



**Dear Families,**

I hope you are all excited about the Jubilee Garden Party tomorrow afternoon from 2-4pm. I know the PCSA team have been working tirelessly to organise a fantastic event. I look forward to seeing you all there.

It has been another busy week in school with Bikeability cycling proficiency and KS1 SATs tests. We also had Y1's Mini Olympics and a fabulous Outdoor Learning Day yesterday (more below).

As you can see the weather continues to be really changeable so please continue to send your child in with appropriate layers of clothes/sun cream applied/hat/waterproof coat. Please read the important section on uniform in this Digest as we have a number of children wearing non-uniform items to school.

We are delighted to share the exciting news that Mrs Laura Davis, one of our Nelson Class teachers, is expecting her second baby in the autumn. Congratulations to the Davis family!

Have a lovely weekend.

**Emily Newton**  
**Headteacher**



## Outdoor Learning Day



On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May we held our latest Outdoor Learning Day. Here at King Athelstan we recognise the importance of meaningful high-quality teaching in the outdoor environment. Teachers plan sessions to be taught outside to help children engage with the outdoors, enhance our curriculum and to enjoy the benefits of learning outside. We also recognise the positive impact of outdoor learning on children's well-being and mental health.



Everyone had a great day and spent lots of time outside! Lots of classes went to visit their allotment and had time to tidy it and plan their next planting ideas.

Reception followed clues and maps to find animals in the climbing area, using their positional language. They also read their books in the sun with both classes together to encourage friendships between the two groups.

Year 1 were outside all day! They drew the allotment, set up market stalls and shops to practise their money skills, practised painting outdoors ready to paint their stones next week and also read their stories in the sunshine.

Year 2 practised their Jubilee dance outside and took their scientific thinking outdoors, testing their heart rates.

Year 3 made paper planes and helicopters linked to their Rosie Revere story and tested them out in the playground. During the day the children also went out to read our Hodgeheg story and thought about how they could design a house for hedgehogs in our gardens or in the wildlife garden.

Year 4 drew landscapes for their dinosaur pictures inspired by our outdoor area. They also went into their allotment to do some much-needed weeding. Year 4 similarly enjoyed reading outside.



Year 5 were busy looking at their allotment and designed what will go in next. They weeded the plot and enjoyed looking at the crazy broccoli! Year 5 read outside and also performed their Alice in Wonderland tea party scripts outdoors.

Year 6 enjoyed taking their maths outside with some fun maths challenge cards around the climbing area.



## Y1 Mini Olympics

Well done to all of the children in Y1 who participated in the Y1 Mini Olympics on Tuesday! They were very enthusiastic and had a positive approach to their learning. Fortunately, the sun was shining down on us which added brightness to an already great afternoon. The children rotated through a series of stations with members of the Junior Leadership Team (Chairs, Vice-Chairs and House Captains). The children were able to participate in a variety of activities such as; hurdles, ladder challenge, dribbling and throwing. Some children chose to have this form part of their Virtual Three Peaks Challenge. Thank you to the parents/carers for cheering their children on, to the Junior Leadership Team for their outstanding contributions, the PCSA for providing refreshments and support on the day and of course to Mr McLaughlin for arranging everything.



## Big Outdoors Project

As you are probably already aware we are busy fundraising for the next phase of our Big Outdoors Project. We completed the first phase in Key Stage 2 in 2020 and are now working to raise over £120,000 to redevelop our Key Stage 1 outdoor learning environment. Plans include play and climbing spaces, a mud kitchen, a story telling circle, performance area and investigative gravel building site. It will also include a sensory garden and outdoor learning space. Ways to support our Big Outdoors Project:



- Come along to the PCSA Jubilee Garden Party Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2-4pm  
<https://pcsa.kingathelstan.co.uk/events/king-athelstan-pcsa-jubilee-garden-party/>
- Join in with the Virtual Three Peaks Challenge and get sponsored for your challenges!
- Sponsor the Three Peaks Challenge team (see below) here:  
<https://www.givey.com/thenational3peakschallenge>

## Three Peaks Challenge

Our intrepid team of volunteers (King Athelstan parents and staff) who are tackling the Three Peaks Challenge on 24<sup>th</sup> June sent this:

*We completed our training hike on Sunday, 15th May, which consisted of conquering the Surrey Three Peaks - Box Hill, Holmbury Hill and Leith Hill - (37kms in total) in approximately 9hrs. It was tough, but we are incredibly proud and confident we can cover almost the same distance we need to hike at the National Three Peaks challenge in June - although we know the conditions and the terrain will be a lot more challenging.*



*Thank you so much for your generous support and contributions so far. It is lovely that some children have started their Virtual Three Peaks challenges and fundraising. Keep up the great work, and Thank you again for your support. If you would like to participate in the Virtual Three Peaks Challenge, ask your friends and family to sponsor you, or sponsor us [here](#).*

## Platinum Jubilee Plans

Don't forget we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a Super Learning Day next **Friday 27th May** where we are asking the whole school community to dress up in either: red, white or blue, or as a prince/princess/Royal. This is a moment in history that we will never see again in our lifetimes and we want to make sure that it is memorable for the children and that their wisdom and knowledge is broadened by their learning.



## Y6 Bikeability

Congratulations to the 17 children in y6 who participated in Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability this week. This is a cycling proficiency programme where the children developed their skills in



the playground and then cycled on local roads with their instructors.

We had lots of positive reports from the instructors regarding

the children's behaviour and progress. Well done all.



## Uniform and PE Uniform

We are proud of our school and our school identity, including our uniform. Children should all be wearing black shoes, not trainers, to school with their uniform. Boots are not part of school uniform. On PE days, or when they have a sports club before or after school, they



can wear their PE uniform to school. This consists of a plain white t-shirt, plain black jogging bottoms/shorts, **their uniform purple**

**sweatshirt/cardigan** and black plimsolls/trainers. Children should not be wearing a

PE Days	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Nursery Klee				✓	
Reception Kusama		✓			
Reception Nelson			✓		
Year 1 O'Keefe			✓	✓	
Year 1 Van Gogh		✓	✓		
Year 2 Hockney	✓			✓	
Year 2 Matisse		✓		✓	
Year 3 Cassatt			✓		✓
Year 3 Da Vinci	✓		✓		
Year 4 Mehretu		✓	✓		
Year 4 Wiley	✓	✓			
Year 5 Dali	✓				✓
Year 5 Warhol	✓				✓
Year 6 Kahlo		✓			✓
Year 6 Riley				✓	✓

sweatshirt/cardigan other than the official one with the King Athelstan logo. They should not wear grey or any other coloured PE clothing, or t-shirts with pictures or logos on. Plain PE clothing is widely available in supermarkets and other chain stores at low cost (e.g. £2 for 2 plain white t-shirts, £6 for joggers). For more detail please see the uniform page of the school website here:

<https://www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/for-parents-and-carers/school-uniform/>

Please ensure all items children wear or bring into school are clearly labelled with their name so any 'lost' items can be reunited quickly. Thank you.

## Medical Appointments/Emergency leave

Please contact school in advance to advise or request any type of exceptional leave, such as attending family weddings/graduations during term time. There is a form to complete to request such leave on the website here: <https://www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/for-parents-and-carers/what-to-do-if/> We cannot authorise absence if we do not know about it. Please note, we can only authorise absence in very exceptional circumstances, and are not permitted to authorise holidays.

Where possible, children's GP or dental appointments should be booked outside school hours, or as close to the beginning or end of the day as possible to minimise absence. Please inform the office as far in advance as possible and provide proof of the appointment (an email/letter/photograph of a text) to the office or on: [admin@skingathelstan.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@skingathelstan.rbksch.org) to enable school to authorise the absence. Thank you.

## House Points

Congratulations to Red House, Dawson, who win again this week with 36 points! Green came second on 28, Blue third with 22 and Yellow on 17. Well done everyone!



Villers (28)

Dawson (36)

Cambridge (17)

Hawks (22)

## Achievement Assembly



## Achievement Award

Kusama Reception - Sharav and Ali

Nelson Reception - Olivia and Serah

Van Gogh Y1 - Ari

O'Keeffe Y1 - Micah

Hockney Y2 - Harrison

Matisse Y2 - Fatima

Cassatt Y3 - Meryem

Da Vinci Y3 - Melika

Mehretu Y4 - Yasmin

Wiley Y4 - Jack

Dali Y5 - Betty

Warhol Y5 - Jessica

Kahlo Y6 - Evan

Riley Y6 - Lacey

PE KS1 - Zoe in O'Keeffe Y1

PE KS2 - Theo in Kahlo Y6

Well done everyone!

TTRS Maths Achievement this week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Elena	Peter	Benjamin	Robyn	Eme	Olivia	Elliot
Amina	Daniel	Max F	Nicola	Ilyas	Savannah	Max

## PCSA News



There were some fantastic red/white/blue socks today for this week's mini-mufti, in return for donations of cakes for the Jubilee Garden Party tomorrow from 2-4pm. We hope you can all come along and bring friends and family, too. There will be a Children's Afternoon Tea, garden games, tombola stalls, drinks and ice lollies and craft activities and fun for all the family.

We would love food donations on the day of the Jubilee Garden Party that reflect the broad heritage and national identities of the school family. Food can be hot or cold, sweet or savoury and derive from anywhere across the world. We will then sell all food donated with all proceeds going to the Big Outdoor Project.

We will be at school on Saturday 21st May from 1pm & any food can be dropped off from that time onwards. **Please remember we cannot have any foods containing**

**nuts or pork.** We do request that you provide a summary of the ingredients of any dish you donate - please see the form at the end of this Digest which we ask you to complete and include with your dish. We hope to see you on Saturday!

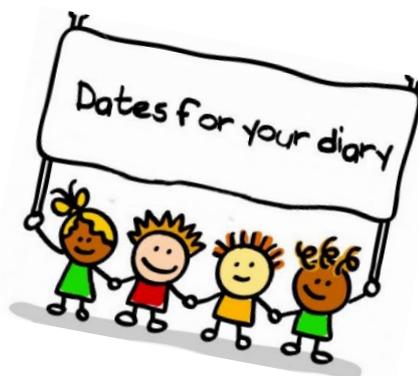
### Dates for the Diary

MAY	
Mon 23	SEND parent/carer consultations this week
Thur 26	School Council Trip to Parliament
Fri 27	Jubilee Super Learning Day Mufti -wear red, white and blue or dress as a prince or princess
Mon 30	Half-term

JUNE	
Mon 6	Jubilee Day - school closed
Tue 7	R and Y6 height and weight checks
Tue 7	Parent/Carer Support Group - Anxiety
Wed 8	Y6 Kids Out to Chessington
Thur 9	Class Photos
Fri 10	Y6 PGL Trip until Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>
Tue 14	Parent/Carer Support Group -Behaviour
Wed 15	Kusama Class Assembly 9am
Wed 15	Y5 trip to Holly Lodge
Mon 20	Choir Concert at the Rose 4.15pm
Tue 21	Parent/Carer Support Group - sibling & friendship relationships
Thur 23	Sports Day
Fri 24	INSET Day-children not in school
Tue 28	Y6 trip to Imperial War Museum
Tue 28	Parent/Carer Support Group - Parent Reflection
Wed 29	Y2 trip to Hampton Court

JULY	
Mon 4	Last week of clubs
Tue 5	Back up Sports Day (in case of bad weather on 23 <sup>rd</sup> June)
Wed 6	Y6 Induction Day at secondary
Wed 13	Y6 Production 2pm
Thur 14	Y1 trip to Littlehampton
Thur 14	Y6 Production 7pm
Thur 21	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Thur 21	Y5 trip to Science Museum
Fri 22	School finishes one hour earlier for the summer holidays

SEPTEMBER	
Thur 1	INSET Day - children not in school
Fri 2	INSET Day - children not in school
Mon 5	Children in school for autumn term



# Queen's Jubilee Garden Party

21.05.22



Made by family of:

Dish:

Ingredients: (no nuts or pork)

Please list all ingredients used.

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