



Dear Families,

In assembly this week we focussed on road safety. We talked about being visible as pedestrians with hi-vis or reflective stripes on our coats or bags. We looked at an image of two children at the roadside at dusk - one had a bright yellow coat and the other a black coat. The second child was barely visible. We also talked about crossing the road to get to school. **PLEASE always use the zebra crossing outside school, the one by the Athelstan Recreation Ground at the traffic lights at the bottom of Villiers Road.** We are seeing increasing numbers of families crossing dangerously right opposite the school gates. Villiers Rd is very busy and by crossing like this, parents/carers are giving children the message that it is safe to do so and they will then do this on their own when they are old enough to walk home alone. Please support your child's understanding of being safe on the road by taking time to use the crossings every day.



Similarly, we are seeing increasing numbers of cars parked dangerously on the double yellow lines on the corner of Dawson Rd. This makes it very dangerous for families to cross safely. Please park with the safety of others in mind.

Thank you to all the families who came to the Parent/Carer Forum this week. We had a really productive discussion and will share the minutes with you soon.

Finally, please avoid coming in to collect your children at the end of the day whilst using your phone. They always look forward to seeing you and want to chat about their day. Greet your child with a smile, not a mobile!

Thank you.

Enjoy your weekend.

Emily Newton

Headteacher



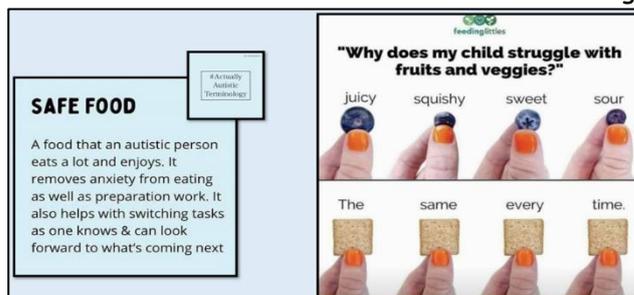
Year 3 Trip

Year 3 visited Gunnersbury Park to help explore their Stone Age topic. They saw replica Stone Age tools, and tried throwing short spears. They also built their own dens from sticks to make shelter. They learned a huge amount about their subject, and were really well-behaved, despite the difficulties with the trains coming home! Well done Y3.



Inclusion Bitesize

Following positive feedback from families about our termly Inclusion Newsletters, and from staff about our weekly 'Inclusion Bitesize' training visuals, we thought we would also include an Inclusion Bitesize in the digest for you! As you will be aware, **we have been learning some new terminology around neurodivergence and this week we discussed 'safe foods'**. The visual included here is the best simple explanation I have encountered as to why children with food sensitivities tend to gravitate towards 'beige' foods. This allows us to think about how and when it might be best to introduce more diverse foods.



Travel Survey

Many thanks to the families who have already responded to our school travel survey. If you haven't yet had the chance to complete a survey the link is <https://forms.gle/3PP5R82MsnzQ6pHq6> The survey only takes a moment to answer, and the information is really valuable to us for updating our school travel plan. Thank you.





The PCSA is making final preparations for the **Winter Fair on Saturday 3rd December (2pm-4pm)**, where there'll be food and drink, games and gifts, Christmas tree sales, a Silent Auction and a raffle, plus a performance by the school choir. We have been collecting items for the fair - thank you for all the bottles and jars donated today in return for crazy hairstyles and hats! Don't forget, next **Friday 2nd December it's Silly Socks day**: bring your chocolate and sweet donations, unopened, in-date and nut free.



Design and Technology in Y1



The children in Y1 enjoyed making fruit kebabs as a part of our D&T lesson. We started by learning about the different types of fruits and where they come from. We recognised that by using our senses we could identify the taste, smell and texture of these fruits. Once we had more knowledge, we became even more excited and decided which fruits to use in our fruit kebabs! The next step was to design what the kebab would look like and to note down what we needed to complete this task. On the day of the lesson, we were all keen to follow the design brief and could not wait to get going. We made sure that our hands were clean and that we were being safe when using the tools. It was absolutely brilliant to watch the children making their fruit kebab with so much care, effort and enthusiasm.



Christmas Arrangements



You will have received a letter by email detailing all the Christmas arrangements in school, including assemblies (up to Y2) and the last day of term. Wilson Jones have announced the **Christmas lunch menu for Friday 16th December** (last day of term). It will be a roast turkey dinner, or a delicious festive Quorn loaf (not a vegetable puff as stated in the letter), with all the trimmings, followed by chocolate celebration cake! **Make bookings on ParentPay in the usual way.**

Messages from the Office

- The item in ParentPay is still open if you would like to donate directly to **Children in Need**. So far, the total is over £100.
- Please let the school office know if you change your phone number, email, or home address. We have had several cases recently where we could not contact families when we needed to (when a child was ill) only to find we had old details, and had not been given updated information. Please also ensure contact details for those permitted to collect children are correct.
- Please remember always to book your child's lunches, or provide a packed lunch.



School Tours

We have a [virtual school tour](#) which we ask you to watch before booking a place on an in-person tour for Reception or Nursery in September 2023. Once you have watched the video, please contact the school office to book a place on: admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org or call 0208 546 8210. We have a limited number of places in afternoon Nursery for January 2023.

Amazon Wish List



Thank you so much to those who continue to purchase items for on our Wish List. This week, we have received bookmarks, ice packs and first aid gloves, amongst other things. We have added some new items and fidget tools. All items purchased are very much appreciated. **There is no obligation to buy anything, but if you would like to make a purchase the link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>**

Achievement Assembly

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



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Joe

O'Keeffe Y1 - Joshua

Hockney Y2 - Molly

Matisse Y2 - Julian

Da Vinci Y3 - Alessandro and Max F

Mehretu Y4 - Bentley

Wiley Y4 - Rudy

Dali Y5 - Brwas

Warhol Y5 - Ayub

Riley - Raiyan

Kahlo - Katerina

KS1 PE - Alice in O'Keeffe Y1

KS2 PE - Jessica in Riley Class Y6

Miss Smee further commended Ziyad in Cassatt for being so polite.

Equality & Diversity Champion - Raiyan in Riley Class Y6

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Elif	Meryem	Milena	Alisa	Jihane	Alma
Imogen		Ivy	Dorothy	Blanka	Nicole

House Points

This week's winners are **Green House (Villiers)**, followed by Yellow (Cambridge), Red (Dawson), and Blue (Hawks). Well done Villiers House!



Villiers



Dawson



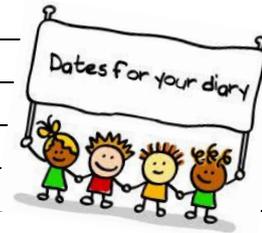
Cambridge



Hawks

Dates for the Diary

NOVEMBER	
Wed 30	Kahlo Class Assembly 9am
DECEMBER	
Fri 2	Silly Socks/Tights Day - please donate chocolate/cakes for the Winter Fair
Sat 3	Winter Fair 2-4pm
Mon 5-Fri 9	Clubs end this week
Tue 6	Y5 Viking Day
Wed 7	Y5 & Y6 Ice Skating Trips
Thur 8	Thinker's Project Exhibition 15.20-15.50pm and again 17.50 - 18.20pm
Mon 12	Hockney Y2 Christmas Assembly 9am
Mon 12	Matisse Y2 Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Tue 13	O'Keeffe Y1 Christmas Assembly 9am
Tue 13	Van Gogh Y1 Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Wed 14	Reception Kusama Christmas Assembly 9am
Wed 14	Reception Nelson Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Thur 15	Nursery AM Christmas Singing & Crafts 11am
Thur 15	Nursery PM Christmas Singing & Crafts 3pm
Fri 16	Break up one hour earlier than usual
January 2023	
Tue 3	INSET Day - children not in school
Wed 4	Back to school
Fri 13	Y5 first swimming lesson - Malden Centre
Wed 25	Dali Class Assembly 9am
Mon 30	Y6 Junior Citizen trip



King Athelstan Gallery

Warhol Class Assembly



Warhol Class Assembly



Y4's Egyptian masks



Warhol Class Assembly



Warhol Class Assembly

Crazy Hair Day!



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Community Notices

The English, Maths, Digital and Employability Team from Kingston Adult Education will be running some free Maths for Parents courses. **The Maths for Parents courses will take place at the Hook Centre in Chessington and will start on Wednesday 11th January.** The courses are

KINGSTON ADULT EDUCATION
www.kingston.gov.uk/adulteducation

Maths for Parents Courses

Support your children with their maths schoolwork
Learn the maths topics and methods taught in schools
Discover helpful resources

Our Next Free Courses are:

Maths for Parents: Primary School Maths (Part 2) Wednesday Afternoons 12.30 - 14.55 Starts: 11/01/2023 Ends: 08/02/2023	Maths for Parents: Secondary School Maths (Part 2) Wednesday Evenings 18.45 - 21.10 Starts: 11/01/2023 Ends: 08/02/2023
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Where: Hook Centre, Chessington
Cost: These are **free** courses
How do I sign up?
Visit or click on the link below to complete the form - <https://bit.ly/maths4parents> or scan the QR code.

You do not need to have done Part 1. You must be living in London, be aged 18 or over, and not already have a GCSE at grade C (or equivalent) in Maths.

For further more information: englishandmaths@kingston.gov.uk 02031562524

Multiply

intended to help parents better support their children with their Maths school work. Parents/carers can apply for either the Primary School Maths course or the Secondary School Maths course. In addition, they will be running a '**Maths for ESOL**' course. **This course will also take place at the Hook Centre and will start on Friday 13th January.** The aim of this course is to help parents/carers who are speakers of other languages, and the course will focus on Maths vocabulary. Sign up for either course using the link on the posters here.

KINGSTON ADULT EDUCATION
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Maths for Speakers of Other Languages

A Free Course For Adult ESOL Learners

Is English not your first language?
Do you want to learn maths in English?

Our Next Free Course is:

Fridays 12:15 - 14:40 Starts: 13/1/23 Ends: 10/2/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Practice maths in EnglishLearn maths vocabularyHelp your children with their maths schoolwork
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SERIOUS FUN! Role Models Ages 5 - 7 & 8 - 11

RESILIENCE COURSES

19TH - 22ND DECEMBER, 2022
St. Mary's CofE Primary School, Kingston
Contact: info@rolmodels.me

Free places available to children who receive free school meals

The award-winning camps run by 'Role Models' are designed to enhance children's mental health through the development of skills for life such as Resilience, Leadership and Creative Problem Solving. **As well as free places for children on free school meals**, they welcome all families who are interested in what they offer to join them in Kingston - paid daily places also available. Please contact Role Models directly via the details on their poster here.