



Dear Families,

Wow, what amazing weather this week. It's been lovely to have so much sunshine. Many thanks for ensuring your children are appropriately prepared for the heat with sun hats and water bottles.

This is an incredibly busy time of year for schools and we are looking forward to lots of trips and events in the coming weeks.

We wanted to take this opportunity to remind families that school attendance is statutory and children must attend at all times unless they are unwell. We are unable to authorise term time holidays, including leaving before the summer holiday officially begins or returning late in September. Starting later than their peers in September does not support the children's emotional wellbeing. They miss crucial time where class expectations and routines are set. Learning starts immediately. It also means that they would start the year as 'persistently absent' in terms of attendance. Children return to school on **Monday 5th September 2022**. **EYFS children have been, or will be given, their individual start date.** Thank you for your understanding and support.

This week saw the Y6 team return from their residential trip to PGL in Wiltshire, a group of Y5 children took part in 'Dragon's Den' (see below), and Y5 had a wonderful day at Holly Lodge in Richmond Park.

Remember that next **Friday 24th June** is an **INSET day** and children are not in school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher



Fathers/Superheroes Day

This Sunday is Father's Day. In order to celebrate the wonderful fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, cousins and superhero figures in our lives, every child left school today with a gingerbread man to give to their superhero. We hope you all have a lovely day on Sunday.



Y5 'Dragon's Den' Competition

Six children from Y5 were invited to attend a 'Dragon's Den' competition this week, along with 8 other local primary schools. The team took part in lessons in science, music, drama, business and DT/computing and group work with Tiffin Girls' pupils. They used the specialist work spaces, including laboratories and workshops, and had the opportunity to use technology, such as the special lighting in the drama studio and recording equipment in music. At the end of the day each team had to pitch a presentation about their product - a bath bomb - to present to the 'Dragon's Den' judges. We are so proud to say our King Athelstan team came second! Miss Naik, who accompanied them, said they worked really hard and were a credit to the school. Well done to Savannah, Andrew, Grace, Sapphire, Harley and Katerina.



School Uniform PMG

King Athelstan school uniform sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts, bookbags and PE bags are supplied by PMG Schoolwear. Their shop is located at 393-395 Hook Road, Chessington, Surrey, KT9 1EL. The shop is open Monday - Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm. You can also make an appointment for a personalised service. To book, please go to the website here: <https://www.pmg-schoolwear.co.uk/> The purchase deadline to guarantee uniform in time for the autumn term is 12th August.



PMG sell all items of school wear, but families can also purchase general items, such as school trousers, skirts, plain white polo shirts and all PE uniform, elsewhere - most is available at reasonable prices in high street stores and supermarkets.

Summer Reading Challenge

It's that time of year again! The Summer Reading Challenge theme has been revealed! Get ready for *Gadgeteers*, arriving online and in your local library this summer. Science is all around you! What do you love doing? Are you a brilliant baker? Or a mega music fan? Are you the tech wizard amongst your friends? Join the *Gadgeteers* for the Summer Reading Challenge to discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around you, including some of your favourite things!

Curious? Perfect! Your imagination can unlock endless possibilities...

We're teaming up with Science Museum Group for a very special science-themed Challenge that will inspire you to use your imagination and creativity! *Gadgeteers* will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for cool experiments and activities to discover the science all around you. The Challenge will be brought to life by top children's writer and illustrator Julian Beresford. Are you excited to join the #Gadgeteers this summer?"



[Keep an eye on our blog for all the latest Summer Reading Challenge news.](#)

Y5 Trip to Holly Lodge

On Wednesday, Y5 went to Richmond Park to visit Holly Lodge, which links to their learning about the Victorians. The story is that Mr Sawyer is the park keeper while Mrs Sawyer runs a school for the children of the workers of the park. Both Dali and Warhol had the pleasure of being taught by the "strict" Mrs Sawyer. Not only did the classes work in an authentic Victorian schoolroom, they used authentic Victorian school resources too. Firstly, we were shown Victorian punishments, like the back breaker, finger trap, dunce's cap and the dreaded cane. After we learnt about the 3 R's - Reading wRiting and aRithmetic. We completed these tasks on traditional slate boards, which were a contrast to our regular whiteboards. Once finished, we completed some drill exercises (PE).

We were glad to get back to King Athelstan!



Spotlight on History

History at King Athelstan has been on a long journey over the past few years and with you and your children's help we have been able to develop it to give our children the knowledge and skills they will need to be successful, well informed and well-rounded individuals. As History lead, it has been my great pleasure to help modernise our curriculum and go on this journey with the school; new topics of study range from Early Islamic Civilisation in Year 6 to The Tudors in Year 2! However, there are always new features to be added and exciting new areas of History to uncover! We have a few 'irons in the fire' and thrilling (Yes, History can be thrilling) events on this horizon, so watch this space!

Mr Barson, Year 2 Teacher and History Lead

Nursery Nursery are learning about who they are and their family around them which is so important for establishing a base in understanding the past; that they were once younger and their brothers, sisters and family are older and can do different things because of that. Keep it up Nursery!

Reception Reception are going 'Under the Sea' with their topic this term and in History they will be continuing to establish things around them which are 'older' and 'newer' such as toys and even people! They have been making classic pirate maps with teabags and talking about trips to the beach! Can't wait to see what you continue to create!

Year 1 Miss Gulliford and Ms. Hosseinian have possibly the best of all the History topics this term as they are off to the beach! Littlehampton, to be specific and with this weather who can blame them! They're not there just to do some sunbathing but also to learn a bit about what it was like to go on Holiday years and years ago as it has been a popular destination for people since Victorian Times. They will come back to school and investigate what people used to wear and do at the beach for fun!

Year 2 This term, Year 2 are diving into the totally new topic of 'The Tudors'. In our Brave Explorers topic, the Tudors are our History focus as they were part of 'The Age of Exploration'. As part of this exploration we are very excited about visiting the nearby Hampton Court Palace in a couple of weeks. We will be learning about what it was like in Tudor times to live and work in a bustling palace and the famous characters who lived there such as Henry VIII and his 6 poor wives! We are sure to impress the staff at Hampton Court with our fantastic Tudor knowledge and we can't wait to get on the boat and arrive in true Henry VIII fashion!

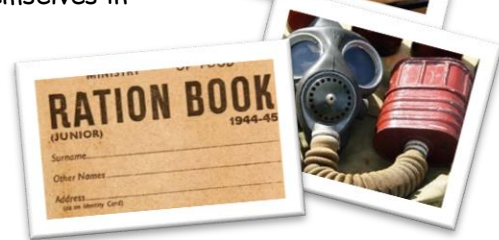
Year 3 are learning about famous inventors and their inventions! From Ada Lovelace to Tim Berners-Lee they have been looking at some of the most important inventions in the world and where they came from. Not to mention, thinking up a few of their own! We really enjoyed your Final countdown dance as well, who would've thought the 80's was considered 'History'!

Year 4 have been travelling way back in time to when Dinosaurs were first discovered and are learning about the fantastical tale of two men who used nasty and underhand tactics to fight over the best discoveries! They call it 'The Bone Wars'. On top of this, they are learning about Mary Anning, who discovered fossils by the seashore and tried to share her discoveries with other scientists rather than fight over them and was not given the same fame and renown until much later! Smash the Patriarchy!



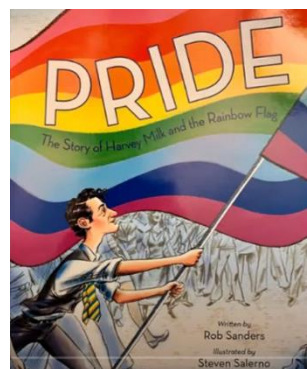
Year 5 Miss Disher and Mr Morris took their classes to Holly Lodge in Richmond Park on Wednesday and what amazing weather to go! Hope you brought sun cream for those legs Mr Morris! The children were at the park to do understand how children learned in the Victorian times and they were in for a shock! No rule reminders or concentration stations here! Just the backbreaker, dunce cap and dreaded cane! Luckily, everyone had fun writing on blackboards and learning the Victorian way. Cleanliness is next to Godliness!

Year 6 It's the Blitz in Year 6 at the moment as the children immerse themselves in wartime Britain. Blackouts, ration cards and air raid sirens are on the agenda as Year 6 don their Air raid helmets and run for cover! The children have been learning about how difficult it was for children trying to learn during a war, and what it was like to be evacuated to somewhere unfamiliar! They have learned about propoganda, Blitz spirit and famous (and infamous) names. No dictators here!



PRIDE Assembly

This week's Inclusion Assembly marked Pride Month. We learned about the Stonewall riots and thought about how LGBT+ rights have changed over time. The assembly focussed on the values of acceptance, equality and being proud of who you are. The children listened to 'Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag' and learned about how this, now internationally recognised, symbol came about. "You have to given them hope. Hope for a better world, hope for a better tomorrow..." Harvey Milk.



Achievement Assembly

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



Achievement Award

Friday 17th June 2022

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| Kusama Reception - Tasya & Leyah | Nelson Reception - Alan |
| Van Gogh Y1 - Matthew | O'Keeffe Y1 - Frankie |
| Hockney Y2 - Inci | Matisse Y2 - Max and Milena |
| Cassatt Y3 - Elaie | Da Vinci Y3 - Teddy |
| Mehretu Y4 - Loveen | Wiley Y4 - Albert |
| Dali Y5 - Andrew 7 Harley | Warhol Y5 - Clara |

Whole of Y6!

Kusama Class for their wonderful assembly!

A massive well done to the Year 4 pupils who completed the Multiplication Tables Check. They were all brilliant and Mr Channing and Miss Smee are so proud of them all!



SPARK! Book Awards

King Athelstan Primary School - Inspiring Excellence

The SPARK! Book Awards

Next week in school we will be voting for our favourite books from the SPARK! Book Award List.
Age list:

- [Ages 3-5: Picture fiction](#)
- [Ages 6-11: Picture Fiction](#)
- [Ages 7-9: Fiction](#)
- [Ages 9-11: Fiction](#)



Remember, you can hear staff reading these stories on Google Classroom streams from the March, World Book Day, Masked Reader Videos to help you decide.

Dates for the Diary

JUNE	
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



Three Peaks Challenge

Next weekend our intrepid adventurers (King Athelstan parents and staff) take on the Three Peaks Challenge, climbing the Surrey Three Peaks - Box Hill, Holmbury Hill and Leith Hill (37kms in total) - to raise money for the Big Outdoors Project. They say:

"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](#)."



We will post some photos of the challenge once it is complete. Thank you for all your donations.