



Dear Families,

This week I have been talking to the children about 'success' and what this word means to them. We spoke about how the children know when they are successful and how having a 'Growth Mindset' can help you become successful in life. Also, we discussed how being successful is just the tip of the iceberg and it is what you don't see that makes you successful such as: persistence, failure, disappointment, hard work and good habits.

As my time as Acting Head draws to a close, this got me thinking about how proud I am to have led this amazing, kind and caring community while Ms Newton has been on maternity leave. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over this time and also to thank you for your wonderful children who make our school community so special. I also would like to take a moment to thank all the wonderful staff, who really are a joy to work with. They truly are the most dedicated and hard working group of professionals I have had the honour of working with and their passion for ensuring the children at King Athelstan receive the best possible education is amazing. Our school community is so lucky to have each and every one of them working here. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Acting Head, so much so that in September, I will be taking on a new challenge as the substantive Headteacher of Coombe Hill Junior School.



This Sunday is Mother's Day and we have been celebrating all the wonderful mothers, step-mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters and other women in our lives. Every child will bring home a daffodil today to give to the special female in their life.

Remember, this weekend is the start of 'British Summertime' - do remember to put your clocks forward one hour. Next Friday 1st April, the school day ends at 2.05pm for YR and at 2.15pm for KS1 and KS2, and 2.30pm for Nursery PM for the Easter holidays. Enjoy the weekend and the lovely weather!

Lucy Mastrocola, Acting Headteacher

Staffing Update

We are all very excited to be welcoming back Miss Newton on Monday. She can't wait to see you all again, and to get to know all those who have joined the King Athelstan family whilst she has been on maternity leave. We are really pleased also to welcome back our wonderful art teacher, Mrs Georgie Barr, and thank you to Mrs Mary Pye who has been taking art lessons in her absence. Next week, we say good bye to Mrs Antonia Lorincz, Teaching Assistant in Y3/4 who is joining a school closer to where she lives. We also say goodbye to Mrs Natasha Rashid, Teaching Assistant in Haring, who is taking up a new post within the NHS. We wish them all good luck!

Clubs for Summer Term

All the information about clubs for the summer term was emailed to all families in R-Y6 on Tuesday. The bookings on SchoolCloud opened yesterday and will close on Monday morning, so please check the clubs and make any bookings over the weekend. We have added more clubs this term, including some in the morning before school. Children should wear their PE uniform on any day that they have a sports club, as well as on their class' allocated PE days. Please note that some clubs in the summer term will not take place on certain days, for example on the school Sports Day - all details are in the letter and information sent, and can also be found on the [website](#). If your child is allocated a club, it will appear as an item in ParentPay and payment must be made by 31st March. After this date, any unpaid spaces will be re-allocated.



Girls' Cricket

Following the success of their 2021 campaign to get more girls playing cricket, [Kingstonian CC](#) is hosting FREE taster sessions from 6:30-7:30pm on Wednesday 27th April and Wednesday 4th May for U5-U12 (Reception to Y7). Please register your interest here <http://bit.ly/3d054jm> - they'd love to see you!

Mental Health Support Coffee Morning

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) came into school this week, to gather information from parents/carers about what support they felt they would like. Parents/carers were able to chat and discuss their concerns in a relaxed atmosphere over coffee. The MHST will be at King Athelstan every Tuesday morning 9.00-10.00 am to deliver strategies and support to parents/carers on different themes. If any parent/carer would like to join the group, please email Denise Ramkissoon on admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org



Safeguarding Children

Please be aware that children are told not to talk to strangers, and we do not allow children to talk to anyone outside the school fence, such as along Swan Alley. Please remember this and do not approach children in the playground as it can be confusing for them, and staff may not know who you are.

Cassatt Class Assembly Y3

This week, Cassatt Class hosted their class assembly and filled the hall with sounds of Africa! They have been studying the history, geography, art and music of this diverse continent and were so keen to show what they have learnt, including some wonderful djembe drumming and singing! Well done Cassatt!

Spotlight on Art

This week has been an exciting time in Art. One of our Y6 artists scooped first prize (age 8-13) in the Rotary Art Club Competition (see below). The standard of work from all the entries was amazing.



Stanley Picker Art Club

Secondly our artists who have attended the Stanley Picker Gallery for an art club (left) have an open exhibition of their work on display. The tutors were full of praise for all the children attending and opportunities for a different group of children will be announced next term.

The EYFS focus this half term is on growing. Klee class have been painting daffodils this week while Reception have been producing art work related to our chicks.



Reception

In Year 1 we have followed the class curriculum topic of Structures. We have been painting



Y3

Monet's Japanese Garden. Year 2 have been cartographers this week producing maps of the Great Fire on ancient paper. The Topic of Africa has allowed the Year 3 children to produce some astounding colourful work on African pattern. This week we have been completing African sunsets and African masks.



Year 4 pupils have been looking at Roman Art, and have made mosaic tiles. We finished off the grouting! We also started looking at Roman coins ready to print next week.

In Year 5 the children have made Greek clay pots. This week they have



Y5

been painting them with traditional Greek patterns. Papier Mache lizards have been the focus of the Year 6 sculpting this week to support their term's topic of The Rainforest.

Huge thanks to Mrs Pye for being our Art Teacher during Mrs Barr's absence.



Y6

Rotary Club Art Competition

The Rotary Club recently ran an art competition focusing on the local environment and invited students to create a picture entitled 'Kingston Wildlife', which could include any animal or plant life local to the Borough. They awarded prizes of Amazon vouchers for the individual winners and their schools. The competition was judged by Elliot Newton,



Environment Officer for the Royal Borough of Kingston. We are very pleased to announce that one of our Y6 students, Lucia, won the category for 8-13 year olds, and attended a ceremony at the Rose Theatre to receive her prize from the Lady Mayoress of Kingston (left). Thank you to Mrs Pye and Mrs Williamson for arranging the extra art sessions to complete the entries, and well done Lucia!



Chicks in Reception



Our ten chicks have really grown with all the care Reception classes have given them, including lots of cuddles! They've also had visits from lots of other children (and adults). We will miss them.



Achievement Assembly

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



Achievement Award

Friday 25th March 2022!

Kusama Reception - Amina & Aida	Nelson Reception - Myra
Van Gogh Y1 - Sofie	O'Keeffe Y1 - Ethan
Hockney Y2 - Emmanuel	Matisse Y2 - Summer & Rosa
Cassatt Y3 - Whole Class	Da Vinci Y3 - Whole Class
Mehretu Y4 - Grace	Wiley Y4 - Ethan
Dali Y5 - Alice	Warhol Y5 - Hakki
Kahlo Y6 - Charlie	Riley Y6 - Bella
PE KS1 - Tayla in Matisse Y2	PE KS2 - Harry in Warhol Y5

Maths Achievement

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Alan	Pedro	Benjamin	Sofia
Frankie	Daniel	Rowen	Max

Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Roanna	Josie	Maximus
Alex	Raiyan	Elliot



Party Like a Rockstar!

Parent/Carer Survey

Just a reminder that you can still complete the Parent/Carer survey here:

<https://forms.gle/caQHCnpApGWTtgCt8> Thank you very much.

Sunny Weather

Now that the warmer weather is finally with us, please ensure all children come to school with a named, refillable water bottle containing water only - no juice. They should also bring a hat and have sun cream applied at home before school if necessary.

House Points

Congratulations to **Red House, Dawson**, who are this week's winners with an amazing 39 points! Yellow House came second, Green third and Blu fourth. Well done everyone!



Villers (24)



Dawson (39)



Cambridge (24)



Hawks (24)

Comic Relief 2022

£273 has been paid in to the Red Nose Day account in ParentPay so far, and will go straight to Comic Relief. You can still donate until the end of term. Thank you to all those who donated.



Dates for the Diary

MARCH

Wed 30	Y5 Greek Day
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APRIL

Fri 1	Finish one hour earlier for Easter
Tue 19	Children return to school
Wed 27	Y4 trip to Thames Young Mariners
Wed 27	Nelson Class Assembly 9am

May

Thur 5	Police to visit Reception
Mon 16	Y6 Bikeability
Thu 19	National Outdoor Classroom Day
Fri 20	Firefighters to visit Reception
Wed 25	Y3-Y4 Tennis Competition
Wed 25	School Council Trip to Parliament

June

Wed 8	Y6 Kids Out to Chessington
Fri 10	Y6 PGL Trip
Wed 15	Kusama Class Assembly
Wed 15	Y5 trip to Holly Lodge
Thur 23	Sports Day
Fri 24	INSET Day
Tue 28	Y6 trip to Imperial War Museum
Wed 29	Y2 trip to Hampton Court

Class Assemblies 2022

All are at 9am. Please wait by the main school office door after drop off. Thank you.

Wed 23 rd March	Cassatt Class Y3
Wed 27 th April	Nelson Class, Reception
Wed 18 th May	O'Keefe Class Y1
Wed 15 th June	Kusama Class, Reception

There were some fabulous entries to the Easter Cake Competition! There were so many cakes brought in that we ran out of table space!

Mrs Mastrocola and Mr McLaughlin were the judges and said it was such a hard choice as there are so many beautiful and clever cakes to choose from. We'd had to offer more prizes as they were so good! Well done to all who entered. The winners are as follows:



Cake Winner - Florence



Cup Cakes Winners - Ivy & Zoe

	Cakes - winners	Cup Cakes - winners
1	Florence (Kahlo)	Ivy (Hockney) and Zoe (Klee)
2	Lucia (Riley)	Second Prize: Bethan (Dali)
3	Can (Wiley)	Rachel (Nelson)
	Runners Up: David (Warhol) and Imran (Matisse)	Runners Up: Amelia (Riley) and Aaliyah (O'Keeffe)

The PCSA AGM is next Wednesday evening at 8pm in the Spring Grove on Bloomfield Road. Come along and find out more about the PCSA and meet other parents and carers. It is so important to the school to have the funds so diligently raised by the PCSA, so all input and support is welcome.

The Jubilee Garden Party will be on Saturday 21st May (2-4pm) at school. More details coming soon, but it will be a great event. Families can have an estate agent's board to promote the event outside their house and we'll raise money for the school for every board. If families are happy to do this, please email your address to kapcsatreasurer@gmail.com before 31st March. Thank you so much!

