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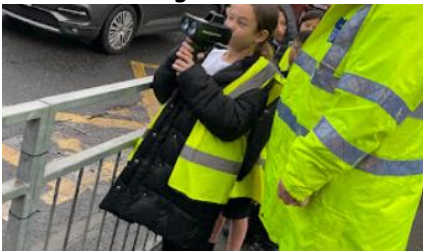
Thank you for all your feedback on the playground designs over the past couple of weeks. We are currently finalising the appointment of the successful company and will announce this once the contractors are in place.

Next week we will be saying farewell to Mrs Roz Coelho who is moving to a position in the admin team at Fern Hill Primary School. Mrs Coelho has worked with many children and classes over the past two years and has also been on the Y6 PGL residential trip. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her every success in her next adventure. Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Junior Roadwatch

The Junior Road Watch programme sees police work with small groups of pupils to educate motorists on the importance of road safety, especially near schools. You may have seen Y5 children out on Villiers Road on Tuesday, equipped with safety equipment and speed cameras set up outside school. They monitored the speed of vehicles travelling along Villiers Road, which is a designated 20 mph zone. Any drivers who were driving over this limit were stopped, and the police asked them to speak to the children instead of another enforcement activity. The children had been briefed and had planned some questions to ask. They also got the chance to sit in the police van and try out the blue lights as well as helmets!



Warhol Class Assembly

This week Warhol Class Y5 hosted the very first class assembly of the year, all about the Vikings. They gave so much information, hosting a Beowulf Gameshow and ending with a catchy song. Every family who attended learned a lot about Saxons, Angles and Jutes as well as Vikings! Well done Warhol Class and Miss Rana.



White Spider Climbing Trip

Well done to the 14 children who attended White Spider Climbing today. They took part in a number of different climbing challenges using top-rope and auto-belays. It was great to see all of them push themselves and overcome any fears. They represented the school so well.



Anti-Bullying Week - Poems

As you know we marked anti-bullying week recently. Miss Lee was so impressed with some of the poems children wrote, she wanted to share these ones:

Just Be You

I don't care about them,
Who should!
I just think about me,
And I'm pretty good.
Focus on your talents not
theirs,
In the end who cares.
By Violet Year 6

Think!

Are you about to be mean?
Are you about to be cruel?
If so listen up and follow one
simple rule!
Think, take a deep breath and...
Think - think before you speak!
By Violet Year 6

Don't Bully Me

Don't bully me,
What did I do?
Don't bully me,
I dislike your Kung-Fu!
Don't bully me,
Can you stay away?
Don't bull me,
I wanna good day!
Don't bully me,
You're being cruel,
Don't bully me,
just follow the rule.
Don't bully me,
Your making me sad!
Don't bully me,
You're being real bad!
By Hugh Year 6



FUEL Programme Winter Clubs

The FUEL programme offers free holiday clubs and food to young people who are receiving benefits-related free school meals (not universal free school meals). Each eligible pupil has a FUEL booking code which families will need when booking spaces at FUEL clubs. The booking system is now. We are in the process of sending codes to eligible children along with details of how to book online. Please check with the school office if you are unsure of your child's eligibility or their code.

Extra-Curricular Clubs - Spring 2024

We will be sending families an email with information about our **Spring Term Extra-Curricular clubs on Friday 1st December**. Clubs will start in the week commencing 15th January 2024. We are excited to have some new clubs available, and also to be offering clubs to our Reception children. Please keep an eye on your emails next week.

Children in Need

Last Friday we held a spotty accessories day for Children in Need. So far, £92 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. [This link](#) will take you directly to the payment page. Thank you.



Y3 Stone Age Activities

Recently, Year 3 travelled back in time to visit the Stone Age. They worked as a team to create a Stone Age stew containing various fruits. They learned how Stone Age people would have created the same stew all those years ago and how the tools and appliances used would have been different from ours. Later in the day



they focussed on cave paintings, talking about how they would often grind up different types of rocks and mix them with spit or animal fat to create a paint like paste. They would also have used animal blood, berries and charcoal to create their amazing cave paintings. The children then went outside to create a Year 3 cave painting of their own. Finally, they became hunter gatherers and had to search for fruits around the playground. They identified some



difficulties Stone Age people may have faced, such as being chased by wild animals or eating plants that make us poorly. Luckily, we also talked about how some plants can be used as medicine and therefore most of our sick children were healed! They then had to travel to new land to find fresh food sources in order to survive. As you can see, they looked brilliant in their Stone Age costumes!



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Y3 also tested their ability to survive the Stone Age in a workshop at Gunnersbury Park! First the children experienced an in-depth talk about this period of history and were able to handle real artefacts from the Stone Age. After this the children tested their aim by participating in spear throwing. Some of them even managed to spear a wild boar! Later, the children worked in teams to create Stone Age dens using branches, leaves and animal skins. Finally, they practised using wattle and daub to create wind proof shelters with some very messy results! Many thanks to the parents and carers who accompanied us on this trip and made the hands-on experience possible.



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 15th January 2024**. Please submit your application by visiting: [eAdmissions Website](#)

Nursery Places Available

We have a few remaining 3 year old Nursery places available to start in January 2024. If you have, or know of, a child that turned 3 on or before 31st December 2023 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

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 wonderful Christmas goodies for reading prizes this week! **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 (2nd to 5th January). The **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, the 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 for more information or call 01276 21884. Bookings are now open.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

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 - please consent/volunteer on ParentPay
Wednesday 6	Y5 & Y6 Ice Skating at Hampton Court- please consent/pay/volunteer on ParentPay
Saturday 9	PCSA Festive Fair 12-3pm
Monday 11	Van Gogh Year 1 Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Monday 11	O'Keeffe 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

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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- please consent/volunteer on ParentPay
Thursday 21	Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
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
Friday 12	First Y5 Swimming lesson- please consent/pay/volunteer on ParentPay
Friday 12	Forest School resumes

Achievement Assembly

This week, Electra from Warhol Class played the piano beautifully at the start and end of assembly.



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Loni

O'Keeffe Y1 - Grace

Matisse Y2 - Archie

Hockney Y2 - Izabella

The whole of Y3 for their fantastic trip!

Mehretu Y4 - Zlata

Wiley Y4 - Milena

Dali Y5 - Gabi

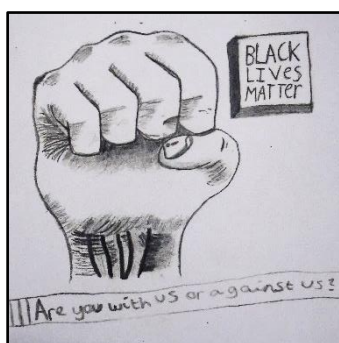
Warhol Y5 - Hai Yen

Riley Y6 - Tia-Louise

Kahlo Y6 - Isabella

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Paola & Yousra	Joshua	Miqdaad	Keosha	Sophia	Martha
Ronnie	Elena & Areeb	Ari	Zlata	Karlis	



Miss Meggitt awarded an Equality and Diversity certificate to Natalia from Dali Class for her amazing poster promoting Black Lives Matter.

Miss Sa and Mrs O'Connor gave certificates to their Y6 Maths Group who have been working really hard with such diligence and commitment. They are: Tia-Louise, Brwas, Zayd, Isla, Katelyn, Daniel and Zarina.

Community Message

Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness (KCAH) Winter Night Shelter is looking to recruit a coordinator to bring the project to life. The post is advertised on the website <https://kcah.org.uk/job-vacancies/>. Please share this with friends, family or colleagues so that they can get the right person in post to enable them to offer the more vulnerable in our community a place of warmth and safety over the next months. Thank you. KCAH are based in St Peter's Church Hall, London Road, Kingston KT2 6QL.



Christmas Messages

The PCSA is planning the fantastic Festive Fair on Saturday 9th December from 12pm-3pm. Please come along to see Santa had have a great afternoon of fun!



WilsonJones, our caterers, have designed their delicious Christmas menu for Thursday 21st December - the last day of term. Book on ParentPay in the usual way for this festive feast! Children may wear Christmas jumpers on this day, and don't forget, school breaks up one hour earlier, too.

