive 45 points! Close behind, are Green on 42, Blue on 40 and Red on 39. Well done all!



Villers (42)



Dawson (39)



Cambridge (45)



Hawks (40)

### Certificates of Excellence

Well done to the following children who received their certificate of excellence this week:



## Achievement Award

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

PE KS1 - Elliot in Matisse Class Y2

PE KS2 - Lewis in Riley Class Y6

Van Gogh Y1 - Sofie

Mehretu Y4 - Hudson

O'Keefe Y1 - Myla

Wiley Y4 - Tia-Louise

Hockney Y2 - Sam

Dali Y5 - Rosie

Matisse Y2 - Tarek

Warhol Y5 - Nicole

Cassatt Y3 - Melia

Kahlo Y6 - Jayden

Da Vinci Y3 - Declan & Teddy

Riley Y6 - Lewis

### School Lunches

Please don't forget to book your child's lunches on ParentPay - you can book now right up until Christmas. Every day we have children whose lunches haven't been booked which makes it very difficult for our kitchen to plan properly. Thank you.

### PCSA News

The PCSA Halloween Trail will keep lots of children busy over half-term - good luck! Coming up in November, PCSA will be hosting some special mufti days where children can wear certain items to school in return for a donation for the Christmas Market, such as chocolates, bottles etc. Watch this space. The PCSA are at: [kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com](mailto:kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com).