



### Dear Families,

In this week's current affairs' assembly, we talked about Harvest and making a collection for Kingston Foodbank.

Apologies for going over more reminders about drop off and pick up, however, we still have a small number of families not adhering to the school systems. Please **only** arrive through the pedestrian gate and do not come through the car park or the bike shelters or try to wait at the KS1 playground fence before everyone is called in. This is not fair on other families and is not helpful for children trying to finish their day in this playground or nearby buildings.

Secondly, **a reminder not to take photos or videos of anything within the school grounds**. We have had to talk to a number of people who have taken images or footage and circulated it to other families. This is a serious safeguarding issue and we will refer matters to the police if it continues.

We have had a great start to school clubs this week. It's great to see children engaging in a range of additional opportunities. Thank you for completing paperwork and payments around this promptly.

This week we have also started hosting school tours for prospective families with children entering Nursery and Reception in September 2024. Further tour dates are listed on the school website [here](#) along with booking details.

Enjoy the lovely weather and have a great weekend.

Emily Newton  
Headteacher

### Harvest Collection

You will have received the emailed letter this week about a Harvest collection for the Kingston Foodbank. We are collecting donations of items such as breakfast cereals, pasta sauces, tinned veg, tomatoes, tinned meat, rice and sponge pudding, UHT milk, squash, household cleaning products, personal hygiene products and sanitary wear. All items must be unopened and undamaged. Foods must be non-perishable and in date. We will have tables outside the office where **donations can be left on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**, before and after school. Donations are entirely voluntary. Thank you for your support.



### Butterfly Dreams



This week we have been talking about our 'Butterfly Dreams'. At King Athelstan, we want children to be aspirational and set themselves challenging ambitions. We call these our Butterfly Dreams. The children will be writing down their dreams on butterfly cut outs which some Y6 children kindly made. The butterflies will then be displayed in all classrooms.

### PE Uniform and Clubs

As you know, children wear their PE uniform to school on days when they do PE. They can also wear PE uniform on days when they do a school sports club, such as football or tennis. PE uniform consists of a plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts/joggers, trainers (preferably black or white) and a purple school sweatshirt or cardigan. Only school uniform branded sweatshirts/cardigans with logo are permitted. Branded sportswear, football strip, or multi-coloured items are not permitted. Thank you. If you need support with uniform we do have some second-hand uniform items available.



### Letters from School



Please be aware that all letters we email out to families about special events, trips, or general notifications are held on the school website, too, for easy access. You can access them here: <https://www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/for-parents-and-carers/letters-sent/>

## Eco Warriors

Applications to join the Eco Warrior team are due in to Mrs Williamson by **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October**. Full details and the application forms can be found [here](#). Good luck!



## Pick Up Time

When you come into the KS1 playground to collect your child at the end of the day, **please stand back behind the yellow lines** from where the teachers are lining the children up. The teachers need to be able to see parents/carers to ensure children are released to the appropriate adults for the safety of all. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher, please stay back until all children have been dismissed so that they are free to help you. Thank you.

## Scooters

Last week we mentioned that a couple of scooters had gone missing from the bike shed area. This week, more scooters appear to be missing. Please check that your child's scooter is clearly marked with their name, and that they collect the correct one. **We always advise that you lock scooters and bikes that are left in the shelters, as these are left at your own risk.**

## Nursery

We still have a few places available in our afternoon Nursery for 3 or 4 year olds. Our afternoon Nursery hours are 12.30-3.30pm. Please contact the school office on: [admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org) to find out more and make an application. Please feel free to pass on this information to anyone else who might be interested, too.

## Dates for the Diary

The full school calendar can be found on the school website

### OCTOBER

Monday 2	Harvest donations for Kingston Foodbank - before and after school
Tuesday 3	Harvest donations for Kingston Foodbank - before and after school
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

## Litter Pick

The litter pick organised by two of our Y5 pupils, Electra and Dorothy, went really well last Monday after school.

There was a great turn out of volunteers who all got stuck in. There were some pretty unusual finds, including eight pairs of glasses, a traffic cone, a bicycle wheel and a hoverboard! Athelstan Park was



left looking much cleaner and litter free. Dorothy & Electra would like to thank everyone who helped Keep Kingston Clean!

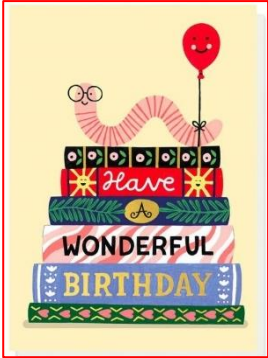


## Inclusion Assembly

This week, Ms Govan's Inclusion Assembly was hosted by Willow, Amber and Martha from Year 5. They requested to do an assembly on anti-bullying and then planned, prepared and practiced it independently. It was wonderful to watch them present and even ask questions and take answers from the other children with confidence. They've inspired their peers in KS2, who are all now wanting to prepare their own assemblies to deliver. We are very happy to continue to facilitate this. If children wish to take part, please support your child to work on a PowerPoint at home and then bring it to show to Ms Govan who can provide feedback, support and book them a slot!



## Birthdays at School



King Athelstan holds a Silver Healthy Schools Award and are currently working towards our Gold award. We have a fantastic way of celebrating children's birthdays (as well as singing to them and making them feel special) - without all of the sugary cakes and sweets! We like children to donate a book to their class on their birthday, rather than bringing in cakes or sweets, as this is a lovely way for the children to enjoy something that will last, and will benefit the class for the rest of the year. If your child brings in a birthday book, we add a book plate at the front with their name and birthday and put on a protective cover before the book goes into their class reading corner. There is no requirement to donate a book - it is purely voluntary.

## 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 and 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 and 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](http://www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club) for more information or call 01276 21884.



## Applications for Secondary School - September 2024

Children born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 are due to start Year 7 at secondary school in September 2024 (current Y6). Kingston Secondary Schools hold open events throughout September and October. Use the eAdmissions website to apply online for your child's secondary school place. Applications close on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**. For more information please visit <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/schools-education/apply-secondary-school-place-september-intake>

## Amazon Wish List



School has its own Amazon Wish List where families can purchase items to help enhance the children's experiences. This was set up in response to suggestions from parent/carers. Thank you so much to those who continue to purchase items on our Wish List. **There is no obligation to buy anything, but if you would like to make a purchase the link is:**

<https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz> Thank you.

## 500 Words Story Competition

"Write a story you would love to read". BBC's 500 Words is the UK's largest children's story writing competition for 5-11 year-olds. This year, the two age categories will be 5-7 year-olds and 8-11 year-olds. The closing date for submissions to the competition is 8pm on **Friday 10 November**. Find out more, how to enter and the amazing prizes on the website here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/>. Good luck!



Every parent, carer or member of staff automatically becomes a member of the PCSA on joining the school. Don't forget to check out the new PCSA noticeboard at the front of the school as you walk through to drop off or collect children. It has list of all the upcoming events as well as fundraising ideas. The PCSA can be contacted on: [kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com](mailto:kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com) and their website is: <https://pcsa.kingathelstan.co.uk/pcsa/>



Achievement Assembly



**Achievement Award**

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| Van Gogh Y1 - Harry                       | O'Keeffe Y1 - Benjamin              |
| Hockney Y2 - Summer Rose                  | Matisse Y2 - Elvis                  |
| Da Vinci Y3 - Zayd                        | Cassatt - Daniel                    |
| Mehretu Y4 - Ben                          | Wiley Y4 - Rosa                     |
| Dali Y5 - Harry                           | Warhol Y5 - Adam                    |
| Riley Y6 - Aletheia                       | Kahlo Y6 - Violet                   |
| KS1 PE - Elena in Hockney                 | Y2KS2 PE - Ryan in Mehretu Class Y4 |
| Last week's KS1 PE - Joshua in Matisse Y2 |                                     |

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Benjamin	Oscar & Izabella	Ruby	Zlata	Agatha	Leah
Robin	Shiloh	Sahib	Bob	Dorothy	

These children in Van Gogh Class Y1 received their Summer Reading Certificates: Sophia, Zoe and Elsie