



Dear Families,

What a fantastic week it has been. We started on Monday with a wonderful concert at The Rose Theatre. Our choir sang with energy and were incredibly professional. It was a really polished performance and a marvellous experience for the children to sing on a performance stage.

Thank you for your amazing support at Sports Day. It was fantastic to see so many members of our community cheering the children on. We hope you had lots of fun and that you were as proud of your children as we were. I know everyone was totally exhausted by the end of the day. Well done everyone!

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Three Peaks Challenge

Our amazing team of volunteers arrived today at Glasgow Airport ready to commence the Three Peaks Challenge after months of physical training. Devastatingly, when they arrived the company they were travelling with informed them that the van booked to take them had broken down in the Highlands. After several hours the company failed to find a solution and cancelled the Challenge this weekend. Our team are currently in Scotland trying to make arrangements to return home to their families, contending with the train strikes and lack of available flights. We are sure you join us in wishing them all a safe journey home. We will update you on the Challenge once we know more.

Sports Day

We had an array of all weathers for our annual Sports Day yesterday! However, the grey clouds cleared and we had some sunshine and warmth as the children took part in some fast racing/hurdling/beanbag balancing. It was great to see the children in action and displaying such good sportsmanship. It was wonderful to see so many families join us across the morning - such a lovely atmosphere. Thanks to all the staff who did a fantastic job organising and running the day. Particular thanks to Mr McLaughlin for all his hard work planning, organising and leading all the activities. Our Junior Leadership Team also did a fabulous job helping setting up, supporting the children in their Houses and then ensuring all the activities went to plan. Well done to Red House (Dawson) who won the Sports Day shield which will now be engraved for this year.



Transition to New Classes

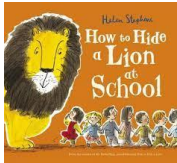
All children had the opportunity this week to meet their teacher for next year. On Wednesday 6th July, all children will spend some time in their new classroom with their new teachers to get to know them. Staff have ensured that children are supported if they feel nervous or anxious about these changes. We have also held 'Stay and Play' sessions for children joining Nursery and Reception classes in September for them to get used to the school and the staff in their classes. Additional support for some individuals is also being provided by our Nurture Team. Do let us know if your child is finding transition particularly difficult.

Spotlight on Computing

Computing at King Athelstan has been ever evolving, changing and developing just as the world of technology around us has. The subject has become embedded in our daily lives and we strive to equip our children with the skills, ability and understanding to allow them to thrive in such a technologically changing world. As Computing Lead it has been a pleasure to develop our curriculum and see our children grow as they take on their journey through school. The opportunities are limitless, and as we move forward our children will be experiencing more exciting, challenging and engaging learning.

Mr Channing, Year 4 Teacher and Computing Lead

Early Years



Children in early years have made an incredible step into the world of technology. Based on their story of the week, *How to Hide a Lion at School*, they have been taught how to use iPads, and then used Busy Things to create and decorate their own wild animals.

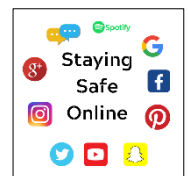


Year One

Linked with their topic 'All Creatures Great and Small', Year One have been dipping their toes into the complex world of coding and algorithms! Through simple code, the children have been using Jit Turtle to program animals to accomplish tasks using commands. Through this, the children learn how coding and programming works, whilst also gaining a deeper understanding of how to give detailed instructions. Watch out, parents and carers!

Year Two

As 'Brave Explorers' the Year Two classes have been investigating technology and how it integrates into the world around them. They have explored and described technology within the classroom as well as at home, with definitions such as "A camera sometimes takes priceless pictures!" Whilst exploring these wonders, the children have also delved deep into how to stay safe when using technology. A crucial skill!



Year Three



True to their topic name, the children have been using digital tools to show how they are indeed 'Wild at Heart!' The children have explored different African art and textiles and used Paint to create their own wonderful African-themed designs. As well as this, the children have been using Scratch to further their coding abilities.

Year Four

Year Four have been spinning more 'Tales of the Bearly Believeable' as they used Publisher to design and create their own leaflets informing readers about the rare spectacled bear - you may know one by the name of Paddington! The children have explored what it means to stand out and attract an audience whilst also informing and educating.

Year Five

Year Five have been exploring the 'Adventures of My Other Self' through their online personas. They have discovered what is meant by an avatar, and designed and created their own quizzes to test one another's knowledge.

Year Six

As their time at King Athelstan sadly comes to an end, Year Six children are creating their yearbooks themselves using various software. As well as this, they are going to amalgamate their skills learned across school to explore the wonderful world of Kai's Clan!



Choir Concert at the Rose Theatre

Our excellent choir (Y3-6), led by Mr Thomas, took part in the Kingston Music Service's *A Magical Mystery Tour* featuring massed primary school choirs from across the Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames. They performed a selection of uplifting songs on the theme of journeys, across land, sea and sky. They sang beautifully, and were a real credit to the school. Well done, choir members!

Y6 French Fashion Show

This week Riley Class had a great time during French performing a fashion show. The children wore mufti and then paired up with a friend to describe what each other was wearing using their French language skills. I was really impressed with the models who struck some amazing poses and with the



French commentary, which brought together everything that the children have been learning this term. Kahlo Class, get ready for your turn next week. Year 6 really are très chic!
From Mrs Bailey, French Teacher



FUEL Programme for Holiday Activities

The FUEL (Feed Ur Everyday Lives) programme offering free holiday activities, returns this summer to help support children on benefits-related Free School Meals, and will be on offer throughout the holidays. After successful Easter sessions, there are over 18000 spaces available across Kingston and Richmond with holiday activity and food providers, and the programme continues to grow with new locations, providers, and activities available for children across the two boroughs.

The programme offers completely free access for children receiving benefits-related Free School Meals to attend holiday clubs, sports groups, play sessions and more. Children who are entitled to the programme have the opportunity to attend up to 16 sessions throughout the summer.

For further information on the programme and the providers that we will be working with, please visit our [website](#) or contact FUEL@Achievingforchildren.org.uk.

PCSA News

Your PCSA needs you!

Calling all mums, dads and carers! The PCSA raises vital funds for our school - more than £20,000 in the past two years and around £50,000 in contributions towards the (now fantastic) KS2 playground. In September, the committee of volunteer parents that organises this fundraising will be stepping down. Are you in a position to take on one of the committee jobs? We need a chair or co-chairs, a treasurer and a secretary, plus a few others to help with comms, website admin and general organising. These roles aren't hugely time-consuming on a weekly basis (the current committee all have full or part time jobs). Have a think, and if you'd like to find out more, you can email co-chairs Rachel and Catherine at kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com.

HENRY

HENRY is a healthy lifestyles programme that supports parents to make positive lifestyle changes. We know that everyone wants the best for their children, but it can be hard to know what to do to ensure a healthy family lifestyle. The Your Healthcare HENRY team offer 8-week programmes and one-off workshops for parents and carers of children between



0-12 years of age. HENRY practitioners work in partnership with parents to set goals that work for them to promote happy, healthy families. To find out more about this programme visit www.henry.org.uk/parents or email henry@yourhealthcare.org. Parents and carers can self-refer and the online referral form can be accessed by [clicking here](#) or by scanning the QR code on the left.

Dates for the Diary

JUNE	
Tue 28	Y6 trip to Imperial War Museum
Wed 29	Y2 trip to Hampton Court



JULY	
Fri 1	Y5 & Y6 RSE sessions
Mon 4	Last week of clubs
Wed 6	Y3 Hogsmill River trip
Thur 7	EYFS Beach Day
Wed 13	Y6 Production 2pm
Thur 14	Y6 Production 7pm
Fri 15	Y4 Ukulele Concert
Fri 15	Y6 Party
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