

King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 33 – Friday 10th June 2022

Dear Families,

We hope you all had a lovely half-term and that you enjoyed the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. We are now in a very busy last half-term of the school year. 48 of our Y6 pupils and 6 staff set off for a 4-day residential this morning and we also have lots of other exciting events coming up.

Many of you will have realised that it is now five years since our last



Y6 at the Cotswold Wildlife Park



Ofsted inspection. This means we are due a visit at any time. We will receive a call the day before the

inspection to inform us, and will let you all know that day. The Ofsted framework has changed significantly since the last inspection, but we continue to self-evaluate as 'good'.

Emily Newton Headteacher

Achievement Assembly

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



TTRS Maths Achievement this week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Oscar	Katarina	Benjamin	Kayla	Alex	Juna	Elliot
Amina	Ruby	Rowen	Natalia	Violet	Freddie	Jack

Items in School

Please remember that children should not be wearing any sort of smart watch in school. Any watch which has the same capabilities as a phone, can make calls, text or has a camera, is not permitted to be worn in school. Please leave any such items at home. Thank you.

Spotlight on EYFS - Klee Nursery

The Early Years team have been busy developing our new curriculum this year making sure we are using books that allow us to explore your children's interests. This year so far some of our highlights include:

Klee Nursery

SELFISH CROCODILE	JASPERS BEANSTALK	BRIAND ZIPARTING NATURE (7 RALL NUL AT
Oral health workshop week!	We investigated different seeds	• We went on a mini beast hunt
 We had a circle time about oral health Children had a role play set up as a 	 We washed and chopped up vegetables The children had a garden centre 	 We did some pond dipping with nets The children made a mini beast small world
dentist	role play area outside	 We made mini beasts with play dough
 We made crocodiles using various materials We cleaned the pretend teeth in 	 We drew bean stalks We made bean stalks using play dough 	 We drew our favourite mini beasts The children took part in flower art and craft
soapy water	 The children planted their own beans and watched them grow! 	 We read some non-fiction books about mini beasts
		 We learnt some minibeast songs

Little Klee

And the second s	THE YEAR
 We were mixing colours We were mark making using different colour resources e.g. chalk. We were spotting colours in the environment We were melting crayons We did the Skittle colour experiment We were cooking with different colours e.g. red lentils We add colour ice cubes for mark making 	 We made smoothies and fruit kebabs. We were counting different fruits. We made an insect small world We went on an insect mini beast hunt in the wild area We visited the growing area in KS2 playground We were touching different fruit textures

In Nursery this week, our book focus has been "Ambulance and Air Ambulance Crew" by Nancy Dickmann. We have been learning all about paramedics and how they help people when they are sick. We have drawn pictures, dressed up as doctors and nurses and have built emergency vehicles.



Nursery really enjoyed our Jubilee celebration before halfterm. The children had lots of fun making apple crumble, painting stones and having an afternoon tea with sandwiches. The children came back to school this week with lots of stories about how they celebrated at home!



In Little Klee last half-term, the book focus was "Old Macdonald Had a Farm". Children enjoyed a farm small



jigsaws!





Spotlight on EYFS – Reception Classes Kusama & Nelson

These are some of the books we read in Reception:



We designed and made our own story maps, using the outdoor area to go on a real-life bear hunt! Some of us made our own binoculars to see if we could spot the hidden bear.





We learnt all about space and the different planets. We built a rocket and landed on the moon! We spent time thinking about what we wanted to be when we grow up.

> Some responses included a doctor, mermaid, popstar, gamer and police officer.



E99s Chicks

We used this non-fiction book to help us learn all about chicks and eggs. We hatched our own and we were so pleased that all 10 eggs hatched into very cute little chicks. We learnt about how to look after them, we held them and we gave them all

names; Hoppy, Fluff, Lazy and Quackers were some of our

favourite





'People Who Help Us' and had a visit from a Police Officer. We enjoyed writing questions for her and got to try on some of her uniform. We then had a go at making some of our own equipment!



The children came back to school this week and it has been lovely hearing about what they got up to during the half term and with lots of stories about how they celebrated the Queen's Jubilee at home.

This week, our book focus has been "Dear Dinosaur" by Chae Strathie. We have been learning all about the different types of dinosaurs that existed, what their diet consisted of and what the world might have looked like then. Luckily, we have a few dino experts on hand to help us with the pronunciation! It has been really interesting hearing the children's ideas about the past and what it might have been like to live amongst dinosaurs - most of them are very happy that is not the case!



In maths we have been learning to use a Rekenrek. A

rekenrek is a maths counting frame. Rekenreks help children build good number sense through the maths mastery approach that that uses hands-on activities to help children make meaningful connections to early years maths concepts. We have been learning how to hold them the correct way and using our pointing finger to move the required number of beads along - we say 'reds at the ready'!



During our last half-term, we will be spending time thinking about the next stage in our school journey and enjoying two transition sessions into our new classes. We will be looking back on our year and talking about things we have enjoyed and things we have learnt about ourselves. We will be also be thinking

about next year and what our hopes and aspirations are for the









House Points

Congratulations to **Green** and **Red** Houses, who are joint winners this week with 28 points each! Blue and Yellow are right behind jointly on 27! Well done everyone!







Villers (28)

Dawson (28) Cambridge (27) Hawks (27) Dates for the Diary

	JUNE		
Fri 10-	Y6 residential at PGL Liddington		
Mon 13			
Wed 15	Y5 trip to Holly Lodge		
Wed 15	Kusama Class assembly		
Thurs 16	New to Reception Stay & Play		
Thur 16	New to Nursery Stay & Play		
Fri 17	Y6 Science Workshop (in school)		
Mon 20	Choir Concert at the Rose Theatre		
Thurs 23	Sports Day		
Fri 24	INSET Day - children not in school		
Tue 28	Y6 trip to Imperial War Museum		
Wed 29	Y2 trip to Hampton Court		

	JULY	
Mon 4	Last week of clubs	
Thur 7	EYFS Beach Day	
Wed 13	Y6 Production 2pm	
Thur 14	Y6 Production 7pm	
Fri 15	Y4 Ukulele Concert	
Tue 19	International Day	
Thur 21	Y5 trip to Science Museum	
Thur 21	Y6 Leavers' Assembly & tea	
Fri 22	Break up for summer 1 hour earlier	

Messages from other agencies:

Covid-19 vaccinations for children 5-12 years:





Forest School holiday workshops: