

King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 20 – Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Families,

As we finish school after a short and very chilly half-term, we are thinking particularly of those families in our community who have been affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. As the devastating impact of the earthquakes continues to unfold, our families quickly organised a fund-raising event. The cake sale raised money for Oxfam's Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) appeal. If you would like to make a separate donation, you

can do so here: <u>https://www.dec.org.uk/charity/oxfam</u>. Oxfam say that £10 could provide blankets to keep two people warm, £25 could provide emergency food for a family for ten days and £50 could provide emergency shelter for two families. If you feel able to, please let us know if your family has been impacted by this disaster so that we can extend additional support



to your children through our Nurture Team and their class teachers can ensure support is in place in classrooms if needed. We are so sorry that your families and friends have been affected by this tragedy.

This week, Monday's assembly was about the SPARK Book Awards. More information will follow about this in the coming weeks. We have sent a letter today about World Book Day and a half-term reading challenge.

We will write to you after half-term about the likely impact of the next NEU strike days (Thursday 2nd March, then Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March). As advised previously, please ensure you have childcare options planned for these days.

Have a happy and safe half-term.

Emily Newton, Headteacher

Book Looks & Parent/Carer Consultations

This week's Book Looks were very well-attended and we hope you enjoyed seeing your children's work in their classroom. All Parent/Carer Consultations are now available to book , including for children with SEND (Support Plan review meetings, combined with the usual consultation). Please book an appointment for each of your children.

Parent/Carer Consultations – online appointments with teachers are available on Tue 21st February and Thursday 23rd February. Appointments are available for Little Klee on the afternoon of Friday 24th February.

SEND Parent/Carer Consultations - in-person meetings with teachers are available on:

- Monday 27th February and Wednesday 1st March for most classes
- Tuesday 28th February as well as the above dates for Matisse Class Y2 only
- Wednesday $1^{\mbox{\scriptsize st}}$ March only for O'Keeffe Class $\mbox{\it Y1}$
- Friday 3rd March only for Little Klee

Please log on here to book : https://kingathelstan.parentseveningsystem.co.uk

Inclusion Bitesize

The idea of a 'behaviour iceberg' is something we often use and encounter in staff training sessions. When it came up in a meeting Miss Newton attended this week, it prompted us to share it with you too! The image is designed to remind us that the external behaviours we see are just a tiny proportion of the child's experience and that there are many internal (within the lower part of the iceberg) and external (in the surrounding sea) factors that drive these behaviours. It can be helpful to remember this when supporting a child who is dysregulated - both to try and understand why they are behaving in this way and to help us consider the best way we can support.



Donations and Amazon Wish List

Thank you to those who continue to support the school and have made contribution payments to the 'Donations to School Fund for Resources' account in ParentPay. This money - so far just over £1000 - will enable us to buy more resources to enhance the children's learning. We are very grateful.

Families often ask us if they can donate or buy items for the school, so we continue to add items to our Wish

List. It contains some high-use items, such as Pritt glue sticks, whiteboard pens and ice packs as well as PE equipment. There is no obligation to buy anything, but if you do make a purchase, you can have it sent straight to the school office, and please include your name so we know who you are. Thank you so much. <u>https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz</u>

School Trips/Events

Congratulations to the eight children who represented the school at the KS2 Borough Rugby Festival. All children participated in a coaching session which was followed by games. They had the opportunity to learn new skills as well as compete in gameplay against other schools. A special mention goes to Kyrell for his outstanding contribution in the matches. Thank you to Kings Rugby Club for coordinating the activities. Well done all!

Da Vinci Class invited their families in to see their class assembly on Wednesday. They showcased their work on Africa with some great acting and a rousing chorus of 'I Just Can't Wait to be King' from 'The Lion King'! Da Vinci class can watch the assembly again on Google Classroom.

> Cassatt Class visited Kingston Library on Thursday and learned all about how a library accompanied them.

> > PCSA News

PCSA Treasurer Vacancy - The King Athelstan Parent Carer School Association (PCSA), which fundraises on behalf of the school, is looking for a new volunteer Treasurer to monitor and oversee the budget. If you are good with numbers and want to help support the school, please email kapcsatreasurer@gmail.com to find out more.

Missing Koolpaks

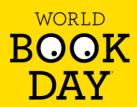
As a vital part of our first aid kit at school we use Koolpaks for bumps and bruises. The children know them as ice packs or heat packs. They are reusable and extremely useful but we think some may be making their way home in book bags and pockets rather than staying at school. Please could families check at home and return any to the school office. Thank you.

World Book Day

World Book Day is officially on Thursday 2nd March, but as this is a potential strike day, we will be celebrating on Thursday 9th March instead, whether or not the strike goes ahead. Children are encouraged to dress up as a famous book character or wear their pyjamas and bring in their favourite bedtime story.



The day will be full of exciting and creative tasks, all focused around books and 'the love of reading' and will involve the children journeying to other classrooms within their phase to take part in different activities throughout the day. We have also emailed information today about a half-term reading challenge. Good luck!



works. They shared a story and chose some books for the class to borrow. Their behaviour was excellent and everyone enjoyed the trip. Thank you to the parent/carer volunteers who











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Dates for the Diary	
FEBRUARY 2023	
Mon 13-17	Half-term
Tue 21	'Great Fire of London' Drama Workshop for Y2
Tue 21	Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-6.30pm online
Thurs 23	Postponed until June - 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
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Thur 2	Possible Strike Day - further information to follow
Wed 8	Wiley Class Assembly 9am
Thur 9	World Book Day (moved from 2 March) Children to dress as book characters or in pyjamas
Wed 15	Possible Strike Day - further information to follow
Thur 16	Possible Strike Day - further information to follow
Wed 22	Van Gogh Class Assembly 9am
27- 31	Y5 Bikeability - details sent to families
Wed 29	Matisse Class Assembly 9am
Fri 31	Break up one hour early for Easter holidays

Community News



We have received information about the redevelopment of Coombe Boys School which we are

sharing with you as this is a secondary school that King Athelstan boys might transfer to for Year 7. There will be a public exhibition on the plans on Tuesday 21st February 2023, 5.30-8.30pm at the school. The exhibition will be run as a drop-in session with members of the project team available to answer questions. There is also a project website: coombeboysplans.co.uk





Kingston Voluntary Action is excited to announce that multi-award winning poet, Michael Groce, will host <u>The Real Estate Poetry Project</u> - a series of writing workshops for adults on the Cambridge Estate. The Project, also referred to as 'Come Rhyme With Me', is a space to Write, Eat and Relate as well as build a creative community who come together over food and

words, taking a new approach to wellbeing. There will also be guest poets visiting that will inspire your work throughout the course by sharing their own stories and work. It is recommended that you attend all six sessions, to go on a journey personal for you. Please register onto the course so that catering can be arranged effectively for the event. If you have any concerns, please email: <u>admin@kva.org.uk</u>. The workshops are for **over 18s only**,



are **FREE** and **food will be served**. Meet at the <u>Archway Parish Rooms</u>, <u>Washington Road</u>, <u>Kingston</u>, <u>KT1</u> <u>3JL</u> on Mondays from 20 February 2023, 6.00pm-8.00pm for six weeks. The course will culminate in a final showcase, promising to be something out of the ordinary. To book a place, click <u>here.</u>

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