



Dear Families,

We have been thinking about Road Safety in school this week which is a really important theme. In Monday's whole school assembly, we focused on the Green Cross Code and celebrated our Road Safety heroes. Our school crossing patrol officer, Mr Garside, was our special guest and he spoke to the children about his work, why he does it and the impact it has on our community. Year 5 had the opportunity to spend the day with more Road Safety heroes - the traffic police. They spent the day learning about how '20 is plenty', especially outside our school, and went out onto Villiers Road to make sure drivers were sticking to the speed limit. Of course, Road Safety Week also applies to car drivers - driving safely, respecting the rules of the road, parking safely and with consideration are key. This includes being a good passenger in a car, adults not using mobile phones whilst driving, pedestrians putting their mobiles away whilst walking, using seatbelts and booster seats, etc. Further information can be found on the following website:

<https://www.brake.org.uk/road-safety-week>



Support staff 'Stars in our School' were celebrated today in our Achievement Assembly. The contribution our support staff team (adults other than teachers) make to school life and your child's education is very important - that might be a teaching assistant, the site team, a nursery nurse or the office staff (pictured). We are so lucky to have such a dedicated and hard-working staff team. The children nominated their 'Stars in Our School' who were all presented with a special certificate and all were thanked in assembly.



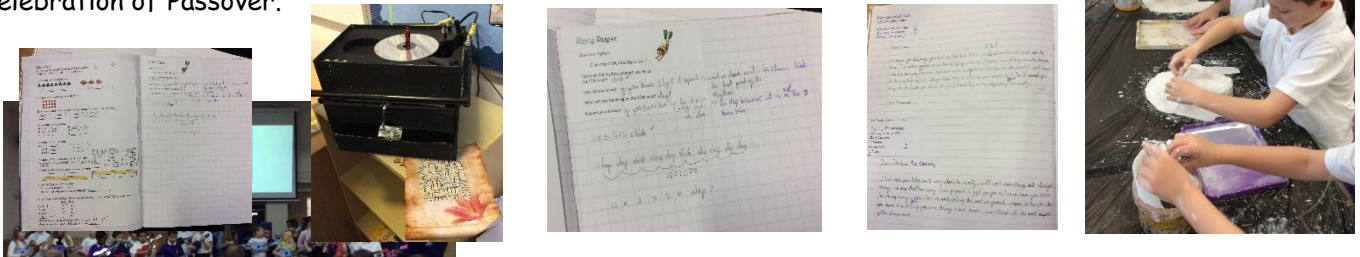
Have a lovely weekend. Be prepared, high winds and more cold weather are forecast. Stay safe.

Best wishes,

Lucy Mastrocola, Acting Headteacher

Spotlight on Year 4 Learning

In Year 4 this week we have been expanding on our multiplication skills and understanding the concepts of dividing by 1 and 0. We have also explored some abstract problems using our times table knowledge. In English, we have been making use of our time machine to communicate with Rhodopis, aka 'The Egyptian Cinderella'. We have been helping her write letters of persuasion to her master. We have also explored the story of Exodus and how this links to the Jewish celebration of Passover.



Wiley Class (Y4) hosted their class assembly on Wednesday. They included learning from all areas of their topic. The children told us about the curse of Tutankhamun, the geography of Egypt, how the digestive system works and also shared some fantastic suspense writing. The performance was topped off with a live rendition of Frère Jacques with a ukulele accompaniment! Well done Wiley!

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal/Children in Need



We supported The Royal British Legion's annual poppy appeal in November and raised **£132.60**. Thank you to the Y6 Junior Leadership Team (Nishka, Elliot, Elspeth and Javen) for their brilliant poppy-selling skills! We also supported Children in Need on Friday 19th November by wearing spotty accessories, and raised **£249** for this worthy charity. Thank you to all those who donated.



House Competition

This week, first place is taken by **Green House, Villiers**, on 31 points. Yellow have 27 and Red and Blue Houses share third place on 25 points.



Villiers (31)



Dawson (25)



Cambridge (27)



Hawks (25)

Christmas Card Competition Winner



The PCSA ran a competition to find a winning Christmas card design, and the winner is Charlie in Dali, Y5! His winning design (left) is used on PCSA posters to advertise the Christmas Market, and is also the official school Christmas card this year. Well done, Charlie! The PCSA has already given Charlie a prize, and there will be one runners-up prize for a child in each class next week. We will be starting our Random Acts of Kindness Advent calendars (right) next week, too.



Dates for the Diary

DECEMBER 2021	
Thur 2	School Tour for new families 4pm - request a place on admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org
Thur 2	Y5 & Y6 ice skating trip
Fri 3	MUFTI - wear your own clothes in return for donating bottles of wine/juice for the PCSA Christmas Market
Sat 4	PCSA Christmas Market 2pm - 4pm
Mon 6	Y5 Viking Day
Mon 13	2.30pm - Y2 Hockney Christmas assembly *
Tue 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery Christmas Stay & Play * 8.55AM/12.45PM 2.30pm - Y1 Van Gogh Christmas assembly*
Wed 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00am Nelson Class Christmas assembly* 2.30pm Kusama Class Christmas assembly* Y4 trip to Rose Theatre
Thu 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00am - Y2 Matisse Christmas assembly* 2.30pm - Y1 O'Keeffe Christmas assembly*
Fri 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Jumper Day Christmas lunch Term ends 2.30pm

JANUARY 2022	
Tue 4	School & Nursery closed - INSET day
Wed 5	School & Nursery closed - INSET day
Thu 6	Children return to school (Thursday)
Mon 10	Y5 Swimming lessons commence
Thur 13	School Tour for new families 4pm - request a place on admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org
Wed 19	Y5 Warhol Class assembly
Wed 26	Y1 Van Gogh Class assembly

*Please note that up to three people may attend EYFS/KS1 Christmas assemblies (including younger siblings) per child. However, for Nursery Stay & Plays it is 2 adults per child due to restrictions on space.



The PCSA Committee would like to tell you about all the lovely things coming up at our **Christmas Fair and Outdoor Market on Saturday 4 December from 2-4pm**. One of the PCSA's biggest annual fundraising events, the Christmas Fair also offers an afternoon packed with fun. This year most of the Fair will be outside in the KS1 Playground. There'll be stalls where you can find Christmas gift inspiration, tombolas where you can win chocolate, bottles and gifts, fun festive games, home-made cakes (of course!) plus mulled wine and mince pies at the Food & Drink stall. So dress up warm and bring the whole family along! Read on to find out more...

...**AND DON'T FORGET** the day before the Fair (Friday 3rd December) will be a full MUFTI day when children can wear their own clothes to school in exchange for an (in-date) bottle of wine, spirits, beer or soft drink for the very popular bottle tombola!

FIRST-EVER 'PAY BY TOKEN' FAIR! How to get your tokens



This year we'll be trying out using tokens at the PCSA stalls. You can buy tokens either with cash or by card as you come in to the Fair. You will also be able to pay with cash if you have the exact money - **no change will be given**. This will all reduce the amount of cash on site and make the fair more Covid safe. Tokens will be worth 50p each and will be available to buy in bags of £5, £10 and £20. There will be a number of independent stalls, including Christmas trees, which will accept separate cash or card payments. We will be selling tokens in advance of the Market on Friday 3rd December at pick up from 3pm in the KS1 playground.

BUY A CHRISTMAS TREE



We'll be selling non-drop Nordmann Firs in various sizes at the Christmas Fair.

It's the perfect weekend to pick up a tree - you can collect it by car after the fair if it's too much to carry home, plus you'll get a good-quality tree of your choosing AND 25% from every sale goes straight back to the PCSA, raising vital funds for our school. To give us an idea of how many trees we'll need on the day, please fill in [this form](#).



FABULOUS PRIZES IN OUR AUCTION & RAFFLE

As always, we'll have an auction and a raffle. In the auction you can bid on fantastic items like a 55" UHD TV, tickets to Epsom Racecourse, the London Wetlands Centre, Fulham FC, a family photography session, hampers, restaurant vouchers and more! You should have received some raffle tickets in book bags this week, but there'll be more to buy on the day. Prizes include an Amazon Echo Show (with Alexa), a luxury food hamper, high street vouchers and champagne. Only £1 a ticket to enter! Draw will be at 3.30pm.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

As well as the games and tombolas there will be lots to keep children busy with a stall to make Christmas crafts and the chance to choose and wrap a secret present for a friend or family member. That might give you a bit of time to browse some of the great stalls from local businesses selling gifts including candles and wooden toys plus lovely Christmas wreaths. Our wonderful school choir will be providing a lovely Christmas performance with Mr Thomas at 3pm and...

...**SSSHH - SANTA WILL BE MAKING AN APPEARANCE!**



WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Since the KS2 playground was finished, the money you helped us raise last year has provided funds to redevelop the Early Years playground and will be supporting the creation of a Wild Area — all part of the Big Outdoors Project. This year, we've pledged to raise **£15,000** to fund a fantastic piece of play equipment for the KS1 playground and we're already nearly halfway there! The Fair will really help us to reach that total.



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