



Dear Families,

In assembly this week we talked about the Jewish Festivals of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and learned about traditions surrounding these events.

Thank you to everyone who booked our special Census Day menu yesterday. The children had lots of fun building their own hot-dogs and having their ice-cream dessert! Now that the weather is getting chillier, please make sure your child has a coat with them every day. The temperature can change quite suddenly.

Enjoy your weekend.

Emily Newton, Headteacher

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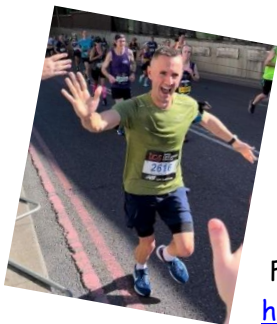
Family Admin

The school office would like to remind everyone that a child's absence/sickness **must** be reported as soon as possible. There is a dedicated telephone line (on 020 8546 8210) where you can leave a message even before school opens. Staff have to spend a lot of time every day phoning families to find out where children are when they do not turn up for school. We have a statutory duty to do this as part of our safeguarding responsibility. Likewise, please ensure your child's lunches are booked on ParentPay **in advance** if they are not bringing a packed lunch. Every day we have a number of children with no lunch booked which puts pressure on the kitchen trying to provide meals that have not been planned, and also on office staff calling to find out what has happened. This takes a huge amount of admin time every day and on occasion we have not had sufficient food. Please also make sure that you talk through menu choices with your child as we have to support lots of children who have been booked in for a meal that they don't like when the other choice is their favourite meal. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dangerous Parking

This morning a member of the public came into the office to raise serious concerns. He reported that three cars belonging to families from the school were parked on the double yellow lines on Dawson Rd. One of the cars was very dangerously parked, and in another a parent had left a young child alone while taking another child into school. He says he mentioned to the parent that they were illegally parked and was ignored. He will be reporting all three cars to the council. Please park **only** in designated parking spaces in our local area, and **never** leave children unattended in a car - this is a safeguarding issue.

London Marathon



Congratulations to our very own marathon man, PE teacher Mr McLaughlin, who completed the 26.2 miles in London on Sunday in a fantastic 3 hours, 27 minutes and 46 seconds! He improved on his time from last year by a staggering 18 minutes! Amazing. It's not too late to sponsor him: he ran to raise money for the KS1 playground re-development, part of our Big Outdoors Project. [Click here to sponsor Mr McLaughlin](#)

We hoped you enjoyed watching Y6 Riley Class who featured on BBC Newsround last Friday doing their Mini-Marathon. You can also still sponsor the children here: <https://www.givey.com/katclondonminimarathon2022>

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Our newly-appointed House Captains were busy last week helping out with the mini-marathon in school. Well done to: **Monica and Charlie for Yellow House Cambridge**, **Roan and Lula for Blue House Hawks**, **Harry and Raiyan for Green House Villiers**, and **Ali and Daisie-Mae for Red House Dawson**. The House Captains are also responsible for calculating weekly house point totals and PE equipment.

Y6 Prefects have now been appointed and given their jobs to do around the school. These include helping in the front office, teachers in the Music Room and Art Room as well as each class. They are invaluable!

The new Eco Warriors Team will be announced shortly.



Deficit Recovery Plans

We are working on a deficit recovery plan to ensure we are able to operate within our financial means moving forwards. The unfunded pay awards and energy costs are aspects of this, however, the issue is far broader in terms of the way schools are funded. We will need to save several hundreds of thousands of pounds per year from now on. You will have noticed that we already have one less member in the Senior Leadership Team (we have removed an Assistant Head role from the structure), the Inclusion Team (a TA role has been removed) and the office Admin Team (the receptionist role has been removed). We cannot replace these roles, however, still have to cover the bulk of the workload. We have also not replaced a teacher covering statutory PPA (planning, preparation and assessment) time for teachers and reduced subject leadership time to spread existing PPA cover further. You may also hear your children talk about cover arrangements when staff are off sick or on training/attending vital meetings. The vast majority of cover is provided internally by the Senior Leadership Team/Inclusion Team, again reducing the capacity to do other work. It is only in very exceptional circumstances that supply cover will be booked. Please be mindful that some things will look different in terms of staff capacity/availability as we move through these challenging times. Thank you for your cooperation.

Volunteers

Now that we have been back at school for a month and everyone is firmly in their new routines you may find that you have some free time available each week. We love having volunteers come into classes each week to listen to children read; little and often ensures children make the best progress. You will need to complete a DBS check, which normally takes a couple of weeks, and once this has been completed you will be able to volunteer. Click here for the [Volunteer Readers Policy](#), which has a link to a Google Form to start the DBS application process. The DBS lasts for three years, and means that you can also volunteer to attend school trips. We do ask volunteers to contribute to the cost of their DBS check if at all possible. Each one costs £12, but any contribution would be most welcome, and can be paid on ParentPay. Thank you.



Black History Month

As mentioned last week, October is Black History Month, and we are spreading awareness of the importance of this in assemblies and in lessons. This week: Miss Govan's assembly celebrated the poetry of Benjamin Zephaniah; our history lead, Miss Lee's, Black History assembly reminded everyone why we celebrate it, and our Equality and Diversity lead, Miss Meggitt, shared a special edition of the thinker's project homework linked to Black History - check your Google Classroom stream for the full PDF version, which has links to relevant websites.

Black History Thinkers Project

To celebrate Black History Month, you may want to do some extra home learning and find out about:

<p>The influence people of black heritage have had on the music industry - jazz, reggae, Gospel, hip hop, rock and roll etc.</p>	<p>The dances associated with African-derived music. For example, breakdance or the Charleston.</p>	<p>Our class artists: Julie Mehretu, Kehinde Wiley, Stephen Wiltshire.</p>	<p>Sporting heroes from the UK and abroad - Dame Kelly Holmes, Lewis Hamilton, Frank Bruno Nicola Adams, Usain Bolt and Serena and Venus Williams</p>
<p>The delicious food we enjoy thanks to spices and recipes from Africa and the Caribbean.</p>	<p>The Notting Hill street carnival and how it came about.</p>	<p>Authors and poets - E.g. Benjamin Zephaniah, Maya Angelo, Joseph Coelho and Amanda Gorman.</p>	<p>People important to the advancement in Technology. E.g. Katherine Johnson, Evelyn Boyd Granville, Roy Clay Sr. and Valerie Thomas</p>
<p>Authors - E.g. Malorie Blackman, Nathan Bryon, Vashiti Harrison and Lupita Nyong'o.</p>	<p>TV and Film: Research an actor or film director. E.g. Hugh Quarshie, Lenny Henry, Thandiwe Newton, Grace Jones, Steve McQueen</p>	<p>STEM - E.g. Mary Seacole, Mae Jemison, Percy Lavon Julian, Katherine Johnson, Dame Elizabeth Anionwu and Marie Maynard Daly</p>	<p>Leaders: E.g. Paul Stephenson, Harold Moody, Rosa Parks and Nelson Mandela</p>

School Council 2022-23

Speeches have been made and votes cast. It was very difficult to decide who to vote for, but everyone from Y1-6 voted, and new School Council for this year is:

O'Keeffe	Izzy	Van Gogh	Annie
Hockney	AJ	Matisse	Khadija
Da Vinci	Fatima	Cassatt	Bibi
Mehretu	Martha	Wiley	Ava
Dali	Tamuka	Warhol	Lula
Riley	Clara	Kahlo	Monica



World Mental Health Day

On **Monday 10th October** King Athelstan will be celebrating Mental Health day with the theme: **'Different Families, Same Love'**.

We will be exploring and teaching children that all families are different, and there are many types of family. We can still experience the feeling of love and belonging from all.



We will be raising money for the local charity 'BRITE BOX' which supplies food activity boxes to families in our community. If you are able, please donate via the World Mental Health Day item in your ParentPay account. We will also be having a **book giveaway** at the end of the day where children can make a small cash donation and take a book home to

share with their family. Children are invited to **wear a brightly coloured accessory, any colour** (hair bows, socks, head bands, etc.) along with their usual school uniform (or PE uniform if it is their PE day) on Monday.

Y6 Leavers

Families often ask where Y6 children from King Athelstan go on to secondary school, so here is a table for this year's leavers. In previous years, children have also gone on to Raynes Park High School, Tiffin Girls' School, Tiffin Boys' School, Richard Challoner, and Grey Court School. Some children also go on to private schools. Secondary schools are all running tours and open evenings for prospective students for 2023 and their families to visit. Please contact the schools directly, or look on their websites for details.

Chessington School	1
Coombe Boys' School	1
Coombe Girls' School	7
Dysart School	1
The Kingston Academy	3
Southborough Boys' School	1
Tolworth Girls' School	4
Teddington School	11

Amazon Wish List

Families often ask us if they can donate or buy items for the school, so we set up an Amazon Wish List. It contains some high-use items, such as glue sticks, whiteboard pens and ice packs as well as PE equipment. There is no obligation to buy anything, but if you do make a purchase, please have it sent straight to the school office, and please include your name so we know who you are. Thank you so much. <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>



Y5 News



Warhol Class were very busy this week practising their science skills. They made parachutes, which they took outside to the playground to test. As you can see, they worked brilliantly!



However, Y5 were quite shocked earlier in the week when a group of triffids appeared to attack their classroom!



Reception Tea Party

Reception classes had a Tea Party today and brought along their teddy bears from home. They have been working hard on their topic learning all about London, and felt it was appropriate to celebrate with a very traditional English afternoon tea. They all enjoyed a cup of tea with scones and jam.



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



Achievement Award 30.9.22

Van Gogh Y1 - Immy

O'Keeffe Y1 - Elena

Hockney Y2 - Pedro

Matisse Y2 - Aaliyaah

Da Vinci Y3 - Adam

Cassatt Y3 - Rhys

Mehretu Y4 - Harman

Wiley Y4 - Sky

Dali Y5 - Daniel

Warhol Y5 - Georgie

Riley - Roan

Kahlo - Hayden



Achievement Award 7.10.22

Van Gogh Y1 - Izabella

O'Keeffe Y1 - Frankie

Hockney Y2 - Victoria

Matisse Y2 - Jeremiah

Da Vinci Y3 - Fatima

Cassatt Y3 - Jayden & Sophia

Mehretu Y4 - Arthur

Wiley Y4 - Harry

Dali Y5 - Hugh

Warhol Y5 - Ayla-Grace

Riley - Donya

Kahlo - Tanish

KS1 PE - Nadia in Matisse (Y2) KS2 PE - Rhys in Cassatt Y3

Dates for the Diary

OCTOBER	
	Black History Month
Mon 10	Mental Health Superlearning Day - wear bright accessories
Mon 10	A Day in the Life of a Nursery Child - online at 4pm
Tue 11	A Day in the Life of a Reception Child (Kusama) - online at 4pm
Tue 11	A Day in the Life of a Reception Child (Nelson) - online at 5pm
Mon 17	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings online 3.30-6.00pm
Wed 19	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings online 4-7pm
Fri 21	PCSA Cake Sale after school

Mon 24-28	Half-term
Mon 31	INSET Day
NOVEMBER	
Tue 1- Fri 4	SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings (in person)
Thur 3	Outdoor Classroom Day
Mon 14	Parent/Carer Book Looks 3.25pm - 3.55pm
Wed 16	Parent/Carer Book Looks 3.25pm - 3.55pm
Fri 18	Children in Need
Wed 23	Warhol Class Assembly 9am
Wed 30	Kahlo Class Assembly 9am



Community Notices

Dean Beadle

Dean Beadle, a high-profile journalist, speaker and writer will be discussing 'Autism and Anxiety' at Latchmere School on Wednesday 19th October 2022.

Dean Beadle has toured the UK for over fourteen years sharing his experiences of being autistic. Through his humorous and insightful speeches Dean outlines his positive outlook on being autistic, and challenges negative public attitudes. The event is open to parents, staff, friends and colleagues.

Details

When: Wednesday 19th October 2022.

Time: 6.30-8.30pm

Where: Latchmere School, Latchmere Road, Kingston, KT2 5TT

(Access will be via the KS2 parent waiting area opposite Latchmere Rec playground).

Price: £7.50

Please book your ticket via Eventbrite using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dean-beadle-autism-and-anxiety-tickets-387504936697>

Ourcamps are delivering an **October Half-term Holiday Camp** at Alexandra Primary School, Kingston Upon Thames, and would love to welcome any King Athelstan pupils!

Please see here the camp flyer.

Families can book through the website: www.ourcamps.org

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