



Dear Families,

It was great to see so many crazy hairstyles/hats coming through the gates this morning - thank you for all the bottle donations. The Festive Fair promises to be a really exciting event so please make sure you have it in your diaries - it's just 8 days away!

It's been a very busy week for trips and events, and next week there will be more - see details below. Thank you to all those parents/carers who offer to accompany these trips. We can't always take everyone who volunteers to come along but we really appreciate all the offers.

Have a lovely weekend and wrap up warm.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Riley Class Assembly

Riley Class entertained their families with a fantastic class assembly this week, highlighting all their learning on "The Unexplained". This included UFOs, mermaids and the Loch Ness Monster, as well as the early Islamic civilisation. Their singing was wonderful and there were amazing props, too. Well done, Riley!



Gardening Club

Last week saw the start of a 4-week trial of a Gardening Club, which will be available for others to join from January (see Clubs letter). The aim of the club is to:

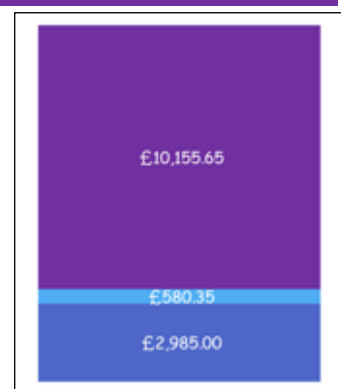
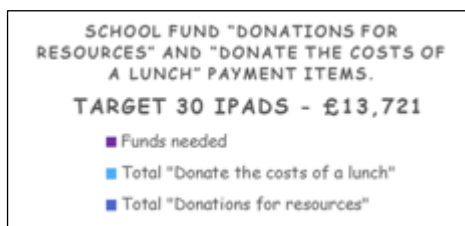
- Encourage children to be outside
- Teach them how to grow vegetables
- Teach them how to plan and look after a garden
- Look at the importance of plants and wildlife in the context of our eco system

This week the children planted bulbs near the front office and in the wild area. This involved them working together to dig holes in order to plant the bulbs. Thanks to all of the parent/carers and volunteers who supported the successful launch. A special thanks to Caitlin (mother of Agatha in Y5) for helping with the logistics and planning.



Donations to School

Thank you to all the families donating to our School Fund "Donations for resources", and also the "Donate the Cost of a Lunch" payment items. So far, we have enough donations to purchase 8 of the 30 iPads we need! We also appreciate the overpayments on trips which many families make, which really does make a difference and help to cover the cost of trips for those families who are not able to pay the full amount.



Meal Vouchers

Achieving for Children (AfC) will again be providing supermarket vouchers for the Christmas holidays for children on benefits-related Free School Meals(FSM) in YR - Y6 (not the universal free school meals). If families think that they may qualify for benefits related FSM and have not yet applied please [click here](#). Families will need to have confirmation by **Monday 11th December 2023** to receive the vouchers for the Christmas Holidays.

Extra-Curricular Clubs - Spring 2024

An email detailing all clubs for spring term, including some for Reception classes, has been emailed to all families, along with instructions on how to apply for a club space. The Google form booking system opens on **Sunday 3rd December**. All details are also on the school website. Clubs will start in the week commencing 15th January.

Y2 Bushy Park Trip

Y2 went to the Stockyard at Bushy Park to investigate a variety of habitats and micro-habitats. They examined how living things are adapted to the environment they live in and how their habitats help them to survive. They also had the opportunity to identify a range of plants and invertebrates and investigate how



they interact with each other. They behaved brilliantly and everyone had a great day, despite the very cold weather!



Nursery Baking



There was the wonderful aroma of freshly-baked bread coming from Nursery classes on Wednesday! The children watched carefully as Becks, Barbara and Imogen explained how all the ingredients were measured, added, and then kneaded together. They helped shape the dough into little rolls which were baked just in time for the children to take them home/eat them on the way out of school! Well done Klee.



Y5 Science Museum Trip

Year 5 travelled to the Science Museum this week to explore the Wonderlab and become hands on scientists. They also participated in the "Great Object Hunt" about their new topic of Space.



Admission to Reception/Nursery in 2024

Applications are **open** for any children born between **1 September 2019** and **31 August 2020** who are due to start Reception Class in **September 2024**. Please submit your application by **Monday 15th January 2024** by visiting: [eAdmissions Website](#).

If you have, or know of, a child that turned 3 on or before **31st December 2023**, and would like to join our **Nursery in January 2024**, please visit the school office or email admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org

Amazon Wish List

Thank you so much to those who continue to purchase items from the school Wish List. The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>. There is, of course, **no obligation to buy anything**.



Christmas Lunch

As you know, we have announced our Christmas Lunch Menu for **Thursday 21st December**. Please book ParentPay as usual but the original menu selections will still be visible and not the menu changes. To book this special meal on ParentPay:

- choose the meat option (Chicken Burger) for your child to have Roast Turkey
- choose the veggie option (Cheese and tomato pizza) for your child to have Festive Veg Pinwheel
- **jacket Potatoes will not be served on this day**. However, we are unable to remove this option from ParentPay. If you select Jacket Potato for your child they will be served the veggie option on the Friday.
- if you select a side it will be Chicken/Veggie Chipolatas, Roast Potatoes, Parsnips, Brussel Sprouts, Carrots Garden Peas, Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy
- If you select desert it will be Chocolate Celebration Cake or Mince pie and custard



Menu swap day

Because we are serving a roast lunch on the Thursday 21st December, we will be swapping our usual Thursday menu (Chicken Burger or Cheese and Tomato Pizza) to the day before, so to book lunch on Wednesday 20th December:

- choose the meat option (Roast Chicken) for your child to have Chicken Burger
- Choose the veggie option (Quorn Roast) for your child to have Cheese and Tomato Pizza
- Jacket Potatoes will be available as usual on this day
- If you select a side it will be Wedges, Baked Beans - Garden Peas
- If you select desert it will be Flapjack

Please contact the School Office on 020 8546 8210 or admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org if you have any questions.

Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Mila

O'Keefe Y1 - Paula

Whole of Y2 for a great trip. Also Rowen in Matisse

Cassatt Y3 - Hatice

Da Vinci Y3 - Ieva

Mehretu Y4 - Ivy

Wiley Y4 - Keosha

Whole of Y5 for a great trip. Also Agatha in Dali for being so helpful

Riley Y6 - Whole Class (assembly)

Kahlo Y6 - Josh

Last week: KS1 PE Matilda in O'Keefe Y1

KS2 PE Ollie in Riley Y6

KS1 PE Robin in Van Gogh Y1

KS2 PE Alex in Cassatt Y3

Miss Meggitt gave Equality & Diversity Champion certificates to: Leo in Y3, Hazel in Y4 and Bentley in Y5.

Zak in Y5 won a certificate for excellence in the Gardening Club, for being so helpful and enthusiastic.

King Athelstan Primary School - Inspiring Excellence

Times Tables Rock
Stars/NumBots Maths
Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Loni	Shiloh	Erin	Sophia	Max & James
Aaron	Elena & Tasya	Eden	Anastasiia	Melika

House Points

This week's winners are **Red (Dawson)** on 33. In second place is **Green (Villiers)** on 31. Blue House (Hawks) have 30, Yellow (Cambridge) 25. Well done all!



KOOSA Kids



KOOSA Kids are running their **Frosty Fantasyland** activity programme at King Athelstan from 2-5th January 2024. It 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

DECEMBER

Monday 4	Y4 MTC online presentation - link emailed
Tuesday 5	Y4 trip to the British Museum - please consent on ParentPay
Wednesday 6	Y5 & Y6 Ice Skating at Hampton Court- please consent and pay on ParentPay
Friday 8	Wear funny socks in return for nut-free sweets and chocolates for the Festive Fair
Saturday 9	PCSA Festive Fair 12-3pm - donations of fresh cakes welcome on the day
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
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

Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 will be going swimming at the Malden Centre, New Malden, from January until March 2024. Please go to ParentPay to pay and give consent for your child to attend. If you have a DBS and are able to accompany the group, even for just one or 2 dates, please tick the box in ParentPay. We will set up a rota system for volunteers to spread out the dates. Thank you.

Roadworks on Villiers Road

Whilst the temporary traffic lights on Villiers Rd are causing queues, please can all pedestrians take extra care and listen to the instructions from Andy, the lollipop man, on the zebra crossing.

The PCSA's Festive Fair is on **Saturday 9th December from 12pm-3pm**. Please come along to see Santa had have a great afternoon of fun! We have truly had some crazy hair today, in return for donations of items for the Fair:



Community Messages

Free Christmas events - Brite Box, the local charity which offers weekly food boxes to families, has asked us to share these three events where children can make a free festive Christmas tree decoration at the Bentall Centre in Kingston! [Click here](#) to find out more. The Bentall Centre also has charity carol singers, roving elves handing out treats, and the Kingston School of Art Christmas Market, all on the second floor over the next few Saturdays.



Community Policing - This local safeguarding event may be of interest to families.



Knowledge and awareness are power
 Supercharge your skills and make a positive impact on your community. Help keep children and young people safe.
Interactive sessions: Say goodbye to boring lectures. We make learning fun and engaging!
Real-world insights: Get street-smart knowledge that you won't find in textbooks.
Empowerment: We're here to boost your confidence and equip you to face life's challenges head-on.

- **Honest and open talk about gangs:** better understanding of the reality around gangs.
- **Local drug market:** understand what's happening in your neighbourhood and London when it comes to drugs.
- **County lines:** we'll break down what county lines mean
- **Spotting the signs of grooming:** learn how to recognize grooming and protect yourself and your friends.
- **Exploitation:** find out what exploitation is and how you can fight against it.
- **Tackling violence against women and girls:** let's stand together against violence. Learn how.
- **Escape the grip of gangs and serious violence:** discover techniques to break free and stay safe.
- **The power of words:** understand why language matters and how it can shape your world.

Don't miss this chance to supercharge your skills and make a positive impact on your community.
 Friday 8 December, 11am to 1pm
 Kingston Library, Fairfield Road, Kingston KT1 2PS.
 Places are limited and free, please email janva.walton@achievingforchildren.org.uk to register your place.

Stanley Picker Art Gallery

Check the links below to Stanley Picker Gallery's upcoming FREE artist-led winter Art Clubs for KS2 children. Bookable via Eventbrite. Please share with your families.

- <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/770211592607?aff=oddtcreator>
- <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/770209837357?aff=oddtcreator>
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From Natalie Kay, Participation Curator, Stanley Picker Gallery & Dorich House Museum, Kingston University

