



Dear Families,

It's absolutely fantastic to be back in school following my maternity leave. Thank you so much for your warm welcome. This week I have loved seeing all the children, catching up on their news and, in particular, meeting all the pupils who have joined the King Athelstan family in the past ten months. In my assembly this week I showed some of my own experiences as a 'learner' over the past ten months, watching a baby learn every day. So much of this reflects how our children learn in class - having a go/practising/asking for help and advice and reading information.

I know many families are observing the holy month of Ramadan at this time, and others will be celebrating Easter. I hope you all have a wonderful break, whatever you are planning, and return to school on **Tuesday 19th April** refreshed and ready for the summer term.



Emily Newton, Headteacher

COVID Update

Please be aware that we continue to have new cases of COVID reported across the school community every day. We all need to continue to be cautious. From 1st April, anyone with a positive COVID-19 test result or with COVID symptoms will be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, they can go back to school, college or childcare after three days or when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

Summer Term



When we return after the Easter break on Tuesday 19th April it will be the summer term, and so summer uniform may be worn. Please see the details [here](#). Children should wear their PE uniform to school on their PE days, and additionally on days where they have a school sports club. Please remember that children should not be wearing nail varnish or jewellery (exceptions are noted in the uniform policy), and should only wear trainers with PE uniform. Children should have a sun hat in the summer, and a named water bottle with water only, no juice or other drinks. Children should not bring any toys into school - these are not permitted and will be confiscated. Please remember to book children's lunches, which you can do right up to the end of the summer term. The delicious [new menu](#) is also on the website. Thank you.

Attendance/Lateness

Being on time is an important part of your child's day, for their routine and wellbeing. We understand that lateness is sometimes unavoidable. However, it can be difficult for a child to arrive at school after their classmates. Children are expected to come into school from 8.35am in Reception, 8.40am (Years 1-6), and 8.30am/12.30pm for Nursery. The register is taken at 8.50am, and learning starts immediately. If you are dropping your child off or picking them up late, please ensure you sign the Late Register at the school office.



We want to work with families to support them where lateness or attendance is challenging. If you have concerns about lateness or attendance or would like help, advice or support, please book an appointment via the school office with our Welfare & Attendance Officer, Natali O'Farrell, to discuss your concerns and some possible strategies to improve punctuality. Click [here](#) to see our Attendance Policy.

Parent/Carer Support Coffee Morning

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) came into school last 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 back at King Athelstan every Tuesday, starting on **19th April** in the Athelstan Centre from 9.00-10.00am to deliver strategies and support to parents/carers on different themes. If any parent/carers would like to join the group, please email Denise Ramkissoon on admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org



Clubs for Summer Term



We are pleased to offer a larger range of clubs for the summer term. There has been an overwhelming response and many clubs are now full. Our aim is to offer at least one club to every child who applies, in the order that we receive the applications. We have always felt this is the fairest way to distribute places. If you selected more than one club it does not mean you will be successful in being allocated more than one. If the club you selected is full, your child is put on a waiting list and will be given a place if one becomes available. Unfortunately, demand has been so high that some families who applied later have not been allocated any clubs as all their choices were full. Any places not paid for by Thursday 31st March were cancelled and automatically allocated to the next child on the waiting list. We do not have the capacity to chase individuals for consent or payment. All clubs will start in the week commencing 25th April, and will end in the week beginning 4th July.

School Health Virtual Drop-In

The School Health Team is hosting a virtual drop-in for parents/carers which will run on **Wednesday 20th April 2022**. Our School Health Practitioner will be Denise Johnson. You can bring queries about your child's emotional and physical health and will receive advice, support and, where appropriate, signposting and referral to other services. Areas covered: Daytime/night-time wetting, soiling, nutrition and healthy lifestyles, behaviour, emotions, language development, sleep. If you would like a virtual appointment, please book direct with the School Health team on ku19-schoolhealth@yourhealthcare.org by 15th April 2022. Any health-related questions can be put to the School Health Team at any time via the email above or phone 020 8549 6323.



Y5 Greek Day



This week Year 5 travelled back in time to Ancient Greece. The children managed to create some excellent costumes and looked like authentic Grecian citizens and warriors. In the morning, the children worked together to make batter for 'Tiganites' (Greek pancakes) and we cooked and ate these with honey. Later in



the day, the children created wreaths to wear on their heads using different skills and mediums for the leaves. Oil pastels and water colours were used as well as leaf rubbing and even sewing. The day finished with our own version of the ancient Olympic Games. The children competed in running races, javelin and we swapped out chariots for space hoppers with some amusing results!

Y3 Trip to Chessington



Last Friday, the intrepid Year 3 ventured into the wilds of Chessington Zoo! They had a great workshop all about animal bones, finding out about vertebrates and invertebrates.



Some of the braver children even held an African land snail.

The children also came face to face with some of the wildest creatures from Africa, such as lions and the silver-back gorilla family. We visited the Sea Life Centre with many weird and wonderful sea creatures and we enjoyed watching the penguins and sealions. As always, the children were very well behaved and showed their growing knowledge and interest in the animal kingdom. Well done Year 3!



Spotlight on PE



Our PE curriculum at King Athelstan is physically active, challenging and competitive. Children understand the benefits of PE and how it supports their physical and mental health. They learn key values, such as friendship, determination, respect, fairness and excellence. In Nursery and Reception, our focus is developing our strength, balance and coordination. This is achieved through play and participation in structured activities. In Year 1, we are developing our fundamental movement skills, such as running, throwing, jumping and catching. The children have participated in a



multi-skills circuit where they have worked to challenge themselves both individually and in groups. In Year 2, we are exploring different movements that express a feeling. We are learning to use these movements to create a dance sequence. In Year 3, we have been learning about athletics. The children are learning the effects exercise has on the body as well as developing their running, throwing and jumping skills. In Year 4,



The Gymnastics Team & Mr McLaughlin

we are developing our communication and team-building skills through outdoor and adventurous activities. We have worked in partners and in groups to complete a variety of challenges such as cross the river and blindfold trust. In Year 5, children are attending swimming lessons, travelling to the Malden Centre, where we are developing our competence in a range of strokes. We have developed our self-rescue skills in different water-based

situations. In Year 6, we are working individually, in pairs and small groups to develop a dynamic dance sequence. The children have participated in a dance-off where they have demonstrated their skills to the class. Congratulations to all of the children in Y5 who participated in L1 and L2 bikeability this week. This is a cycling proficiency programme where they have developed their skills in the playground and on the road.



Comic Relief 2022

In total we raised just over £300 for this wonderful charity. Thank you to all who donated.



Parent/Carer Survey

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

<https://forms.gle/caQHCnpApGWtTgCt8> We would really appreciate families taking the time to complete the survey which provides us with valuable information. It helps us to understand parent/carers opinions, perspectives, attitudes, and perceptions towards the school for the school development plan, and assists us in planning next steps and decision-making for the whole school. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Parking

Please ensure that if you are driving to school you park safely and responsibly in allocated spaces. We have had several incidents recently where our neighbours' driveways have been blocked or cars have stopped on the school zigzag markings which is unacceptable. Please also pass on this message to any childminders or others who are dropping off/picking up. Thank you.

Easter Holidays



kingstonfirst.co.uk are running some great events for families over the Easter holidays. Their FREE Easter Trail will be running every day from 2-18 April. There are colourful eggs to spot on posters in the windows of eight Kingston businesses, and sweet treats and goodies to pick up inside the store. On your first stop at LUSH in the Market Place you'll pick up a trail map and answer sheet alongside a FREE Kingston upon Thames tote bag to pop in all your hard-earned trail goodies. The first 50 children to start the trail will get a free pair of bunny ears to keep! [Here's a link to find out more](#)

In addition, on **Thursday 7 and 14 April**, the 'Thumbs Up It's Thursday' events will return, with two days full of exciting Easter family fun in Kingston town centre. Most activities won't cost you a penny! From storytelling, to Easter egg decorating and creative workshops, there's plenty to keep little ones happy. If you get peckish, some of the town centre's top eateries will be offering 'Kids Eat Free' deals to take advantage of, so you can grab a delicious lunch before heading back out for more fun! A balloon modeller will be out around town on both days creating fun balloon animals and shapes for children to take home - catch them around the Market Place and down Clarence Street. [Here's a link to find out more](#)



Achieving for Children is again running FUEL camps over the Easter holidays. These are free to children whose families are in receipt of certain benefits. Email here to find out more and to book places: www.kr.afcinfo.org.uk/KRFUEL. The FUEL scheme is supported by the organisations on the right, and every child who attends is given a free meal.



Times Tables Tournament!

After the success of the Times Table Rock Stars battle over the last half-term, we are running another one over the Easter holidays. It will be a whole school battle tournament (Year 2 - Year 6) that will take place between Saturday 2nd April and Monday 18th April. When children play on Times Tables Rock Stars, the questions answered correctly will contribute to the class' overall score between 8am-7pm each day. It is highly encouraged that children practise their times tables regularly, in short bursts, to help improve and sustain their fluency. We hope that they enjoy this special battle! We will be announcing the winner next term.



Achievement Assembly

Maths Achievement

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Serah	Ari	Elliot	Kayla
Joshua	Daniel	Rowen	Himden

Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Martha	Freddie	Maximus
Eme	Hayden	Elliot





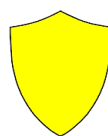
Achievement Award

Friday 1st April 2022!

Kusama Reception - Donal	Nelson Reception - Rachel
Van Gogh Y1 - Sahib	O'Keeffe Y1 - Lillie
Hockney Y2 - Sophie-Rose	Matisse Y2 - Imran & Khalid
Cassatt Y3 - Meryem	Da Vinci Y3 - Shahzeen
Mehretu Y4 - Alfie & Ilyas	Wiley Y4 - Georgiana
Dali Y5 - Bethan	Warhol Y5 - Abel & Savannah
Kahlo Y6 - Martha	Riley Y6 - Tinashe
PE KS1 - Daniel in O'Keeffe Y1	PE KS2 - Lenny in Cassatt Y3

House Points

Congratulations to **Green House, Villiers**, who are this week's winners with 31 points! Red House came second, Green third and Blue fourth. Well done everyone!



Villiers (31)

Dawson (28)

Cambridge (16)

Hawks (24)

Dates for the Diary

APRIL	
Tue 19	Children return to school
Wed 27	Y4 trip to Thames Young Mariners
Wed 27	Nelson Class Assembly 9am

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

MAY	
Thur 5	Police to visit Reception
Mon 16	Y6 Bikeability
Thu 19	National Outdoor Classroom Day
Fri 20	Firefighters to visit Reception
Sat 21	Jubilee Garden Party!
Wed 25	Y3-Y4 Tennis Competition
Wed 25	School Council Trip to Parliament

Class Assemblies 2022

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

Wed 27 th April	Nelson Class, Reception
Wed 18 th May	O'Keeffe Class Y1
Wed 15 th June	Kusama Class, Reception