



Dear Families,

On Monday it was Martin Luther King Day. In assembly we learnt about Martin Luther King, and the important work that he did. We explored his famous quote (pictured right) and what he meant by it.

There have been trips out this week for the Rotakids and the Kingston Swimming Gala for Y6 - read more about these below.

You will be aware from the media that the NEU (National Education Union) has announced some proposed strike days for our area. These are:

Wednesday 1st February, Thursday 2nd February, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March.

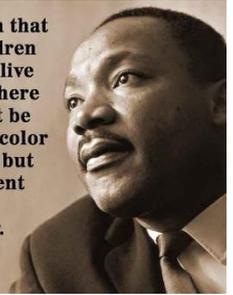
We will be writing to you with more details next week, however wanted to give you as much notice as possible so that you have alternative arrangements in place if your child's class is not open on the proposed strike days.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton, Headteacher

I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

Martin Luther King Jr.
August 28, 1963



Book Looks & Parent/Carer Consultations

As agreed in the most recent Parent/Carer Forum, we have moved the Book Looks so they happen before parent/carers consultations, allowing families to see their children's work prior to discussing it with teachers.

Book Looks - Monday February 6th and Wednesday 8th February 3.20-3.50pm.

Families are invited to see their child's books in their classroom. Please complete the Google form [here](#) to book a date so that teachers know whose books to leave out.

Parent/Carer Consultations - online appointments with teachers will be available on

Tue 21st February and Thursday 23rd February. There will also be appointments available on **Wednesday 22nd February for Nursery classes.**

SEND Parent/Carer Consultations - in-person meetings with teachers will be available on Monday 27th February and Wednesday 1st March.

A letter will be sent soon with details of how and when to book. You should make an appointment for each child.



Inclusion Bitesize



The PACE approach was originally introduced for use with pupils accessing our SRP (Haring), however we soon realised its relevance to all pupils and subsequently our whole staff team have been trained in this approach. There are lots of ways you can use this at home too - see the snapshot on the left.

Messages

Please email the office before 2.30pm on admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org with any messages for teachers, or changes to pick up arrangements etc. This will ensure that messages are passed on in a timely way. At drop off, teachers are focussed on making sure all children get into class safely and on time, and they are unable to have discussions about individual children. You may be able to speak to teachers at the end of the day at pick up, but their priority is to dismiss children safely. At the Early Years gate, please always stand back behind the yellow line so that children can clearly see the way in and their teacher waiting for them. Thank you.

Wish List

Thank you so much to those who have already purchased items from our List. **There is no obligation to buy anything, but if you would like to make a purchase the link is:**

<https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>



Rotakids Trip

On Wednesday, our RotaKids visited St John's Church to work with the charity Kingston Refugee Action. They helped serve refreshments to the refugees whilst chatting to them about their time in the UK. As well as taking some cakes for the refugees, they also took the Ukrainian bookmarks and worry stones which they made last year. Members of the Rotary Club also attended, and said 'The children were fantastic. They behaved beautifully and they were so incredibly articulate, thoughtful and generous.' Congratulations to all of the RotaKids for representing the school so well, and thank you to the two parent/carer helpers who supported us on the trip.



Year 6 Swimming Gala

Today Mr McLaughlin took 8 Y6 children to the Malden Centre to represent the school in a borough-wide Swimming Gala. They swam in backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and front crawl races as well as relays. A special mention goes to Jessica in Riley class who swam butterfly twice (individual and relay events). It was a truly amazing performance from all involved:



Charlie won gold in breaststroke, Charlie, Owen, Harry and Roan won silver in the relay, and Alice, Betty, Bethan, Jess, Charlie, Harry, Roan and Owen won a bronze for front crawl- the best results King Athelstan has ever had! Congratulations to all our swimmers!



Parent/Carer Buddy System

Thank you to those who have signed up to the Buddy System to help any families new to the school. We regularly have new families join us throughout the year and it can be challenging for adults to quickly integrate into the school community. If you would like to be on the lists of potential 'Buddies', please complete the form here, and we will contact you if and when you are needed: <https://forms.gle/fD9FWUQqbybNdPsQA>. Thank you for your support in welcoming new families.

House Points

This week we have a tie! **Red House (Dawson)** and **Green House (Villiers)** won the same amount of House points! Blue House (Hawks) came second, and Yellow House (Cambridge) third.



Villiers



Dawson



Cambridge



Hawks

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Shiloh	Ari	Freya, Summer, Max, Azra	Dorothy	Nataniel	Betty
Imogen	Ruby	Yaathya	Gaby		Issy



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Anna	O'Keeffe Y1 - Aythan
Hockney Y2 - Daniel	Matisse Y2 - Ruby
Da Vinci Y3 - Zein	Cassatt - Kaysha
Mehretu Y4 - Lilia	Wiley Y4 - Ryan
Dali Y5 - Kate	Warhol Y5 - Reyansh
Riley - Savannah	Kahlo - Betty

A special mention to Betty in Kahlo, who won three certificates this week: Achievement, TTRS and also the Equality and Diversity Champion award.

And a special mention to Bibi in Cassatt Class, who has had her acrostic poem about Autumn published by Young Writers, who run national writing and poetry competitions.

info@youngwriters.co.uk

Dates for the Diary

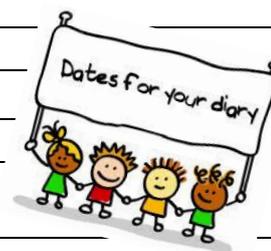
Please note, term and INSET dates for 2023-34 are now on the website

JANUARY 2023

Wed 25	Dali Class Assembly 9am
Thur 26	Y3 Da Vinci Class Library Trip
Thur 26	Y5 & Y6 'Noah's Pudding' Workshop (in school)
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
Mon 6	Book Looks Reception-Y6 3.20-3.50pm
Wed 8	Book Looks Reception-Y6 3.20-3.50pm
Thur 9	Y3 Cassatt Class Library Trip
Mon 13- Fri 17	Half-term
Tue 21	Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-6.30pm online
Thurs 23	Nursery Classes visiting Kingston Library
Thurs 23	Parent/Carer Consultations 4-7pm online
Mon 27	SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings in person



MARCH 2023

Wed 1	Cassatt Class Assembly 9am
Wed 1	SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings in person
Wed 8	Wiley Class Assembly 9am
Wed 22	Van Gogh Class Assembly 9am
27- 31	Y5 Bikeability
Wed 29	Matisse Class Assembly 9am