

King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 13 - Friday 8th December 2023

Dear Families.

We are really looking forward to seeing many of you at the Festive Fair tomorrow between 12 and 3pm. There will be so many fun things to do and also lots of amazing food options. Wrap up warm and bring family and friends.

In my assembly this week, we read the story "Have you filled a Bucket Today?" by Carol McCloud. It's all about how everyone carries an invisible bucket that holds your good thoughts and good feelings about yourself. You feel happy and good when your bucket is full and sad and lonely when it is empty. Other people can fill your bucket and you can fill theirs by doing or saying kind and thoughtful things. This also fills your bucket, too! The reverse is to be a bucket dipper - saying mean or unkind things that make someone feel sad (emptying their bucket) and this makes your bucket

empty too. The children all left the hall thinking about how they were going to fill the buckets of their friends and families. I have received lots of lovely messages and pictures from children all week, so my bucket is overflowing!

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton

Headteacher



Extra Curricular Clubs

A quick reminder that, with the exception of Gardening Club, all extra curricular clubs finish this week. Gardening Club's last session will take place on Monday 11th December. Other than that, there will be no extra curricular clubs in the weeks commencing 11th or 18th December. Spring Term clubs will start week commencing 15th January.

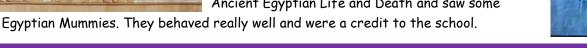
Meal Vouchers

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 <u>click here</u>. Families will need to have confirmation by <u>Monday 11^{th} December 2023</u> to receive the vouchers for the Christmas Holidays.

Y4 British Museum Trip



As part of their topic, The Revolting People of Planet Earth, Year 4 went to The British Museum in Central London on Tuesday. They visited the Egyptian Sculpture Gallery, learned all about Ancient Egyptian Life and Death and saw some





Christmas Carol Concert



Manon and Aletheia, our Junior Leadership Team Co Chairs, represented King Athelstan at a charity Christmas Carol concert held in the New Malden Methodist Church on Wednesday evening. Each year, members of the Rotary club and Inner Wheel help raise funds for local charities. The Co-Chairs read two poems called 'Where Is Happiness?' by Catherine Pulsifer and 'Happiness' by Priscilla Leonard. They practised them in advance and read beautifully. Well done to both girls who represented the school so well.

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: <u>eAdmissions Website</u>.

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

Y5 & Y6 Ice Skating

Well done to all of the children in Y5 and Y6 who attended the Hampton Court Ice Skating trip this week.





This is a trip the children really look forward to. Fortunately, the rain stayed away and the sun even made an appearance. All of the staff were impressed with the children who really persevered in order to achieve their best. Thanks to all of the staff and adult helpers who attended, it helped make the day run smoothly. Your support is always greatly appreciated.

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.

Thinker's Project

Remember that children are encouraged to bring their Thinker's Project pieces into their classes to show teachers. The Thinker's Project Exhibition will be held on Wednesday 20th December in the hall from 3.20 - 3.50pm, and again from 5.30-6pm. Please come along then and help us celebrate your child's amazing contributions.

Amazon Wish List

Thank you so much to those who continue to purchase items from the school Wish List. The link is: $\frac{\text{https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz}}{\text{https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz}}$. There is, of course, no obligation to buy anything.





Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Florence O'Keeffe Y1 - Alice

Hockney Y2 - Oscar Matisse Y2 - Ali

Cassatt Y3 - Molly Da Vinci Y3 - Meryem

Whole of Y4 for a great trip Wiley Y4 - Summer

Warhol Y5 - Julie Dali Y5 - Meryem

Riley Y6 - Aletheia Kahlo Y6 - Manon

KS1 PE Loni in Van Gogh Y1 KS2 PE Bailey in Warhol Y5

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Loni	Sarah	Zoe	Sophia	Gabi	Kerem
Ozzie	Rachel & Tasya	Ari		Teddy	

House Points

This week's winners are **Blue House (Hawks)** with 34 points. In second place is Red (Dawson) on 32. Really close behind is Green (Villiers) on 31. Yellow (Cambridge) have 24. Well done all!









DATES FOR YOUR DIARY					
DECEMBER					
Saturday 9	PCSA Festive Fair 12-3pm - donations of fresh cakes welcome on the day				
Monday 11	ay 11 Van Gogh Year 1 Christmas Assembly 9.15am				
Monday 11	Monday 11 O'Keeffe Year 1 Christmas Assembly 2.30pm				
Monday 11 Last Gardening Club					
Tuesday 12	day 12 Nelson Class Reception Christmas Show 9.15am				
Tuesday 12	Kusama Class Reception Christmas Show 2.30pm				
Wednesday 13	nesday 13 Mehretu Class Assembly 9am				
Wednesday 13	sday 13 Hockney Year 2 Christmas Assembly 2.30am				
Thursday 14	ay 14 Matisse Year 2 Christmas Assembly 9.15am				
Thursday 14	Choir performing at Waitrose Kingston straight after school				
Thursday 14	ay 14 PCSA Bingo event - adults only 7pm in the school hall				
Friday 15	Nursery AM Christmas Singing & Crafts 11am - 11.30am				
Friday 15	Nursery PM Christmas Singing & Crafts 12.30pm-1pm				
Tuesday 19	y 19 Y4 to see Peter Pan at the Rose Theatre- please consent/volunteer on ParentPay				
Thursday 21	sday 21 Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch				
Thursday 21	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	riday 12 Forest School resumes			

PCSA



The PCSA's Festive Fair is tomorrow, Saturday 9th December from 12pm-3pm.

Please come along to see Santa and have a great afternoon of fun! Today, we've had lots of funny socks in school in return for donations of

The next PCSA event is the Bingo night on Thursday 14th December in the school hall. This promises to be fun and festive, too! It is an event for adults only, so bring your family and friends. Bingo starts at 7pm. Tickets are £15 and available from the link on the poster, or see the PCSA.

December SCHOOL HALL ADULTS ONLY 14th at 7:00 PM JOIN THE FUN AND HAVE A FESTIVE NIGHT - OPEN TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY O

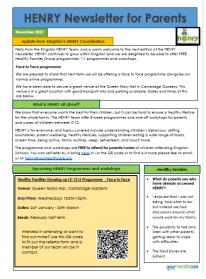
Community Messages

In this section of the Digest we include information received from other agencies. We are not promoting these items, but include them in good faith as they may be of interest to King Athelstan families:

KOOSA Kids are running their Frosty Fantasyland activity programme at King Athelstan from $2-5^{th}$ January 2024. The cost is 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.

nut-free chocolates for the Fair!





HENRY Newsletter - in January School Health are offering a face to face HENRY Healthy Families Growing up programme. This will be based at the Queen Marys Hall in Cambridge Gardens in Kingston. All the details are in the newsletter here on the left, or check out the <u>page here</u>.