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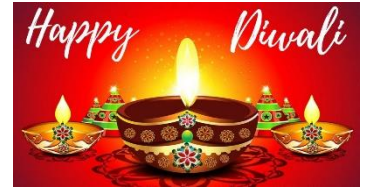
Thank you for all your support during this very busy half-term. We hope you all have a fantastic half-term break and look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 1st November (Monday 31st October is an INSET day and children are not in school.)**

In assembly this week, we have been talking about ADHD as it is ADHD awareness week. We learnt about Simone Biles, an American gymnast with ADHD who has won over 30 medals! We used [this video](#) to help children understand more about ADHD.

We would like to wish all those families celebrating Happy Diwali next week!

Enjoy your weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher



New Format

In order to support members of our school community with English as an additional language or literacy difficulties, as well as helping you all to prioritise between the different communications from us, we will be trialling in a new approach in future letters:

- In the Weekly Digest, the key piece of information in each section will be highlighted in **purple**, helping you to skim for the most relevant news for you
- Other letters will start with a summary of the key points in bullet point form, followed by the detail for those who want this.

Parent/Carer Consultations

Thank you to all those who booked appointments and attended meetings with your children's teachers online this week. Riley and Matisse Classes which had to be cancelled will be rescheduled after half-term.

From Tuesday 1st November parent/carers consultations will take place for children with SEND. These are in-person meetings on site at school. Please come to the main entrance for your appointment. **If you have not yet booked, please go to <https://kingathelstan.parenteveningsystem.co.uk> to make an appointment.**

School Lunch Menu

WilsonJones, our in-house caterers, have issued their exciting **new healthy lunch menu which will start on Tuesday 1st November.** See here or on the school website <https://www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/about-the-school/school-meals/> for details. Please note, for your convenience you can book your child's meals now on ParentPay right up until Easter.



After School Club

Thank you so much to all those who have donated puzzles, books and games for our emergency after school provision – it has really helped us. Please note, this provision is only for those who were already booked-in to YMCA. **We are unable to take any more bookings at the moment.** We will be communicating shortly about plans for next year, and holding a waiting list. Thank you for your patience.

Car Park

Please note that **the car park is for staff and visitor use only**, and not for families dropping off or picking up children. There is a new code on the barrier which will not be shared for general use. Thank you. If you are driving to school, **please park responsibly in designated parking spaces** and do not block residents' driveways or road markings which are there to keep all children safe.

Nursery Places – January 2023

There are a few **spaces available for three year olds in our afternoon Nursery from 12.30-3.30pm starting in January 2023.** Please contact the school office on 020 8546 8210 or admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org for more information. The Nursery admissions form is also on the school website [here](#).

Rotakids



Rotary is one of the world's largest and most successful global membership and humanitarian service organisations, with 1.2 million members in over 200 countries. **RotaKids is a club for children and is a fun and exciting way for children to make friends and get involved with important activities in the community,**

all while having a great time in the process. Children will gain a valuable experience in helping others and learning interesting, new things. By doing so, children enjoy a boost to their confidence and self-esteem at a key age and develop and understanding of how their actions can impact

on others. Children will work with a charity, they will complete a fundraiser and organise a visit to the charity. Issy, one of the Vice-Chairs of the Junior Leadership Team, is in charge of the RotaKids, along with Mr McLaughlin.

Rotakids 2022-23	
Amina - O'Keeffe	Alan - Van Gogh
Jasper - Matisse	Aida - Hockney
Timothy - Da Vinci	Emily - Cassatt
Frankie - Mehretu	Gracie Mae - Wiley
Nataniel - Dali	Ayla-Grace - Warhol
Nicole - Riley	Andrew - Kahlo

On Thursday the RotaKids delivered two assemblies. They talked to the whole school about their projects and what they aim to achieve. Their first project is to work with Kingston Refugee Action. They have already been hard at work and have made bookmarks and worry stones for them.

School Tours

School tours are available over the next few weeks for anyone thinking of applying to join King Athelstan. Please contact the school office on 020 8546 8210 or admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org for more information and dates available.

Outdoor Classroom Day



Outdoor Classroom Day is a global movement to make time outdoors part of every child's day. On certain days each year, teachers ensure we have a particular focus on taking children outdoors to play and learn. Our next outdoor classroom day is on **Thursday 3rd November**. We will be focussing on maths learning. Children may wear mufti on this

day - own clothes that you don't mind getting dirty.

Y6 PGL

Don't forget to pay the £30 initial deposit for PGL by Monday 31st October. This will secure your child's place on the trip. Also, please complete this [Google form](#) as it captures key information. Thank you. <https://forms.gle/2uXPuCcQEXg6ms4U8>



Amazon Wish List

Thank you so much to those who have purchased items for us already. This week we have received basketballs, bookmarks, 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, but 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>



PCSA



The PCSA want to say a big thank you to all the parents/carers who came to the recent PCSA coffee morning to find out more about the Association and upcoming plans. They are hosting a Y6 cake sale today after school to start raising funds for this year's Y6 leavers hoodies. Other cake sales will follow. **On Friday 4th November PCSA are holding a short meeting at 9am to discuss plans for the Winter Fair - all welcome.**

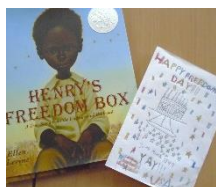
Black History Month

We have marked Black History Month by opening up conversations about the influences of our diverse society in the UK, with a particular focus on the contributions of inspirational black people. In **EYFS**, teachers have been introducing talking about our cultural differences and how we can celebrate and make the most of these, as well as what makes us the same as part of the human race.

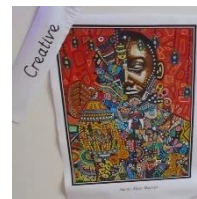


Year 1 have looked at an inspirational footballer and written facts.

Year 2 have looked at black artists and shared their thoughts, as well as basing a lot of reading around them.



Year 3 have explored 'Henry's Freedom Box' and have written freedom passes for the central character.

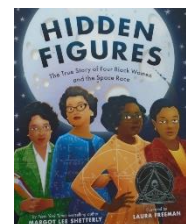


Year 4 have based reading comprehension tasks around texts that celebrate black history and have written acrostic poems about BHM.

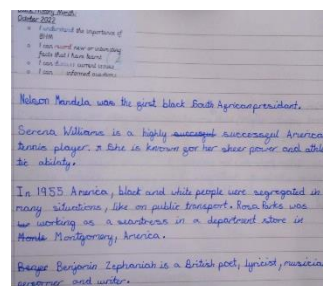


In **Year 5**, reading comprehension has been based around texts to support learning about different cultures and about inspirational black people.

In **Year 6**, we had some excellent, very mature discussions about these themes and pupils are continually adding to their notes and writing down their amazing questions.



Although October is coming to an end, King Athelstan prides itself on having open discussions with pupils about themes of cultural heritage to celebrate our diverse school family. We will continue to diversify the curriculum to be inclusive and reflective to all pupils and their families.



Have a look at [Black History Month on Newsround](#) and [CBBC Black History Month](#) - there are some amazing facts, videos and quizzes to have a look at, at home!

Achievement Assembly

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



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Elena	O'Keeffe Y1 - Aida
Hockney Y2 - Amelie	Matisse Y2 - Jasper
Da Vinci Y3 - Milena	Cassatt Y3 - Yahya
Mehretu Y4 - Bailey	Wiley Y4 - Lenny
Dali Y5 - Alfie (last week) & Evan	Warhol Y5 - Tia
Riley - Issy	Kahlo - Zehra
KS1 PE - Imogen in Van Gogh (Y1)	KS2 PE - Harry in Wiley (Y4)

House Points

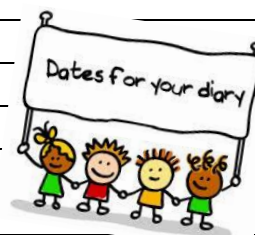
This week's winners are **Yellow House (Cambridge)** on 27, followed by Green (Villiers) on 23, Blue (Hawks) on 22 and Red (Dawson) on 18. Well done Cambridge House!

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Elif	AJ	Elliot	Dorothy	Joshua	Issy
Jensen		Sam	Himden	Tharul	Yahya

Dates for the Diary

OCTOBER	
	Black History Month
Mon 24-28	Half-term
Mon 31	INSET Day
Mon 31	Video release date on Google Classroom for KS1/2 Reading & Writing Workshop
Mon 31	Closing date for Y6 secondary school applications
NOVEMBER	
Tue 1- Fri 4	SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings (in person)
Thur 3	Outdoor Classroom Day - Mufti. Wear clothes that can get dirty
Fri 4	PCSA Winter Fair Meeting 9am
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 R-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 - wear spotty accessories
Fri 18	Y3 trip to Gunnersbury Park
Tue 22	School Photographs (individual)
Wed 23	Warhol Class Assembly 9am
Wed 30	Kahlo Class Assembly 9am



Community Notices

Kingston Libraries

Discover the **half term programme of events in Kingston libraries**. A selection of spooky and not-so-spooky activities for children across Kingston libraries. [Click here](#) to view the brochure of events.

Heatham House Youth Centre

Heatham House Youth Centre in Twickenham is offering an **awesome holiday programme this October half term which is filled to the brim with free activities for ages 9-19**. We are celebrating events like Black History Month and Halloween. Both of these events will form a major part of our activities programme with Afro-Caribbean culture being front and centre of our half-term activity offer for young people. Our multicultural staff team looks forward to introducing young people to traditional African and Caribbean activities across sports, art, and music to provide fun and new experiences for young people. The full program can be [found here](#) and be booked at heathamhouse.eventbrite.com. If you would like further information, please contact justin.johnson@achievingforchildren.org.uk or call on 020 8288 0950.