



### Dear Families,

We hope those marking Diwali last weekend had enjoyable celebrations.

This week our new School Improvement Partner (SIP), Mr Rob Eyre-Brook, visited us. He is from Achieving for Children (AfC) and supports the school in various aspects of its development, including the School Development Plan, academic target-setting, monitoring and evaluation activities and governance. Mr Eyre-Brook visits at least termly. Our previous SIP, Mrs Rosemary Hafeez, had worked with the school for over ten years. This year's main school development priorities are:

- to plan the future financial sustainability of the school through a deficit recovery strategy
- to raise standards in English across the school
- to continue to develop inclusive provision, in light of the school's changing and increasingly complex needs profile
- to develop a whole school approach to promoting the diversity of our community and equality of opportunity (intent/implementation).

If you would like to know more detail, have a look at the school website [here](#).

Finally, a couple of reminders:

- This afternoon there were 6 cars parked across the driveways of our neighbours opposite the school on Villiers Rd, blocking access to their properties. Please park considerately and show respect to our neighbours.
- Please do not enter the school grounds until it is your child's drop-off time in the morning. We continue to have significant numbers of families coming through the gates and congregating around the front of the school. This is unfair on other families and causes congestion. We have to get over 400 children into school safely and efficiently so PLEASE show respect to others for the school systems and wait in the lines outside.

Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Emily Newton**

**Headteacher**

### Anti-Bullying Week



For Anti-Bullying Week, children have been busy thinking about how to be a good friend, what makes a good friend and what they can do to help other children who may not be feeling very happy. In Nursery, Reception and Year 1, children coloured in an odd sock and wrote what a good friend is. They

came up with words like *kind, happy, funny, good at listening* and *smiley*. They then gave their odd sock to a friend. The rest of the school looked at the story *Amazing Grace* by *Mary Hoffman* and used it to talk about how it feels when someone is unkind to you. The children then wrote their own poems about what a friend is. On the right is a lovely poem written by Izabella in Hockey Class.



#### *Friends at School*

*Friends at school can play and share,  
Friends at school are kind and fair.  
Friends at school will talk to you,  
When you are sad and feeling blue.  
Friends at school are big and small,  
Friends at school are best of all.  
Friends at school never leave your side,  
Friends at school always say good bye.  
Friends at school love mittens,  
Friends at school bring kittens.*

### Eco Warrior Update



This week our Eco Warriors have been planting spider plants. The baby spider plants (called 'spiderettes') have been growing on a plant originally given to Vida Stevens by Leah when she was just in Reception - Leah is now in Year 6! Each Eco Warrior has planted their own spider plant to take back to their class. Spider plants are great for purifying the air and will be a helpful addition to our classrooms. We hope the

spider plants will flourish and bring clean air and enjoyment to all our classes.



## Big Outdoors Project

As you know, The Big Outdoors Project is ongoing to refurbish the KS1 playground, having completed work on our fabulous KS2 playground in 2020. There are two companies bidding to take on this work, Fawns and Timotay. Here are the proposed plans:

1. **Fawns** - Total cost £127,000 (first 2 images, below)    2. **Timotay** - Total cost £106,000 (remaining 10 images)

The PCSA has already raised enough funds to cover the following:

**Fawns:** Young explorer and San Juan-Columbus Galleon. Please note some of the items on the Fawns images would be additional to the costs above, they are Magnetic water wall (£1,795) and Physical blocks (£3,430).

**Timotay:** 3 Platform Adventure Play frame.

**Vote now!** You can vote for your favourite and leave your comments [HERE](#) until Sunday 19th November 2023. Consider voting on the one you like the general feel of, how they have laid it out, how the design looks, vs. specific details as some of the final design elements might change once the company is appointed. The build will be phased, as we have about half of the money required, so work will start soon after the company is appointed. The rest will still need to be fundraised for, so please do continue to support the school's efforts and come to PCSA events!!

Remember, you can donate here: [www.givey.com/bigoutdoors](http://www.givey.com/bigoutdoors)



## The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel De Souza, has started a national campaign called The Big Ambition. Families at King Athelstan Primary School are invited to participate in The Big Ambition survey and have their say. Children or parents can complete the survey here:

[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition).



Dame Rachel Se Souza says:

*"I must reiterate that it is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard. I want to ensure that the voices of all children in the London area are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country. This is a great opportunity to teach children about politics and why it is important for them to use their voice."*

## Children in Need



Today the BBC is once again celebrating Children in Need. Many children have been very adventurous with their spotty accessories! So far, £40 has been donated to this amazing charity on ParentPay, but the item will stay open for the next week so that you can still donate. Thank you.



## Admission to Reception in 2024

We would like to remind you any children born between **1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020** are due to start Reception Class in **September 2024**. Applications are **open** and will close on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. Please submit your application by visiting: [eAdmissions Website](#)

## Donation for EYFS

As mentioned in the "Day in the Life" presentations to Nursery and Reception families, we ask for a voluntary donation of £5 to go towards creating some amazing opportunities and experiences for young children including: play dough making, cooking ingredients, food tasting, planting and growing and experiments. This can be paid on your ParentPay account, and we are very grateful for all donations. Thank you.

## Nursery Places Available

We have a 2 year old funded afternoon space available to start NOW and another to start in January 2024! If you have or know of a child that turned 2 on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August or 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 and is eligible for 2 year old funding, we would love to hear from you. For more information and to apply please visit Miss Faye Turner in the school office or email [admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org)

## Amazon Wish List

We have our own Amazon Wish List where families can purchase items to help enhance the children's experiences. This was set up in response to suggestions from parent/carers. Thank you so much to those who continue to purchase items on our Wish List - we have had a delivery of white board pens today! **There is no obligation to buy anything, but if you would like to make a purchase the link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>** Thank you.



## KOOSA Kids



KOOSA Kids are pleased to confirm the dates for their Christmas Holiday Club at King Athelstan Primary School (2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> January). Our **Frosty Fantasyland** activity programme is jam-packed full of festive and frosty fun & excitement! Children will take part in up to 9 activities each day, always a mixture of sporty and team games, arts & crafts, drama, imagination and of course our famous go karts. All from just £25.50 per child for a standard day (10.00am to 4.00pm)! Visit [www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club](http://www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club) for more information or call 01276 21884. Bookings are now open.

## House Points

This week's winners are **Red (Dawson)** on 32. In second place is **Green (Villiers)** on 28. **Yellow (Cambridge)** have 27, and **Blue House (Hawks)** 25. Well done all!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### NOVEMBER

Tuesday 21	Y5 Junior Roadwatch
Tuesday 21	KS1 English Workshop 3.30pm
Wednesday 22	Warhol Class Assembly 9am. Families welcome.
Wednesday 22	KS2 English Workshop 3.30pm
Thursday 23	Y3 Stone Age Day
Thursday 23	Parent/Carer Forum 9am
Friday 24	Y3-Y6 White Spider Climbing - invited children only
Wednesday 29	Riley Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 30	Y5 trip to Science Museum - PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE
Thursday 30	Y2 trip to Bushy Park - please consent/pay/volunteer on ParentPay

### DECEMBER

Monday 4	Y4 MTC online presentation - link to follow
Tuesday 5	Y4 trip to the British Museum
Wednesday 6	Y5 & Y6 Ice Skating at Hampton Court
Saturday 9	PCSA Festive Fair 12-3pm
Monday 11	O'Keefe Year 1 Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Monday 11	Van Gogh Year 1 Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Tuesday 12	Nelson Class Reception Christmas Show 9.15am
Tuesday 12	Kusama Class Reception Christmas Show 2.30pm
Wednesday 13	Mehretu Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 13	Hockney Year 2 Christmas Assembly 2.30am
Thursday 14	Matisse Year 2 Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Friday 15	Nursery AM Christmas Singing & Crafts 11am - 11.30am
Friday 15	Nursery PM Christmas Singing & Crafts 12.30pm-1pm
Tuesday 19	Y4 to see Peter Pan at the Rose Theatre
Thursday 21	Break up one hour earlier for Christmas holidays. No KOOSA Kids on this day

### JANUARY 2024

Monday 8	INSET Day - children not in school
Tuesday 9	Children return for spring term

## Achievement Assembly



### Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Elsie

O'Keefe Y1 - Anisa

Matisse Y2 - Alan

Hockney Y2 - Teddy

Y3 have been out on a trip today

Mehretu Y4 - Inci

Wiley Y4 - Freya

Dali Y5 - Zak

Warhol Y5 - Julia

Riley Y6 - Ollie

Kahlo Y6 - Brwas

KS1 PE - Jack in Hockney Y2

KS2 PE - Ben in Wiley Y4

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
George	Izabella	Denys	Meryem	Tharul
	Joshua	Sumaya	Hai Yen	Nataniel

### Equalities and Diversity Champions

Karyn from Riley Y6, Annie from Hockney Y2, and Poppie-Rose from Wiley Y4 all won an Equalities and Diversity Champion certificate for their wonderful posters, displayed here:



### PCSA

Don't forget to check out the PCSA noticeboard by the main school gate. You will find all the activities and events listed there. The Festive Fair is on **Saturday 9th December from 12-3pm.**

### School Health

Please see below the latest newsletter from the HENRY team at School Health.



## HENRY Newsletter for Parents

November 2023

Update from Kingston's HENRY Coordinators

Hello from the Kingston HENRY Team, and a warm welcome to the next edition of the HENRY newsletter. HENRY continues to grow within Kingston and we are delighted to be able to offer FREE Healthy Families Group programmes, 1:1 programmes and workshops.

**Face to Face programme:**

We are pleased to share that next term we will be offering a face to face programme alongside our normal online programmes.

We have been able to secure a great venue at the Queen Mary Hall in Cambridge Gardens. This venue is in a great location with good transport links and parking available. Dates and times of this are below.

What is HENRY all about?

We know that everyone wants the best for their children, but it can be hard to ensure a healthy lifestyle for the whole family. The HENRY team offer 8-week programmes and one-off workshops for parents and carers of children between 0-12.

HENRY is for everyone, and topics covered include understanding children's behaviour, setting boundaries, parent wellbeing, healthy lifestyles, supporting children eating a wide range of foods, screen time, being active, family routines, sleep, self-esteem, and much more.

The programme and workshops are **FREE to attend for parents/carers** of children attending Kingston Schools. You can self-refer by clicking [here](#) or via the QR code or to find out more please feel to email us on [henry@yourhealthcare.org](mailto:henry@yourhealthcare.org).

Upcoming HENRY Programmes and workshops

**Healthy Families Growing up (5-12's) Programme - Face to Face**

Venue: Queen Marys Hall, Cambridge Gardens

Day/Time: Wednesdays 10am-12pm.

Dates: 24th January - 20th March

Break: February half term

Interested in attending or want to find out more? Use this QR code to fill out the referral form and a member of our team will be in contact.

Healthy families

- What do parents say who have already accessed HENRY?
- I enjoyed that I was not being 'told what to do', but instead we had discussions around what would work for my family.
- The possibility to talk and listen with other parents, getting ideas to cope with difficulties.
- The food boxes are brilliant

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