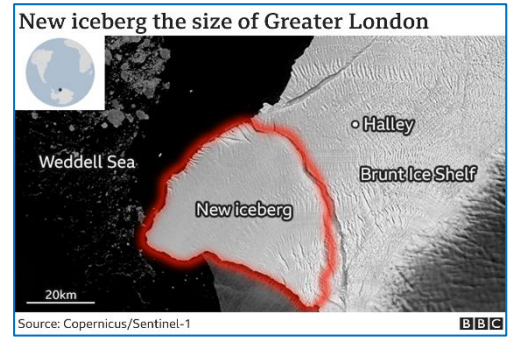




Dear Families,

In assembly on Monday, we always start by looking at 4 pictures from the News. They are usually from Newsround and about very diverse topics. This week's news stories included: the discovery in Germany of a new species of dinosaur with 400 teeth, an iceberg nearly the size of Greater London breaking off the Brunt Ice Shelf in Antarctica (pictured), and the research around how chimpanzees communicate in similar ways to humans. We loved the picture of chimps hugging. You may have seen the bronze chimp sculptures around Kingston - see the item at the end of this Digest.



In KS2 assembly, we also talked generally about what a strike is and looked at some images of different groups including postal workers, nurses, teachers and train drivers. The children asked really good questions, such as 'why do some cars toot their horns at the postal workers when they are standing on the picket line on Villiers Rd?' and 'do workers have to go on strike?' We explained that a strike is when a group of workers come together and agree to stop working. Employees do this when they want to protest against something they think is unfair where they work, and strikes often happen because workers want those in charge to listen to what they want. We do not give opinions on strike action or political views. We just help children to understand what a strike is.

Have a good weekend, and look out for the chimps in Kingston!

Emily Newton, Headteacher

### Book Looks & Parent/Carer Consultations

Booking is now open for both Book Looks and Parent/Carer Consultations:

**Book Looks - Monday February 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> February and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.** Appointments are available for Little Klee on the afternoon of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

**SEND Parent/Carer Consultations - in-person meetings with teachers will be available on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.** A letter will be sent soon with details of how and when to book.



### PRIME Energy Drinks

PRIME has become a popular drink across the UK after it was launched by YouTube stars KSI and Logan Paul. There are two types of PRIME drink available: PRIME Hydration and a new PRIME Energy drink. PRIME Hydration is considered safe for children as it doesn't contain any caffeine but the **new PRIME Energy drink is not recommended for children under the age of 18**, women who are pregnant or nursing or individuals who are sensitive to caffeine. PRIME Energy contains 200mg of caffeine, which makes it stronger than Red Bull and equivalent to drinking 5 cups of coffee. Please do not let your children have these drinks.



### Inclusion Bitesize



For this week's Inclusion Bitesize we are sharing some brain calming activities. Patterned, repetitive and rhythmic activities can really help children calm and regulate.

## Y6 Junior Citizen Trip



Every year, children in Year 6 take part in the Junior Citizen scheme which allows them to practise real life situations in preparation for secondary school. This is held in the grounds of Chessington World of Adventures, which is closed for the winter. The purpose of Junior Citizen is to equip children with the knowledge and skills they need to cope with everyday life in adulthood, particularly when it comes to dealing with potential emergencies. Year 6 represented the school brilliantly on Monday and showed what amazing citizens they already are. The trip to Chessington further equipped them to be informed and considerate young people. They had the opportunity to learn from the experts and took part in a workshop which saw them being taught and then tested on their knowledge of citizenship by: The Metropolitan Police, The RNLI, The London Fire Brigade, Transport for London, Achieving for Children and Hope UK. They learnt valuable, necessary lessons that will serve them well as they transition to secondary school. Our thanks go, as always, to the members of these groups who volunteer to teach children in the Kingston Borough such essential lessons.

## Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day promotes a safer and more responsible use of online technology by children and young people around the world. It will take place this year on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Want to talk about it?' Children will have an assembly on the topic and will take part in class discussions with their teachers. They will talk about the importance of Safer Internet at home and at school. Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers>



## Thank You

Thank you to families who have recently donated books which are always very welcome in our school library. We have also received some pre-loved clothes for Nursery, and old/spare uniform to add to our supply so that we can help anyone who needs it. The Wish List continues to bring us surprise parcels of items such as glue sticks, ice packs, notebooks and Christmas erasers (on special offer so added to the list ready for next Christmas!) Thank you all for your ongoing support.

## House Points

**Yellow House (Cambridge)** won the House Points competition this week. Red House (Dawson) came second, Green House (Villiers) third and Blue House (Hawks) fourth. Thank you to the Y6 House Captains for diligently counting all the House Points.



Villiers



Dawson



Cambridge



Hawks

## Achievement Assembly



### Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Alan

O'Keeffe Y1 - Shiloh & Elvis

Hockney Y2 - Aida

Matisse Y2 - Frankie

Da Vinci Y3 - Grace

Cassatt - Zubaydah

Mehretu Y4 - Frankie

Wiley Y4 - Nicola

Dali Y5 - Violet

Warhol Y5 - Miah

Riley - Donya

Kahlo - Juna

KS1 PE - Toby in Hockney Y2, and Lillie in Matisse Y2

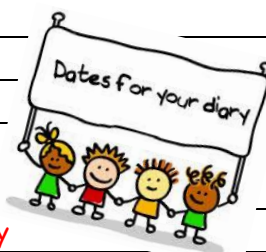
Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Serah	Erin	Max F	Alisa	Hugh	Bethan
Shirav	Lorelai	Alex	Adi	Alan	Freddie

### Dates for the Diary

#### FEBRUARY 2023

Mon 6	Book Looks Reception-Y6 3.20-3.50pm
Tue 7	Safer Internet Day
Wed 8	Da Vinci Class Assembly 9am- Moved from Weds 1st February 9am
Wed 8	Book Looks Reception to Y6 3.20-3.50pm
Thur 9	Y3 Cassatt Class Library Trip
Mon 13-17	<b>Half-term</b>
Tue 21	'Great Fire of London' Drama Workshop for Y2
Tue 21	Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-6.30pm online
Thurs 23	<b>Postponed until June - Nursery Classes visiting Kingston Library</b>
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)
Thur 2	<b>Possible Strike Day - school may be closed</b>
Wed 8	Wiley Class Assembly 9am
Wed 15	<b>Possible Strike Day - school may be closed</b>
Thur 16	<b>Possible Strike Day - school may be closed</b>
Wed 22	Van Gogh Class Assembly 9am
27- 31	Y5 Bikeability
Wed 29	Matisse Class Assembly 9am
Fri 31	Break up one hour early for Easter holidays

### Community News

Kingston First is proud to present an exciting new art trail for Kingston, creating a new way to experience the town centre and building on its strong arts and cultural heritage. Kingston First has collaborated with internationally renowned artists Gillie and Marc to bring the *Chimps Are Family* exhibition to Kingston. The original exhibition was based at London Bridge, with 18 large bronze sculptures depicting chimpanzee behaviours and



highlighting the plight of the animals and importance of wildlife conservation. Ten of the chimpanzees have been installed across Kingston town centre and will be in place for at least six months. Free for everyone to enjoy, they will also act as a chance to learn more about Chimpanzees and wildlife conservation. For more information, and a map of their locations, see here: <https://www.kingstonfirst.co.uk/chimps-are-family/>

Update of Works to the Cambridge Road Estate - in the week commencing **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Countryside will be placing hoarding around Piper Hall. The footpath between Piper Road and Franklin Close and also the footpath to the west side of Piper Hall will be closed from week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Pedestrian access through the estate will be through Willingham Way via Bonner Hill Road to the south of the estate. Footpath closure signs and pedestrian arrow signs will be erected next week ahead of the closure.



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