



Dear Families,

In this week's Monday assembly we continued talking about steps to success and we were delighted to be able to share a book that a former student of the school has had published. This was an excellent example of someone working hard at something that was tricky and persevering to achieve their dreams.

We are delighted that two enterprising Y5 students have organised a litter pick for Monday after school in the Athelstan Recreation Ground. Read all about it under Pupil News later in the Digest.

Please remember to send your children in with named sweatshirts/cardigans and coats each day as the weather is so changeable.

Have a great weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Google Classroom

Google Classroom is now back up and running. Log ins and passwords will be put into children's books over the next few days as a reminder. You can log in to access homework, spellings and messages to and from the teachers. We will also re-issue details for NumBots, Times Tables Rockstars and J2e. Thank you for your patience.

School Lunches

As you know, school lunches are free this year for all children in primary school, but menu choices must be booked on ParentPay. The menu runs on a three-week cycle, so offers lots of choice. For example, this week was Week 3. Please be mindful of your child's preferences and check in to see if they liked/ate the choices you have been selecting before re-booking the same meals later in the three-week cycle. Thank you.



School Trips

We have already issued letters to families for the first few school trips this year. These are:

- Y5 & Y6 ice skating on 6th December
- Y4 Thames Young Mariners on 17th April
- Y6 PGL Residential Trip in June 2024.

More trips for other year groups are being organised and we will let you know about them in due course. We often request volunteers to assist on our trips. All volunteers need a current DBS to attend. Please see the website [here](#) if you would like to know more or apply for a DBS so that you can accompany your child's class trips.

All correspondence with families is by email, so please make sure the school office always has correct contact details. Consent and payment for trips, as well as logging interest in volunteering to accompany trips is all managed on ParentPay. If you have any queries, please email admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org

Pick Up Time

When children are being collected at the end of the day in the KS1 playground, please stay back from the class line to enable the teachers to dismiss quickly and safely. Teachers need to see parents/carers to release the children. If you want to speak to the teacher, please wait until children have been dismissed and then the teacher will be free to help you. Thank you for your cooperation.

Scooters

All scooters and bicycles are left in the bike sheds at your own risk. However, a couple of scooters have sadly gone missing this week. Please check any scooter you have brought home as these ones had the owner's names written on them. Please return any items taken in error to school. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 28 Individual School Photos

OCTOBER

Tuesday 3 A Day in the Life of Reception 4pm online

Thursday 5 A Day in the Life of Nursery 4pm online

Thursday 5 PCSA Welcome drink for Reception parents/carers The Mill Pub Kingston - 10% off with flyer

Friday 6 PCSA Welcome coffee morning for Reception parents/carers at The Terrace Coffee Shop (upstairs) on Apple Market, Kingston, from 9-11am - 10% off with PCSA flyer

Tuesday 10 World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 17 Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-6pm

Thursday 19 Parent/Carer Consultations 4.00-6.30pm

Friday 20 Y6 Cake Sale

Mon 23-Fri 27 Half-Term

Monday 30 INSET Day - children not in school

Destinations for Year 6

The Hollyfield School Open Evening is on Tuesday 3rd October from 5-8pm. Open Day Tours will run throughout October. Find out more, or book a tour using the details on the flyer flyer or on the website [here](http://www.hollyfield.surrey.sch.uk).

Southborough High School is having an open evening on Wednesday 27th September and welcomes all boys in Y5 and Y6 with their families to look around the school. There are also some open days on 2,3,4,9,10 and 11 October. Full booking details are on the school website:



www.southborough.kingston.sch.uk



Pupil News



Mei, in Dali Class Y5, has been growing her hair for the past 5 years with the intention of donating it to children who have lost their hair due to illness. This summer, she has donated a 40cm length of her hair to the **Japan Hair Donation & Charity**. Four years ago, Mei was inspired by her friend who donated her hair to a charity and decided to follow suit. Mei's parents hope that Mei will now inspire others to do the same! Well done, Mei, for your determination to help others.



Athelstan Recreation Ground Litter Pick

Two of our Y5 pupils, Electra and Dorothy, have arranged for a litter pick at the Athelstan Recreation Ground on **Monday 25th September**, straight after school as they want to improve their local environment. This park is very close to school and widely used by the school community, and we are really pleased that Electra and Dorothy are thinking about their local environment and how they can improve it. If you are free after school on Monday, why not go along and give them a hand? They have borrowed litter-pickers and will have plenty of bags to collect rubbish as well as gloves for volunteers.



KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids, who run our after school club, are pleased to confirm that the dates and venues for October half term, Christmas 2023 & February half term 2024 holiday clubs have now been released and bookings are now open! Their autumn/winter programme of holiday activities is brimming with fun and exciting team & sports games, art and science activities, drama and of course our famous go karts! The programme takes off with a Spooky adventure during October half term (23rd to 27th October). Children will take part in up to 9 activities each day, all from just £25.50 per child for a standard day (10.00am to 4.00pm)! Visit www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club for more information or call 01276 21884.



Achievement Assembly

Thank you to Kerem in Riley and Sam in Dali for providing piano accompaniment for the KS2 assembly this week.



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Lorenzo P	O'Keeffe Y1 - Lorenzo O
Hockney Y2 - Elena	Matisse Y2 - Frankie
Da Vinci Y3 - Murat	Cassatt - Meryem
Mehretu Y4 - Ryan	Wiley Y4 - Jayden
Dali Y5 - Maia	Warhol Y5 - Arthur
Riley Y6 - Isabella	Kahlo Y6 - Hugh
KS2 PE - Leah in Kahlo Class Y6	

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Izabella and Stephen	Meryem	Zlata	Max	Blanka
Izzy	Dunia	Jasper	Lilia	

PCSA News

You may have noticed the recently-installed PCSA noticeboard at the front of the school, on the right as you enter the main gates. It has loads of information about who the PCSA are and what they do, and a list of the numerous events coming up. There are events soon for parents/carers to meet other families for coffee, so why not go along? The PCSA can be contacted on: kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com and their website is: <https://pcsa.kingathelstan.co.uk/pcsa/>

