



Dear Families,

We hope you have nice plans ahead for the long weekend. Please make a note in your diaries of the PCSA Jubilee event on Saturday 21st May. Please remember to park considerately around the school. We have had ongoing complaints from our very patient neighbours whose drives have been completely blocked by the cars of our families picking up children. We have watched this happen and the problems caused as a result. It really isn't fair - our neighbours need to be able to come and go freely from their properties. PLEASE DO NOT block driveways.

We would like to wish you all a happy bank holiday weekend and will especially be thinking of our many Muslim families who will be celebrating Eid in the coming days. Eid Mubarak to you all!

Emily Newton, Headteacher

Attendance & Welfare

On Friday we had 11.11% absence among the children.

- Chicken Pox - we have a few children off with chicken pox. We have alerted the year group where this is the case.
- We have significant numbers of children off across the school with high temperatures and vomiting. We have contacted some classes where there is a high proportion of cases. Whilst there is no requirement to test for Covid, please be aware that people who are testing report having a number of negative tests before testing positive. Please only send children back to school when they are fully recovered.

Outside School

Thank you to all parents who carry scooters and to children who walk with bicycles within the school grounds. Because of the number of pedestrians and very small children, as well as narrow pathways, scooter or bike riding is not safe inside the school gates. 'Heelies' must not be worn in school at any time. Please wait outside the school gates before drop off and pick up times and do not allow children to play in the bushes or with sticks in the garden areas at the front of school. There are rose bushes and other ornamental shrubs which may have sharp stalks as this is not a play area. Whilst we are still having these chilly mornings, unexpected showers of rain and then warmer afternoons, please ensure that your child wears or brings weather-appropriate clothing to school.

Lost Property

Once again, **please** put your child's name in **all** items they bring into school. We have so many un-named cardigans, sweatshirt, water bottles and even coats. All unnamed items are put in our lost property box located outside the Nurture Room just inside the gates of the KS1 playground so that children can easily check there at any time for anything they have lost. Parents/carers can also check the box at drop-off/pick-up times. Our diligent Y6 prefects check the lost property box regularly and reunite items with their owners but only when there is a name label. Thank you.



Class Assembly

This week Nelson Class (Reception) hosted assembly for the very first time and did a fantastic job. They shared all about their bean diaries and the chicks they watched hatch. They have worked so hard during this topic and practised their assembly in less than 2 weeks and did an amazing performance. We are really proud of them. Their singing was also excellent. Well done Nelson Class!



Platinum Jubilee Plans

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a Super Learning Day on **Friday 27th May** where we are asking the whole school community to dress up in either: red, white or blue, or as a prince or princess. On this day, each child will design and paint a stone which will then be displayed around the school site. We will be learning more about the Queen and famous historical events that have happened over the decades of her reign. We will be taking part in The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) initiative which has been created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 and invites



people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee". In the afternoon, we will be holding a 'Street Party' on the playground, with jelly and ice cream, music from the decades, and also a performance from the choir. We will be ending the day with everyone singing the National Anthem.



King Athelstan Library



There was great excitement amongst the children this week as we reopened the library! Each class has the opportunity to visit the library on a Tuesday and Wednesday every other week to choose a book to take home and share with their families. A big thank you to our parent/carer volunteer Mrs McDonald who comes in each week to help with the running of these sessions and Ms Hosseinian who is the teacher in charge of the library. Thank you also for all the kind donations of books which the school community has contributed.

Please encourage your children to share with you the books they have chosen to borrow and do remind them that they need to look after these books. Thank you for your support and happy reading!

Y4 Trip to Thames Young Mariners

On Wednesday the whole of Y4 spent the day at Thames Young Mariners in



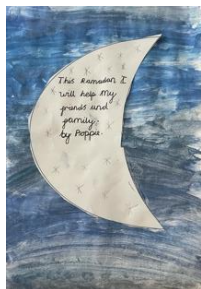
Richmond. They participated in a variety of activities including: raft building, woodland skills and team tasks. The children did not let the slightly chilly conditions concern them, each of them demonstrated a positive attitude towards the activities and challenges they were set. Throughout the day it was evident that they had developed their confidence, self-esteem and team-work skills, and they all had a great time!

Their behaviour was exemplary throughout the day, I know all of the adults attending were incredibly proud of all of the children.



Spotlight on Religious Education

This year, the children at King Athelstan have been theologians, learning about various religions and reflecting on what they can take from the way others live. There are also opportunities for the children to participate in learning which is not based around one singular faith and instead asks the children to question ideas, such as whether or not somebody can be both religious and scientific.



Recently, Years 1 - 6 have all been thinking about Ramadan and Eid. As a school we have reflected on how Muslims might make changes to their lifestyle during this time. We talked about the ideas of fasting, praying and donating to charity as well as learning how Ramadan and Eid are dictated by the moon. All of this inspired us to try and be the very best versions of ourselves during this time and each child made a Ramadan moon, with one random act of kindness they were going to try and complete over the period of Ramadan.



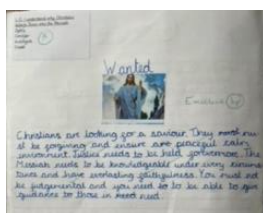
This year, across the EYFS classes, the children will learn about different religious events such as Christmas, Diwali, Eid and Easter and also identify some of the similarities and differences between religious and cultural communities.

In our topic learning, Year 1 have been learning about Judaism. They have been looking at Jewish artefacts, learning what 'Shabbat' means and have retold the story of Hanukkah. This term, Year 1 will be looking at Christianity, asking 'Who do Christians say made the world?'



Last term in Year 2, the children learnt what it meant to belong to a faith community. They looked at some different faiths that might be present within our community and identified what special items different religions may wear and why. This term, Year 2 will be looking into Islam and asking 'How do they live?'. This will give the children the opportunity to learn about the important events in the daily life of Muslims.

Year 3 have been learning about the pillars of Islam and have been considering which events in their own lives they consider to be significant. They have examined which events particular faiths might celebrate. This term, Year 3 are beginning to look at Hinduism, asking 'What do Hindus believe God is like?'



Coming up to Easter, Year 4 were investigating the significant celebrations Christians might recognise during this period. They learnt terms such as 'Lent', 'Shrove Tuesday', 'Ash Wednesday' and 'Maundy Thursday'. This term they will look into the 'Trinity' and what this means for Christians.



Last term, Year 5 were looking at the terms 'believer', 'agnostic' and 'atheist' and were contemplating how religious views may impact the way people see the same events. This term, they are investigating why Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah and have been looking for evidence of the type of Messiah Christians believe him to be from extracts of the Bible.

Year 6 have previously been learning about Judaism, recognising and cementing their understanding of important Jewish symbols and artefacts such as a menorah, the Torah and the 'Star of David'. They have also built on their Year 3 learning by revising and continuing to learn about the pillars of Islam. This term they will be considering how faith can help people during times of difficulty.





Achievement Award

Kusama Reception - Alice	Nelson Reception - Elena
Van Gogh Y1 - Alfie	O'Keeffe Y1 - Jasper
Hockney Y2 - Kaysha	Matisse Y2 - Rowen
Cassatt Y3 - Agatha	Da Vinci Y3 - Willow
Mehretu Y4 - Evan	Wiley Y4 - Blanka
Dali Y5 - Yahya	Warhol Y5 - Frances

The whole of Y6 for writing fantastic travel brochures!
 PE KS1 - Robbie in Hockney Y1 PE KS2 - Arthur in Da Vinci Y3

Well done everyone!

TTRS Maths Achievement this week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jensen	Daniel	Alex	Himden	Blanka	Tanish	Elliot
Shiloh	Katarina	Rowen	Robyn	Nataniel	David	Maximus

Science Poster Competition

Thank you so much for all of your entries for The British Science Week poster competition. We had over 75 entries and they were all absolutely brilliant! It was amazing to see so many children expressing their creativity and getting excited about science! As you may know, there could only be one winner from each key stage of the school. A huge congratulations to:

Early Years: Emma in Nelson Class
 Key stage 1: Lorelai in O'Keeffe Class Y1
 Lower Key Stage 2: Melika in Da Vinci Class Y3
 Upper Key Stage 2: Yayha in Dali Class Y5



House Points

Congratulations to **Red House, Dawson**, who are this week's winners with 28 points! Blue House came second, Green third and Yellow fourth. Well done everyone!



Villers (24)



Dawson (28)



Cambridge (23)



Hawks (26)

Dates for the Diary

MAY	
Mon 2	Bank Holiday - school closed
Thur 5	Police to visit Reception
Fri 6	PCSA mufti: red, white and blue crazy hair and hat day - donations of chocolate for Jubilee Garden Party
Tue 10	PCSA Bags2School - car park
Fri 13	PCSA mufti: wear red, white and blue t-shirt - donations of bottles for Jubilee Garden Party
Mon 16	Y6 Bikeability
Wed 18	Y1 O'Keeffe Class Assembly 9am
Thu 19	National Outdoor Classroom Day
Fri 20	PCSA mufti: wear red, white and blue socks/tights and donations of cakes for Jubilee Garden Party. Tokens on sale for Jubilee Garden Party
Fri 20	Firefighters to visit Reception
Sat 21	Jubilee Garden Party!
Wed 25	Y3-Y4 Tennis Competition
Thur 26	School Council Trip to Parliament
Fri 27	Jubilee Super Learning Day Mufti -wear red, white and blue or dress a prince/princess

JUNE	
Wed 8	Y6 Kids Out to Chessington
Fri 10	Y6 PGL Trip until Monday 13 th
Wed 15	Kusama Class Assembly 9am
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
Thur 30	Back up Sports Day (in case of bad weather on 23 rd)

JULY	
Mon 4	Last week of Clubs
Wed 6	Y6 Induction Day at secondary
Tues 12	Y6 Production 2pm
Wed 13	Y6 Production 7pm
Thur 21	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Thur 21	Y5 trip to Science Museum
Fri 22	School finishes one hour earlier for Summer holidays

PCSA News

The PCSA is busy organising the Jubilee Garden Party on Saturday 21st May, to which everyone is invited. Further details will be published over the next few weeks. There are three mufti days in May where children can wear various accessories with their usual school/PE uniform in return for donating items for the Garden Party:

- Friday 6th May - wear red, white and blue hair accessories/hats for donations of chocolate
 - Friday 13th May - wear a red, white and/or blue t-shirt for donations of bottles
 - Friday 20th May - wear red, white and blue socks/tights for donations of cakes.
- Tokens for the Garden Party will be available to buy on Friday 20th May.

