



Mrs Mastrocola's Weekly Digest Issue 17 - Friday 21st January 2022

Dear Families,

We have continued to discuss one of our school **PRIDE** values of 'Respect' this week. On Monday, the USA celebrated Martin Luther King Jr Day and we learnt about his inspirational 'I have a dream' speech. The whole school spotted Dr King on the Black History board and listened to Mr Barson (our History lead) tell the story all about his life. We talked about how he had the courage and belief to dream that something better was possible and then worked hard to achieve it. The children took this learning back into the classroom and decided on what dreams for the future world they might have and how they could inspire others to dream them with them.

Thankfully, Covid cases locally seem to be falling, although we continue to be notified of cases in school most days. Please keep doing all you can to be vigilant as this will ensure that we can keep school open and have the necessary staff in to do so. We have been giving out packs of lateral flow tests for families - please ask if you still require one. The guidance seems to be changing on a daily basis and the isolation rules did change last week. There are more details here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/self-isolation-for-those-with-covid-19-can-end-after-five-full-days-following-two-negative-lfd-tests> We will assume your child is isolating for the full 10 days unless we receive evidence of their negative tests to allow them to return earlier. This is for the safety of all.

Don't forget all the Curriculum Overviews for this term can be found on the school website here: <https://www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/curriculum/> You can see what topics the children are studying.

We are very pleased to say that our newly refurbished KS2 toilets are finally operational this week. Both the Y5/6 toilets, and the Y3/4 ones have been fully re-fitted with brand new toilets and basins, and shiny tiles, mirrors and dryers. The children have cooperated really well with sharing facilities and using the portacabin toilets sensibly during the works.



Best wishes,

Lucy Mastrocola, Acting Headteacher

Send a 'Thank You' - Teacher Nominations

The Teaching Awards are an annual celebration of teaching and learning. You can nominate a school, a team working within a school, a teacher, teaching assistant or governor. Anyone can nominate, so please go to <https://www.teachingawards.com/> and make your nomination - an ideal way to thank someone for their inspirational work.



Attendance, Punctuality and Illness

Please make sure that your child arrives on time at school every day. Timings are:

- Nursery AM 08.30am-11.30am
- Reception 8.35am-3.05pm
- Y1-Y6 arrival starts at 8.40am, with gates closing just before 8.55 am as children should be in class by this time for the register. Pick up is between 3.10-3.20pm
- Nursery PM 12.30pm - 3.30pm

Children arriving late may miss essential information at the start of the day, and it disturbs the whole class. Please ensure you let the office know if your child is unwell or is not attending school for any reason.

If your child is unwell, please email the office on admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org or call by 8.30am so that we know where your child is. You need to let us know every day, or tell us how long the absence will be in the case of Covid as this is part of our safeguarding duty.

Collecting children from school - a reminder of our policy

We expect that children from Nursery to Year 4 are dropped off and collected from school by an *adult* (i.e., aged 16 or over) parent or carer. Parents and carers should always let school staff know if someone different is going to collect their child. You can do this by emailing the office in advance or by 2.30pm on the day on: messages@kingathelstan.rbksch.org. We will not release children without prior consent. In order to begin to develop independence, Year 5 & Year 6 may walk to school and walk home from school by themselves providing parents/carers have completed the Google permission form: <https://forms.gle/AvoSpEUfnFAFCWSm9>

Spotlight on Learning in Nursery

In Nursery this week, our book focus has been "Let's Talk About Vehicles" by Britt Teckentrup. We have been designing our favourite vehicles and then making them using junk modelling and construction materials. Last week, we started our woodwork lessons this is where we learn about different tools and how to use them. This week's tool was a screwdriver!



The children have really enjoyed sharing their treasures from home this week and we look forward to seeing the rest as the weeks go on. Aside from all this amazing learning, we have also welcomed new children into



our Nursery and have enjoyed watching them settle into the hustle and bustle of Nursery life.

In Little Klee this week, our book focus has been "Brown bear, Brown Bear" By Bill Martin and Eric Carle. We used story stones to retell the story and gave brown bear lots of hugs!



House Points

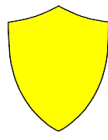
The first winner of the weekly House Competition this year is **Red House, Dawson**, on 34 points, closely followed by Green on 31, Yellow on 26, then Blue on 21.



Villers (31)



Dawson (34)



Cambridge (26)



Hawks (21)

Job Vacancies

We advertise any job vacancies within school on eteach. We currently have advertisements out for: a Breakfast Club Assistant, and a Teaching Assistant. Please see eteach here for more information and to apply: <https://www.eteach.com/jobs/king-athelstan-primary-school-jobs-21372/?oo=ag>

The Good Food Co-Op



If you are not already aware of it, The Good Food Co-Op (TGFC) is a local, not-for-profit veg box scheme which aims to make healthy food accessible to all. Customers can order a small, medium or large box of spray-free veg, or fruit and veg, for delivery to home from just £4.75. The basic principle is that any profits from sales of full price boxes go to subsidise prices for families who may not normally be able to spend on fruit and veg, and thus provides access to healthy food. This allows these families to access the boxes at a discount of 70%+. Take a look at their website on www.goodfoodcoop.org.uk



Are you entitled to free school meals?

Once again Achieving for Children (AfC) will be financing the cost of free school meals with supermarket vouchers during school holidays:

February 2022 half term: 5 days, 14-18 February: £15.00 per FSM pupil

Easter 2022: 11 days, 1-19 April: £33.00 per FSM pupil

Did you know that if you are on a low income, or in receipt of benefits (except Working Tax Credit), you can check to see whether you are eligible for free school meals/funding via the LGfL Free School Meals Eligible Checker here: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

Please do check as this will benefit your child/children as well as the school. Thank you.

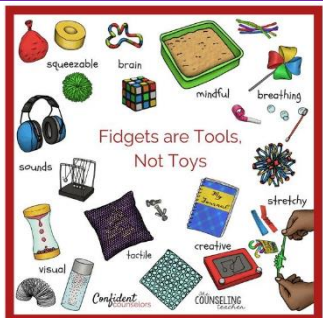
NHS Food Scanner App



Research shows that nearly 28% of Reception pupils are overweight or obese, rising to over 40% in Y6. The NHS Food Scanner App makes it easier for families to find healthier food and drink options. Download the free Food Scanner App from the App Store or Google Play to help the whole family start to make healthier swaps.



Fidgets: Tools not toys!



We have noticed an increase in toys and other items being brought into school. Please remember that nothing should be brought in, unless previously agreed with staff. This includes fidgets. We are promoting the idea in school that fidgets are 'tools not toys', when used in class. As many fidget objects have become fashion items, an increasing number of children want to bring theirs in. If your child requires a fidget to help their concentration, please be reassured that we have a good supply of a range of tools for this purpose. If your child requires something specific, such as a comfort or transition object, please agree this with a member of staff in advance.

Achievement Assembly

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



Achievement Award

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Kusama Reception - Archie, Faizan and Sarah Nelson Reception - Megan

Van Gogh Y1 - Hatice

O'Keeffe Y1 - Eden

Hockney Y2 - George

Matisse Y2 - Nancy

Cassatt Y3 - Raiya and Max

Da Vinci Y3 - Katie

Mehretu Y4 - Martha and Frankie

Wiley Y4 - Henry

Dali Y5 - Andrew

Warhol Y5 - Harshul and Daisie-Mae

Kahlo Y6 - Charlotte W

Riley Y6 - Amelia

PE KS1 - Rafael, Hockney Y2

PE KS2 - Lois, Wiley Y4

Message from Kingston Council

Four Kingston playgrounds are set for a revamp. Kingston Council says that trampolines, zip wires and sandpits are just some of the activities in draft plans for revamps of playgrounds in Manor Park, Cromwell Avenue Open Space, Woodview and Kingston Road Recreation Ground. To find out more, click on the link below and visit the website where you can see plans, take a look at the virtual drop-in sessions and share your thoughts. Click here: [Share your thoughts on four exciting playground revamp designs - www.kingston.gov.uk](https://www.kingston.gov.uk)

Dates for the Diary

JANUARY	
Mon 24	Storytelling in Y1
Weds 26	Van Gogh Class Assembly
Thurs 27	Governor Visit Day
Mon 31	Storytelling in Y1

FEBRUARY	
Tues 1	Chinese New Year - Year of the Tiger
Weds 2	Mehretu Class Assembly
Fri 4	KIRF Super Learning & Mufti Day
Fri 4	PCSA Y4 Cake Sale after school
Tues 8	Year 6 trip Junior Citizen
Wed 9	Y5/Y6 Cross Country Competition
Half Term 14 th February - 18 th February	
Tues 22	Y4 virtual Multiplication Tables Check presentation to parents 9.30am
Wed 23	Y6 trip to Kew Gardens
Mon 28	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations Mon - Thur

MARCH/APRIL	
Tue 1 - Thur 3	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations
Thur 3	World Book Day
Fri 4	Y3 trip to Wisley
4-8	Science Week
Mon 7	Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-6.30pm
Wed 9	Parent/Carer Consultations 4-7pm
Wed 9	Kahlo Class Assembly 9am
Wed 16	Matisse Class Assembly 9am
Mon 21 - Thu 24	Y5 Bikeability
Wed 23	Cassatt Class Assembly 9am
Fri 25	Y3 trip to Chessington
Fri 1 April	Break up one hour earlier for Easter

Class Assemblies 2022

All are at 9am. Two people may attend for each child, and must have taken a lateral flow test beforehand with a negative result. All must wear a face covering on site, unless medically exempt. Please wait by the main school office door after drop off. Thank you.

Wed 26 th January	Van Gogh Class Y1
Wed 2 nd February	Mehretu Class Y4
Wed 9 th March	Kahlo Class Y6
Wed 16 th March	Matisse Class Y2
Wed 3 rd March	Cassatt Class Y3
Wed 27 th April	Nelson Class, Reception
Wed 18 th May	O'Keeffe Class Y1
Wed 15 th June	Kusama Class, Reception

Please remember that Monday 6th June 2022 has been designated as the additional bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

