



Dear Families,

In assembly this week we talked about our school team and how we aim for excellence as a team by aiming for excellence as individuals. We used the quote from *The Jungle Book* "the strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack" to help us think about it. Each individual member makes the team strong and the team makes each individual strong. We also told the story of the two wolves (below) to show how choosing to be kind, helpful and respectful is always the best choice.

The Story of The Two Wolves

A young boy arrived home angry and upset. His grandfather asked him what had happened so the boy began to talk about how he had fallen out with his sister that morning. He complained that he had thought about the bad things she had said all day.

The grandfather looked out of the window, and then turned to the boy. He looked him in the eyes and said, "My son, inside every person's heart live two wolves that often fight. One wolf is the vengeful, angry, violent one. The other wolf is the loving, compassionate one." The grandson asked him, "Which one wins?" The grandfather answered: "The one you feed."



A particular well done to the strong individuals and teams competing in the Cross Country this week, and to those successfully appointed to the Eco Warriors team where individuals represent their class for all things Eco.

Enjoy your weekend.

Emily Newton, Headteacher

Communication

We would like to remind you to **ensure all communication with our staff, be that written or verbal, is respectful, polite and appropriate**. Whilst we understand families may be under a lot of pressure, our staff are too and will always try to treat you kindly - please do the same in return. In the first instance, please speak to your child's class teacher to resolve any concerns. We will always do our best to make time for the families in our community, however, as you will be aware, our staffing capacity is under increasing strain. In order to help us support you and make best use of time and resources, when you request a meeting/call with a member of staff we will ask you to give a **brief indication** of what it is that you would like to discuss. This will enable us to direct your enquiry to the member of staff best placed to help you and allow them to have all the necessary information to hand when you speak. Please also be aware that staff may not be able to return your call/email on the same day. Thank you for your co-operation.

Reminders from the Office

- Secondary school applications for current Y6 - the closing date for applications is 31st October 2022 for Y7 entrance in September 2023. Please see the website [here](#) for information.
- All parent/carer consultations are now open for booking. It is very important that you book a meeting for each of your children. The consultations are online starting on Monday 17th October. Consultations for children with SEND are in-person meetings starting on Tuesday 1st November. All consultations must be booked on: <https://kingathelstan.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>
- Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @KingAthSchool

Marathon Fundraising

As you know, Mr McLaughlin completed the London Marathon to raise money for the Big Outdoors Project. So far, he has raised an amazing £1130. The children's mini-marathons have also raised £694! You can still contribute to Mr McLaughlin's fund on: <https://www.givey.com/mrmclaughlinslondonmarathon2022> and the Children's Fund on: <https://www.givey.com/katcslondonminimarathon2022>





Mrs Williamson has announced our new Eco Warrior team for this year. Well done to the successful candidates - they will receive their Eco Warrior badges shortly. It was tough to make the decisions as the applications were so strong. The team will now meet to share ideas and information from within their own classes to decide how to proceed.

Eco Warriors 2022-23

Van Gogh - Tasya	O'Keefe - Shiloh
Hockney - Sofie	Matisse - Nadia
Cassatt - Ben	Da Vinci - Nancy
Mehretu - Willow	Wiley - Nicholas
Warhol - Ava	Dali - Zarina
Riley - David	Kahlo - Yahya

Cross Country Competition



Mr McLaughlin took our Y5 and Y6 Cross Country teams to the borough competition on Wednesday. The children had shown great commitment to the event, coming in to school early for training sessions, as well as practicing in their PE lessons and at break time. Congratulations to the boys' Y6 team who came third in the borough and received medals. In the individual standings, Roan came third of all the Y6

boys in the borough (out of 130!). All 32 children were a real credit to the school and represented King Athelstan well. They all looked so smart in their purple uniforms, too. Congratulations to all!

EYFS Contribution

Families in Nursery and Reception will see a new item in ParentPay which is a £5 voluntary contribution. The EYFS teachers mentioned this in the recent 'Day in the Life' sessions. The money is used to cover costs of malleable materials such as rice, pasta, oats, play dough ingredients, food tasting, seeds and planting equipment to enrich the children's experiences. Thank you.

Resources Wanted

If you have any toys/games at home that you no longer use, we would love to have them for after-school club. This is operating in the short term for families who were booked into YMCA. Items within the age range of 4-11 years such as Lego, complete boxed games or jigsaws, construction sets and wooden toys would be most appreciated. Please bring donations to the office Monday - Wednesday next week. Thank you so much.

Y6 PGL



The £30 initial deposit for PGL 2023 is due on Monday 31st October. It is important that this is paid as it secures your child's place on the trip. Also, please ensure you complete the Google form as this confirms you are happy for your child to attend PGL as well as capturing other key information. Thank you. <https://forms.gle/2uXPuCcQEXg6ms4U8>

World Mental Health Day

On Monday, we celebrated World Mental Health Day with the theme: **'Different Families, Same Love'**.

Children looked great in their brightly coloured accessories!



We raised £287.65 in donations on ParentPay for the local charity 'BRITE BOX' which supplies food activity boxes to families in our community. In addition, we raised just over £112 in cash donations from the after-school book and treat giveaway. Thank you all for your generosity.

Amazon Wish List

Thank you so much to those who have purchased items for us already. We have had parcels this week of basketballs, notebooks, ice-packs, glue sticks, bendy pencils and tennis rackets! It seems Amazon doesn't always allow you to leave your name so we may not know who the packages are from. All items are very much appreciated. There is no obligation to buy anything, but if you would like to make a purchase the link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>



Thinker's Project

We have sent a letter today about our Thinker's Project homework scheme for Y1-6. Further information can be found on the website here <https://www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/curriculum/home-learning/> and will be uploaded to Google Classroom.

Black History Month

Just a reminder of the special edition of the Thinker's Project homework linked to Black History month (October) - check your child's Google Classroom stream for the full PDF version, which has links to relevant websites. We will share some of the work completed in the next editions.



Achievement Assembly

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



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Emerson	O'Keeffe Y1 - Uzai
Hockney Y2 - Alfie Barw.	Matisse Y2 - Myla
Da Vinci Y3 - Abdulrahman	Cassatt Y3 - Sophie-Rose
Mehretu Y4 - Hai Yen and Oscar	Wiley Y4 - Raiya
Dali Y5 - (child absent - 2 next week!)	Warhol Y5 - Albert
Riley - Daisy Mae	Kahlo - Yahya
KS1 PE - Jasper in Matisse (Y2)	KS2 PE - Afroditi in Riley Y6

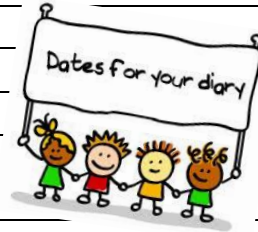
Times Tables Rock Stars - Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Rachel	Erin	Bethany	Sofia	Blanka	Tristan
Elif	Lorelai	Freya	Mei	Eddie	Hayden

Dates for the Diary

OCTOBER	
	Black History Month
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 (to raise money for Y6 hoodies) cash only
Mon 24-28	Half-term
Mon 31	Video release date on Google Classroom for KS1/2 Reading & Writing Workshop
Mon 31	INSET Day
NOVEMBER	
Tue 1- Fri 4	SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings (in person)

Thur 3	Outdoor Classroom Day
Mon 7	KS1 Google Meet drop-in for the Reading & Writing Workshop 4.30-5pm
Mon 7	KS2 Google Meet drop-in for the Reading & Writing Workshop 5-5.30pm
Wed 9	Nasal Flu Vaccinations N-Y6
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
Tue 22	School Photographs (individual)
Wed 23	Warhol Class Assembly 9am
Wed 30	Kahlo Class Assembly 9am



Community Notices

Raring2Go! Magazine

Please find a link below to the Raring2go! Kingston and Merton Autumn magazine for families. This edition is packed with information on days out, half term activities, and a look ahead to Christmas, as Santa and festive productions get booked early. https://bit.ly/AutumnRaring2go_KM



National Sleep Helpline



We are sending information about this wonderful free resource that can help parents and children to learn more about their sleep and develop better bedtime routines. Sleep is essential to brain function, by helping children to sleep better, we can help them to succeed in school.



Winner of The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2020



Kingston Carers' Network

The Kingston Carers Network is currently recruiting for the following volunteer roles at KCN and wondered if any parents/carers, guardians or friends looking to gain experience, utilise their skills or to give their spare time to the community might be interested? The roles would include:

- Office and Events Support Volunteers
- Mentoring Volunteers
- Youth Activities Volunteers
- Youth Activities Kitchen Volunteers
- Mail Out Volunteers

If you would like to know more, please contact Aisha, Volunteer Coordinator, on volunteering@kingstoncarers.org.uk.