



Dear Families,

It's been another incredibly busy week at King Athelstan. Our Monday assembly continued the theme of spreading kindness and the idea of "paying it forwards". We use this link <https://my.happify.com/hd/ripple-effect-of-one-small-act-of-kindness> and image to help understand the concept. KS1 children were really good at spotting the number of acts of kindness within the videos and KS2 were good at recognising how quickly 1 act of kindness to 3 people could quickly spread to so many others if everyone did the same.



We had a planned fire practice on Monday and we were really impressed with the way the children evacuated. Don't forget that the deadline for the application for Reception 2023 places is this Sunday through the council eAdmissions website here: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton, Headteacher

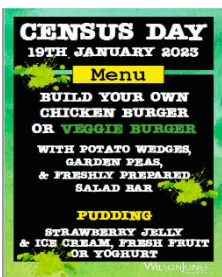
Extra Curricular Clubs - January 2023

Clubs will start in the week beginning Monday 16th January (or 1st February for Skipping).

All afternoon clubs finish at 4.10pm, and pick up will be from the KS1 playground.



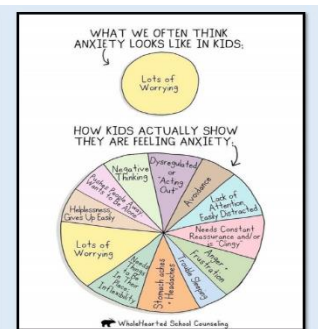
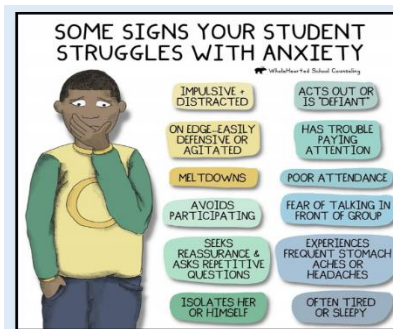
School Census Day - 19 January 2023



School Census takes place on Thursday 19th January. The census collects a vast amount of details about our school including pupils' special educational needs, free school meals eligibility, as well as educational history. The school census is vital for helping education authorities determine what kinds of support a school needs, and helps ensure that the right funding goes to the right places, to support the right outcomes. **We have a special lunch menu on this day**, where children can build their own burger (either meat or vegetarian), followed by jelly and ice-cream. We would be grateful if everyone would have a school meal on this day as it ensures we don't lose out on funding. Please book on ParentPay as usual.

Inclusion Bitesize

This week's Inclusion Bitesize looks at the different ways that anxiety can present in children - through their behaviour as well as their thoughts and feelings.



School Trips

All information about any school trip is sent to families by email, so please ensure school has the correct email addresses for you. We need your consent for children to go on trips (unless it is a local one, such as to the library), and this is done via ParentPay, where you also pay the cost of the trip, and log if you are able to volunteer to accompany the children. All helpers need to have a DBS check prior to volunteering, for safeguarding purposes. See the website [here](#) for information about volunteering and the DBS check. In ParentPay you will also see an item called 'voluntary overpayment'. Thank you to all those who have overpaid the cost of a trip/swimming in order to support other families who may struggle to pay; it is very much appreciated.

Wish List

The Wish List is for parents, carers, grandparents, and friends to donate towards material items that will directly improve and enhance the children's school experiences. Thank you so much to those who have already purchased items from our List. Amazon doesn't always supply the sender's name so we may not know who the packages are from, but all items are very much appreciated. **There is no obligation to buy anything, but if you would like to make a purchase the link is:** <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>



Parent/Carer Buddy System

We regularly have new families join us throughout the year and it can be challenging for adults to quickly integrate into the school community. We would like to set up a Parent/Carer buddy system for new families, which would mean sharing your name, telephone number and/or email address. Some families have been unable to access the sign-up form, so please try this link instead if you would like to take part:

<https://forms.gle/fD9FWUQqbybNdPsQA> Thank you for your support in welcoming new families.

Exceptional Leave and Absence

We sometimes receive requests for children to leave school early for various reasons, including visiting family and parent's own medical appointments. **We are only able to authorise a leave of absence if it is for a medical appointment for the child (proof will be required) or exceptional circumstances.** Below is information about what exceptional circumstances are, how to apply for it, and what absences are authorised or unauthorised.

Exceptional Leave

- Parents/Carers requesting leave of absence from school for their child, should carefully consider the impact of the absence on their child's education. Missing out on lessons will always have a negative impact on a child's educational progress. It is widely understood that children make the best progress through regular and punctual school attendance.
- An [Application for Leave in Exceptional Circumstances Form](#) must be completed by the parent/carers in **advance** and returned to the school office.
- The Headteacher cannot grant leave of absence unless there are exceptional circumstances surrounding the application **and** an application has been made in advance.
- The Headteacher will consider each application individually including the specific facts, circumstances, and context behind the request.
- If the Headteacher is satisfied there are exceptional circumstances to authorise leave of absence, the Headteacher will determine the number of days a child can be authorised, considering the child's attainment, attendance, and ability to catch up on missed lessons.

Unauthorised Absences

- Family holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances, but unauthorised absence. This includes days of absence taken at the beginning or end of term for a family holiday.
- Birthdays/family days out are not reasons for absence. Children are expected to attend school as normal on their birthday. Family days out should be taken outside of school sessions.
- Illness, where a child is already Persistently Absent (under 90%) and medical evidence has not been provided, will be an unauthorised absence.

Medical Appointments

- **We cannot authorise a child leaving early because of a parent's or sibling's medical appointment.** Instead parents/carers should arrange for the sibling to be collected at the end of the school day by an emergency contact.
- If your child needs a medical appointment, every effort should be made to arrange it outside school hours to minimise the impact on your child's education. If a medical appointment has to be within the school day, your child will be expected to attend school before and after the appointment.
- Absence for a medical appointment can be authorised if evidence of the appointment is emailed to admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org or is brought to the school office before the date of the appointment.

House Points

This week's winners are **Blue House (Hawks)**. Yellow House (Cambridge) came in second, Green (Villiers) third, and then Red (Dawson). Well done all!



Villiers



Dawson



Cambridge



Hawks

Achievement Assembly

Well done to the following children who received their certificate of excellence this week:



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Gary O'Keeffe Y1 - Stephen

Hockney Y2 - Joseph Matisse Y2 - Rory

Da Vinci Y3 - Fatima Cassatt - Sophia

Mehretu Y4 - Gaby Wiley Y4 - Poppy

Dali Y5 - Jihane Warhol Y5 - Isabella

Riley - Issy Kahlo - Bethan

KS1 PE - Miqdaad in Matisse Y2 KS2 PE - Grace in Da Vinci Class Y3

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

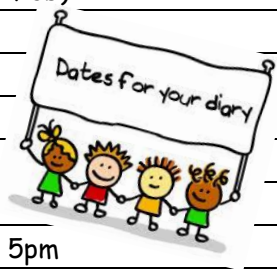
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Sharav	Hatice	Bethany	Teddy	Henry	Issy
	Nadia	Max F			Mariam

Dates for the Diary

Please note, term and INSET dates for 2023-34 are now on the website

JANUARY 2023

Mon 16	Extra curricular clubs start this week (except skipping - starts 1 Feb)
Wed 18	Rotakids trip to Refugee Action Kingston
Thur 19	Census Day - please book special lunch menu
Wed 25	Dali Class Assembly 9am
Thur 26	Y3 Da Vinci Class Library Trip
Mon 30	Y6 Junior Citizen trip
Tue 31	Y4 online presentation for families - Multiplication Tables Check 5pm



FEBRUARY 2023

Wed 1	Da Vinci Class Assembly 9am
Wed 8	Book Looks Y1-6
Thur 9	Y3 Cassatt Class Library Trip
Mon 13- Fri 17	Half-term
20 - 24	SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings
Thurs 23	Nursery Classes visiting Kingston Library
27 - 2 March	Parent/Carer Consultations

MARCH 2023

Wed 1	Cassatt Class Assembly 9am
Wed 8	Wiley Class Assembly 9am
Wed 22	Van Gogh Class Assembly 9am

Community News

Fairfield Litter Pick - firstly, a huge thank you to all the King Athelstan families who helped make all 6 of our litter picks last year such a great success! With your help, we were able to collect a whopping 41 bags of rubbish, including 16 recycling bags, thanks to nearly 200 litter heroes getting involved! We therefore wanted to let you know that our



next litter pick - the first for 2023 - is planned for **Saturday 14 January in Fairfield Park from 2-3pm**. Once again, the council will kindly be loaning us a bunch of litter pickers so if you're able to help, please come along so that we can together help inspire even more local pride in this fantastic local park. Free coffee and cake!



Repair Café - **Repair Café Kingston** is a community initiative, under the umbrella of Transition Town Kingston, promoting repair and skill-sharing as sustainable alternatives to throwing things away. Residents can bring their broken items to fix on the spot with the help of experienced volunteer repairers. All repairs and refreshments are free, though donations towards our costs are very welcome. The Repair Café will be in Kingston Library's community room on the first Saturday of every month, from 10.30am to 1.30pm, starting in February 2023.



Surbiton Warm Hub - In order to help fight the economic hardships and the energy crisis of the winter months, there will be a 'Warm Hub' at **Surbiton High School Girls' Prep** in January, February (and maybe beyond). It is a place where the local residents can come every Thursday from 3.30pm-5pm to enjoy a hot drink, soup, and some warm conversation. Everyone is welcome - and people are very welcome to come and collect a large flask of homemade soup and a pile of fresh bread after school to take home for a family dinner. There is no cost and no questions asked - visitors can stay and chat or take and go. We are here to help in any way we can.



Courses offered by Surbiton High School

GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE: adult education

As part our growing Community Outreach programme, starting in February we will offer a GCSE English Language as an adult evening course. This is intended for those who would benefit from it most: refugees, immigrants, those who weren't able to get a GCSE at school or those simply looking to improve job chances, or to help their children with their homework. For those who cannot afford the donation, this is offered free of charge. Please click here to find out more: [GCSE English Language Adult Education Course 2023-24.pdf](#) (15 places)

HISTORY OF ART: Adult education

We also offer seven-week evening short courses in Art History for those who have an interest in this area.

Book Identity in Art & Architecture Spring Term 2023 here: <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BVMH>

Book Nature in Art & Architecture Summer Term

2023: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/32720>

