



## Mrs Mastrocola's Weekly Digest Issue 19 - Friday 4th February 2022

**Dear Families,**

In our Monday Assembly this week, Ms Govan focussed on Chinese New Year. We found China on a map and learned some facts about the country. We also learned about how Chinese New Year is celebrated and that this is the year of the tiger, before working out which animal related to each of our birth years. Happy New Year to all who have been celebrating this week!

Thank you once again for all your efforts to reduce the spread of Covid in school this past week. We are now averaging 1-2 confirmed cases per day, compared to 15-20 per day at the peak last week. This is a huge achievement through us all working together. Although rates of newly identified cases are now falling, we still have high numbers of children and staff isolating so please continue to bear with us as things continue to be disrupted - your patience is appreciated. As the case rate has slowed, we have resumed sending notifications to individual classes where positive cases have been identified. If your child is in one of these affected classes, please continue with daily lateral flow testing (7 days advised for close contacts). It will soon be time again to sign up for our next set of online parent/teacher consultation evenings - look out for details soon.

Next week, the focus is on children's mental health as we take part in the national Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is 'Growing Together!' More information can be found here:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

Enjoy the weekend ahead - lots to enjoy, including the official start of the Winter Olympics and the Six Nations Rugby!

Best wishes,

**Lucy Mastrocola, Acting Headteacher**

### Spotlight on Learning in Reception

In Reception this week we have been developing our love of reading! We have spent the week reading our favourite books from home and sharing them with the class and discussing what we like about them. We introduced 'Helicopter Stories' where we got a chance to tell our own story to the teacher who wrote it down and then spent time as a class acting it out. We had a go at writing our own stories inspired by our interests. We have been working hard applying our phonic knowledge to our writing and labelled characters, wrote sentences and enjoyed the challenge of writing some red words that we have learnt. We also enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year and how the Chinese Zodiac came about. We made lanterns and had a go at writing 'Happy New Year' in Chinese!



### House Points

The winners of the weekly House Competition this week are : **Yellow House, Cambridge**, on 31 points. Red House is second on 29, Green House on 26 and Blue House on 21.



**Villers (26)**



**Dawson (29)**



**Cambridge (31)**



**Hawks (21)**

## KIRF Super Learning & Mufti Day

School was full of robots and rock stars today! It was great to see so many inventive outfits. Reception and Year 1 have enjoyed playing on NumBots and completing robot maths activities and games. Years 2 to 6 have loved having TTRS battles, where each class competed against the other class in their year group to answer the most questions correctly - it got very competitive! Results will be announced on Monday. Children have also enjoyed playing and creating their own times table board games. Hearing the excitement around the school was fantastic.



Nelson Class



Kusama Class



Dali Class



Riley Class



Nelson Class



Kahlo Class



Wiley Class



Riley Class



Kahlo Class



Nelson Class



Kahlo Class



Kahlo Class

## Starting Nursery in September 2022?

If you have, or know of, a child who will turn 2 or 3 on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 (subject to availability and eligibility) and would like to apply for a nursery place then we would love to hear from you. For further information and to apply, please contact Miss Faye Turner in the office or see our website page for more information and the application form: <https://www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/about-the-school/admissions/> Please note Nursery admissions are organised directly through the school, and places are offered using the Local Authority criteria. The initial application deadline for Nursery in September is 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

## Junior Leadership Team

Our Junior Leadership Team Co-Chairs, Nishka and Elliot, report to the Senior Leadership Team regularly, after they have meetings with the School Council or Eco Warriors. This week, they fed back on their research about school lunches. They found that children liked the rice puddings and pasta, especially the improved lasagne. They had suggestions for future special menus, such as Taco Tuesday or No Meat Monday, and would like juice instead of water if not too high in sugar. Some older children asked for larger portions. They are meeting with our on-site catering team next week to present their findings. Their next project is to investigate Science. After that it will be Reading, specifically whole class reading, KS2 reading at home, KS1 reading scheme (colours), reading for progress and enjoyment. There will be a JLT assembly on 7<sup>th</sup> March.



## Dates for the Diary

FEBRUARY	
Mon 7-Fri 11	Children's Mental Health Week: 'Growing Together'
Tues 8	Year 6 trip Junior Citizen
Tues 8	Rotary Club art session
Wed 9	Y5/Y6 Cross Country Competition
Half Term 14 <sup>th</sup> February - 18 <sup>th</sup> 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

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

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
Thur 15	Y3-6 Gymnastics Competition
Wed 16	Matisse Class Assembly 9am
Mon 21-Thur	Y5 Bikeability
Wed 23	Cassatt Class Assembly 9am
Fri 25	Y3 trip to Chessington
Fri 1 April	Break up one hour earlier for Easter

## PCSA

All families at King Athelstan are automatically members of the PCSA ( Parent Carer Staff Association). The PCSA would love to welcome new members who want to help by volunteering with events or becoming a class rep. Please contact [kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com](mailto:kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com) for more information and to ensure you are added to their mailing lists for events.