



Mrs Mastrocola's Weekly Digest Issue 18 - Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Families,

This week all the children and staff at King Athelstan have been using their imagination, focussing on one of our core PRIDE values. Miss Meggitt spoke to the children in our whole school, virtual assembly all about thinking creatively and 'outside of the box.' There are examples all over the school showing how children and staff use their imagination and creative thinking in order to 'dive deeper' and explore their learning further to reach our high expectations. I enjoyed investigating this aspect of learning at King Athelstan and have set pupils the task of sharing with me ways in which they have been creative in their thinking - I have already had some pupil responses: please keep these coming! I will share them in an assembly soon.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding as we navigate through more challenging times and also for the extra effort to ensure that we slow the spread of COVID-19 at King Athelstan. Please continue with the daily Lateral Flow tests for your child for at least the next week. If positive, your child should self-isolate. If they have a negative lateral flow test on day 5 and day 6 (24 hours apart) they can cease isolating and return to school. We are closely working with our local Public Health team to examine the actions required to minimise the transmission of Covid. Do also remember that if your child is well enough whilst self-isolating, they can access isolation work on Google Classroom remotely. Unfortunately, due to staff shortages, we have had to cancel early morning reading and maths interventions until after half term.

As an extra challenge, we hope that you and your child will get involved in the RSPBs Big Garden Birdwatch that takes place this weekend. You can find out more here: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

We would like to say a huge thank you to the PCSA for funding the improvements to the EYFS playground. It looks wonderful, with new matting, a covered sandpit and a sun canopy. The children love it!

Do enjoy a safe and healthy weekend with your family,

Best wishes,

Lucy Mastrocola, Acting Headteacher



KIRF Super Learning & Mufti Day

Don't forget, on **Friday 4th February** we are having a Times Tables Rock Stars and NumBots special event. During the day, Years 2 to 6 will be having competitions with each other on TTRS and taking part



in times tables activities. Reception and Year 1 will be playing on NumBots

with their friends and taking part in other maths activities. Reception and Year 1

can come to school dressed as robots, and Years 2 - 6 as rock stars for this special event. This could be wearing an accessory: like a wig, headband or crazy

hair; or a whole outfit. We look forward to seeing your creativity!



School Crossing



Mr Garside, our Lollipop man, has asked us to pass on a message to families: Queuing along the road by the zebra crossing for access to King Athelstan is causing congestion. Parents, carers and children sometimes cannot cross the zebra crossing safely onto the footpath, especially when people stop to chat with their friends. It can also cause confusion, as it may be unclear who is waiting to cross. Please keep the pavement by the crossing on the school side clear, and join the queue along Villiers Road towards the **Children's Centre**. We would also like to add that the crossing is there to enable everyone to cross this busy road safely, so please do not cross through the traffic with young children.



This week in Year 6, we have continued to learn about the heart and circulatory system. As part of this, we experienced learning how to dissect a lamb's heart! Year 6 pupils were able to see the ventricles, valves and heartstrings (yes, we found out they really are called that!) in a real organ. This exciting lesson has strengthened our understanding of how the heart functions and given us the opportunity to take part in a lesson normally saved for secondary school!



Also in science, we have been making blood! Year 6 are excited to present their own mini documentaries all about the main components of blood and functions of each element.

In English, we have been writing a persuasive holiday leaflet - it has made us all want to go to the Alps in France and the children have tried to convince their teachers that they should go there on a field trip. Their writing is very persuasive!

In maths, we have been working with fractions, decimals and percentages. Confidence with converting and ordering these has really grown and all are now experts and ready to use skills learnt in real-life scenarios.

In geography, we are learning about the layers of the rainforest. Again, pupils are showing great creativity and teamwork to present these facts as a class display to educate others.

Achievement Assembly

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



Achievement Award

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Kusama Reception - Rowan

Van Gogh Y1 - Whole Class

Hockney Y2 - Yahya

Cassatt Y3 - Natalia

Mehretu Y4 - Joshua

Dali Y5 - Melissa and Juna

Kahlo Y6 - Jack

PE KS1 - Timothy , Matisse Y2

Nelson Reception - Summer Rose

O'Keeffe Y1 - Nina

Matisse Y2 - Zein

Da Vinci Y3 - Electra

Wiley Y4 - Ayla-Grace

Warhol Y5 - Grace, Afroditi, Donya, Issy

Riley Y6 - Javen

PE KS2 - Frankie, Mehretu Y4

House Points

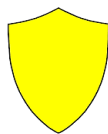
There are joint winners of the weekly House Competition this week: Red House, Dawson, on 34 points, and Green House, Villiers also on 34. Yellow are on 25, then Blue on 19.



Villiers (34)



Dawson (34)



Cambridge (25)



Hawks (19)

Half-Term Sports Camp

The PE Lead at St. Joseph's Primary School is running a sports camp for Key Stage 2 children in the half-term holiday. It runs from 14-18th February, from 9am - 3pm and costs £20 per day, or £80 for the whole week. Activities will include: cricket, dodgeball, tennis, basketball, football, capture the flag, athletics and tag rugby. For enquiries or to book spaces, email: Rhili61@stjosephs.rbksch.org



Dates for the Diary

FEBRUARY	
Tues 1	Chinese New Year - Year of the Tiger
Weds 2	Mehretu Class Assembly - moved to 2nd March
Fri 4	KIRF Super Learning & Mufti Day
Fri 4	PCSA Y4 Cake Sale after school
Mon 7-Fri 11	Children's Mental Health Week 'Growing Together'
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

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

Please remember that on Monday 6th June 2022 school will be closed for Jubilee Day



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 23 rd February	Van Gogh Class Y1 *new date
Wed 2 nd March	Mehretu Class Y4 *new date
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