



Dear Families,

At the beginning of this week Mr Morris launched Science Week with a really exciting assembly. The focus has been on developing scientific skills. The theme this year is 'Connections'. We have also been looking at the life cycle of a caterpillar and butterfly.

It was lovely to see so many children wearing red accessories today in aid of the wonderful charity Comic Relief. We will let you know how much money was raised next week. On the last page you will find a selection of the best jokes which children submitted for the Comic Relief Joke Competition to help everyone share a smile.



We are really struggling to get consent/contributions for school trips and events. At the moment we are waiting for 116 responses on ParentPay so that trips/events can go ahead. We simply do not have the capacity to contact families individually about these. Please could everyone complete any outstanding permissions as a matter of urgency. We know that a number of people very generously overpay for events in order to support others and that the PCSA also supports some trips and visits financially. Thank you so much for your kindness in doing this. Finally, happy Mother's Day to all the amazing female superheroes in our lives! We hope you enjoy spending time with family and friends this weekend.

Emily Newton, Headteacher

### Kingston Rotary Club

Members of the Rotary Club of Kingston upon Thames attended a special assembly on Tuesday so that they could make Mr McLaughlin an Honorary Member of the Club, and show the whole school how much they value him and the RotaKids. This is due to the huge amount of work he does to sustain the Kings Athelstan RotaKids on behalf of the school and the Club. Rotakids are currently planning their next project which is to support the RNLI.



### Online Safety

From time to time we have issues in school where children become involved in inappropriate or upsetting messages or 'chats' on social media, often late at night. We would like to remind families of the age restrictions for the most common sites. No children in primary school should have an account or be using any of these sites unsupervised. We would encourage all families to do two things to help keep children safe online:

1. Check your child's phone daily so that you know what is going on. This can also open dialogue with your child about any worries they have.
2. Do not let your child take their phone to bed, but leave it somewhere in an agreed safe space. This will stop children seeing messages which might make them frightened or worried at night.



### Wish List

Thank you so much to those who continue to buy items from our List, all purchases 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>**



### Childcare Vouchers

If you plan to use Childcare Vouchers or Tax-free Childcare (TFC) payments to pay for Breakfast Club sessions next term (Summer Term 2023), **please ensure you arrange for their transfer by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. This is to ensure that they reach us and can be processed before the end of this term. The school will be closed over the Easter break and any vouchers or payments received during the break will not be processed until school reopens. Thank you.

## Healthy Food

Please remember that children in KS2 should bring in fruit and/or vegetables to eat at breaktime to keep them going until lunch. Many children already bring a banana, apple or carrots, for example. If school has any spare fruit/veg from EYFS or KS1, we are happy to give it to children in KS2 but we cannot do this on a regular basis. We do not permit children to eat crisps, chocolate or other unhealthy snacks and sweets at breaktime, and preferably not in lunchboxes either. Please leave these for occasional treats at home. There are some good tips, ideas and examples for healthy lunchboxes for children [here](#)



## Achievement Assembly



### Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Harley                      O'Keeffe Y1 - Leyah

Hockney Y2 - Murat & Nadia      Matisse Y2 - Daniel

Da Vinci Y3 - Danylo                      Cassatt - Harrison

Mehretu Y4 - Melika                      Wiley Y4 - Natalia

Dali Y5 - Eddie                              Warhol Y5 - Alex

Riley Y6 - Tristan                              Kahlo Y6 - Alice

KS1 PE - Ruby in Matisse Y2              KS2 PE - Issy in Riley Y6

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Anna	Dunia	Adam	Meryem K	Blanka	Addison
Alan	AJ	Ella	Martha	Tanmay	Issy & Jake

## House Points

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



Villiers



Dawson



Cambridge



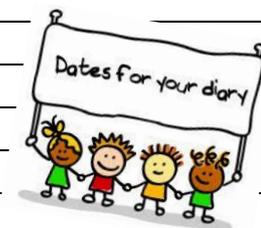
Hawks

## Dates for the Diary

### MARCH 2023

Mon 20	Y5 Greek Day & Workshop in school - please pay on ParentPay
Tue 21	Parent/Carer Forum 2pm
Wed 22	Van Gogh Class Assembly 9am
Thur 23	Y1 & Y2 Music Workshop in school - please pay on ParentPay
27- 31	Y5 Bikeability - details sent to participating families
Mon 27	Y6 French Fashion Show - Y6 can wear their own clothes
Mon 27	Y3 trip to Chessington - please consent and pay on ParentPay
Tue 28	Y6 trip to Kew Gardens - please consent and pay on ParentPay
Tue 28	Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics - details sent to participating families

Tue 28	Thinker's Project Exhibitions 3.20-3.50pm and again at 5.30-6pm
Wed 29	Matisse Class Assembly 9am
Fri 31	Easter Cake Competition and sale from 2.10pm
Fri 31	Break up <b>one hour early</b> for Easter holidays
<b>APRIL 2023</b>	
Mon 17	Children return to school
Sat 22	London Mini Marathon
Wed 26	Y4 Thames Young Mariners Trip - please consent and pay on ParentPay
<b>MAY 2023</b>	
Mon 1	<b>Spring Bank Holiday - school closed</b>
Wed 3	Y1 O'Keeffe Class Assembly 9am
Mon 8	<b>King's Coronation Bank Holiday - School closed</b>
Tue 9	Start of Y6 SATs
Wed 17	Y4 Mehretu Class Assembly 9am
Mon 22	Y6 Bikeability - details to follow
Wed 24	Reception Nelson Class Assembly 9am
Mon 29	Half-Term week



### Pupil News

You may have seen **David from Y6** selling **The Hogsmill Herald**, issue 3, after school recently. David is the founder, editor and main contributor of this wonderful newsletter, and over the three issues he has raised £104.36 which is going to the Big Outdoors Project. Well done, David and team! Watch out for issue 4 which David has now starting worked on.



**Sponsored Cycle Ride for the Big Outdoors Project** - Following on from their successful cakes sales, where they raised £65.50 for the Big Outdoors Project, **Hugh in Y5** and his sister **Rosa in Y3** are now inspired to do a 25k sponsored cycle on March 26th. They are 'Riding for a better playground!' They have set up a Givvy fundraising page which is: <https://www.givvy.com/25kbikeride> Please support them, and the Big Outdoors Project, if you can. Thank you.

### PCSA News



As it was such a success last year, Reception parents/carers will be running an **Easter cake competition and cake sale** on the last day of term - **31st March** open to the whole school. To enter, children should either make a small cake or 6 cupcakes with an Easter theme to donate to our cake sale, and there will be some great prizes up for grabs! If you're a Reception parent/carer and can help collect or sell cakes on the day, please let us know at: [kingathelstanpcs@gmail.com](mailto:kingathelstanpcs@gmail.com).

The PCSA is also holding its **Annual General Meeting and get-together at the Spring Grove pub, Bloomfield Road on Thursday 30th March at 8pm**. Come along for a drink and to find out more about supporting fundraising for the school - we need your help and ideas!



**KING ATHELSTAN PCSA**  
**EASTER CAKE COMPETITION**

FRIDAY 31ST MARCH 2023

TO ENTER PLEASE MAKE A 6" CAKE OR 6 CUPCAKES WITH AN EASTER THEME TO DONATE TO OUR CAKE SALE

Make sure your cake is nut free and tasty!

**First Prize: Family cinema tickets Plus Runners Up Prizes**

Bring your entry (clearly labelled with name and class) to morning drop off on Friday 31st March and the winners will be announced at the cake sale after school

All cakes will be sold to raise money for the Big Outdoors Project

## Community News

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.

**Home-Start** - this charity provides a vital lifeline for local families with children under five. At its heart are the parent/carer volunteers who give their time to help other parents who are struggling to cope. They support them to manage their own issues as well as helping their pre-school children to be ready for nursery and school. If you have some free time after Easter, and you are a parent/carer or grandparent, you could help other families with pre-school children. **Home-Start is offering a free course to train you to be a home-visiting volunteer**, supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability. The course will run in Kingston Borough **9.45am-2.30pm**, on Thursdays from **4 May to 22 June** (not half-term 1 June). After the course, you would visit a family for 2-3 hours a week. For more information, please contact Angie Ahmed [angie@homestart-rkh.org.uk](mailto:angie@homestart-rkh.org.uk) or 07884 536161. Registered charity no: 1108975.



**RECRUITING NOW**

**Volunteer. Because childhood can't wait.**

If you have parenting experience, a few hours spare each week and want to make a difference to a local family, join our network of trained volunteers, helping families with young children through challenging times. Free volunteer course runs in Kingston on Thursdays 9.30am-2.30pm from 4 May to 22 June (not half term 1 June).

To find out more, contact  
Angie Ahmed  
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020 8487 8500  
[homestart-rkh.org.uk](http://homestart-rkh.org.uk)

**HOME START**  
Richmond, Kingston and Hounslow  
Charity No: 1108975

**Hillcroft College** is located in South Bank in Surbiton, only a 20 minute walk from King Athelstan school. The College runs a variety of courses for adults which may be of interest for parents/carers, including how to [support children in Maths](#) or for [employability and career change](#), as well as courses for parents who are speakers of other languages and want to improve their [English skills](#). Some of the courses are free, and some are for women only. Please see the links above or contact the College for more information.

Telephone: **020 8891 5907** Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm Sat/Sun - closed. Email: [info@rhacc.ac.uk](mailto:info@rhacc.ac.uk)



**Year 5 Selective Eligibility Test** - These secondary schools in the London Borough of Sutton run a common Selective Eligibility Test (SET): Greenshaw High School, Nonsuch High School for Girls, Sutton Grammar School, Wallington County Grammar School, Wallington High School

for Girls and Wilson's School. Parents/carers who might be interested need to register for the Selective Eligibility Test while their child is still in Year 5. Click [here](#) to see dates for the tests and contact details for each school.

## Comic Relief - Joke Competition



- What do you call a man with no shins? Tony. Henry in Warhol Y5
- Why did the computer go to the doctor? It had a virus. Antonia Wiley Y4
- What's the fastest kind of cake? SCONE. Violet in Dali Y5
- Knock, knock. Who's there? Oh no! Oh no who? Oh no! It's a Gruffalo! Kirpa in Klee am
- What does number 0 say to number 8? "Do you think your belt is too tight?" Pedro in Hockney Y2
- As a scarecrow, people say I'm outstanding in my field. But hay, it's my jeans. Hugh in Dali Y5
- What did one snowman say to the other snowman? I smell carrots! Ben in Cassatt Y3
- Knock, knock. Who's there? No one at the moment. Elena in Van Gogh Y1
- What makes a calendar look so popular? It has so many dates. Kayla in Mehretu Y4
- What do you call a fish with no eyes? A Fsh. Noah in Nelson Reception
- What's the best way to throw a birthday party on Mars? You planet. Nataniel in Dali Y5
- Why can you only build snowmen at the end of the year? Because it's Decembrrrrr. George in Cassatt Y3
- How do you get down from an elephant? You don't, you get down from a duck. Evan in Dali Y5
- Why did the toilet paper roll down the hill? To get to the bottom. Max in Wiley Y4
- I have a joke about butter- I'm not going to spread it. Burhan in Warhol Y5
- Knock, knock. Who's there? Twitter. Twitter who? Haha, you sound like an owl! Ari in Hockney Y2
- What do you call a Frenchman in sandals? Phillippe Flop. Eme in Warhol Y5
- What did one toilet say to the other? You look a bit flushed. Rhys in Cassatt Y3
- Why can't you give Elsa a balloon? Because she will let it go! Ethan in Warhol Y5
- Knock knock. Who's there? Ice cream. Ice cream who? I scream so you can hear me. Daniel in Matisse Y2
- What day do chickens hate most? Fry-day! Lilia in Mehretu Y4
- Why did the tomato turn red? It saw the salad dressing. Emma in Van Gogh Y1
- Knock, knock. Who's there? Boo. Boo hoo? Why are you crying? Leo in Kusama Reception
- What's black and white, black and white, black and white? A panda rolling down a hill. Karyn in Warhol Y5