



Dear Families,

This week we enjoyed meeting PC Lucie Smith, our safer schools' officer. She spoke to KS2 children in assembly and met most of the younger children in their classrooms. She will come back on another day to see classes she has not yet met. The children had lots of interesting questions for her about her job.

On Tuesday we had a fabulous World Mental Health Day - see below.

Next week we have parent/carer consultation evenings and the SEND ones just after half-term. On Friday 20th October there will be an opportunity for families who had an online appointment to come in and look at the children's books in their classrooms. Books will be set out on tables in your child's classroom between 3.20pm and 3.50pm. Please wait in the playground at pick up time and as soon as all children are dismissed, we will let you into classrooms. Teachers will not be available - it is purely time for you to look at your child's work.

Finally, we are very aware that there will be families in the school affected by the escalation of the conflict in Israel and Gaza. We are thinking of you and all families who are affected by this and other conflicts across the world. Have a safe and relaxing weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Y6 Prefects and House Captains

We are pleased to announce our newly-appointed House Captains. Well done to: **Henry and Leah for Yellow House Cambridge**, **Frankie and Burhan for Blue House Hawks**, **Jihane and Hugh for Green House Villiers**, and **Sonny and Ethan for Red House Dawson**. The House Captains are also responsible for calculating weekly house point totals and PE equipment. Y6 Prefects have now been appointed and given their jobs to do around the school. These include helping in the front office, teachers in the Music Room and Art Room as well as each class. They are invaluable! The new Eco Warriors Team will be announced shortly.



World Mental Health Day

On **Tuesday**, we celebrated **World Mental Health Day** in school, as we do each year. Everyone enjoyed



wearing green accessories! Children across the school took part in circle times, and they shared fruit platters with some more exotic fruit such as melon, pineapple and strawberries.



In KS1 children made chatterboxes, and in KS2 they made board games, all of which were shared with friends before they took them home to share with family. Thank you so much for the donations on ParentPay which amount to £286 so far. After school, lots of children chose a book or game for free to take home and share, and a further £43 was donated. All proceeds will go to the Big Outdoors Project raising funds to redevelop the KS1 children's playground. Thank you for all your support with this.



Nasal Flu Immunisation

The immunisation is a painless nasal spray, available for all children from Reception to Year 6, and will take place at school on Wednesday 1st November during the school day. **Please remember that parents/carers must give consent by 30/10/23 for their child to be included.** To give consent please complete this online form <https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2023/kingston>.

The NHS highly recommend that all children receive the vaccination to protect them against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.



Black History Month

Black History Month, celebrated annually, highlights the importance of black history. It pays tribute to the influential figures and historical events that have left a lasting impact on our world. Throughout this month, we commemorate the significant individuals from the past and those who continue to shape our society today. It is essential to emphasise that these histories and lives should be acknowledged and valued year-round, however, October is a unique time when we collectively recognise them on a national level. Teachers have prepared lessons and assemblies for October to delve into this vital aspect of the curriculum. Additionally, this month features a special Thinker's Project, which you can access on Google Classroom.



Home Learning & Google Classroom

Mrs Ahearn has sent all families in Reception to Year 6 a copy of our Home Learning Expectations. You can also find out more about home learning on our website here: [Home Learning - School Website](#) You will be able to see information about how to access and use Google Classroom. Read Write Inc (RWI) is our school phonics programme. Find out more about it here: [Read Write Inc \(RWI\) and early reading](#).

Y6 Secondary School Applications

Just a reminder that Secondary School Application for current Y6 children are due by 31st October. Here is the link: <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/schools-education/apply-secondary-school-place-september-intake>

500 Words Story Competition

Mr Barson, our English Lead, would like to remind families about the BBC 500 Words Competition, a fantastic opportunity for your young writers:

- Encourage your child to write a 500-word story.
- Register on the official BBC 500 Words website.
- Submit the story by **10th November** - Submissions must be **typed up** and submitted online via the BBC website
- Alternatively, you can email a typed-up version and we can submit via the school.



Check the BBC 500 words website for more information: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/>
We look forward to seeing their amazing stories!

Job Vacancy

Are you a morning person who loves working with kids and wants a part time job? We're looking for a Breakfast Club Assistant. Please see the link for all the details: <https://www.eteach.com/job/breakfast-club-assistant-1376807>

Dates for the Diary

OCTOBER

Tuesday 17	Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-6pm - book online
Wednesday 18	Y5/Y6 Cross Country - invited children only
Thursday 19	Parent/Carer Consultations 4.00-6.30pm - book online
Friday 20	Y1-Y6 Book Looks 3.20-3.50pm
Friday 20	Y6 Cake Sale
Mon 23-Fri 27	Half-Term
Monday 30	INSET Day - children not in school
Tuesday 31	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm - book online
Tuesday 31	Deadline for Y6 applications to secondary school

NOVEMBER

Thursday 2	Outdoor Classroom Day
Thursday 2	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm - book online
Monday 6	Y5 Junior Roadwatch
Friday 17	Y3 trip to Gunnersbury Park
Friday 17	Children in Need - wear spotty accessories

Thursday 23	Y3 Stone Age Day
Tuesday 28	Y5 trip to Science Museum
Thursday 30	Y2 trip to Bushy Park
DECEMBER	
Monday 4	Y4 MTC online presentation - link to follow
Tuesday 5	Y4 trip to the British Museum
Saturday 9	PCSA Festive Fair 12-3pm
Thursday 21	Break up one hour earlier for Christmas holidays
JANUARY 2024	
Monday 8	INSET Day - children not in school
Tuesday 9	Children return for spring term
Friday 12	Y5 swimming starts
Achievement Assembly	



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Robin	O'Keeffe Y1 - Nyla-May
Hockney Y2 - Annie	Matisse Y2 - Poppy & Uzay
Da Vinci Y3 - Jeremiah	Cassatt - AJ
Mehretu Y4 - Augustyn	Wiley Y4 - Azra
Dali Y5 - Rudy	Warhol Y5 - Melika
Riley Y6 - Alex	Kahlo Y6 - Yasmin
PE - Stanley in Hockney Y2	KS2 PE - Sonny in Riley Y6

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Alice	Alan & Rachel	Ari	Denys	Harry	Evan
Jamie	Rihannah		Eliza	Davyd	Isabella

House Points

This week's winners are **Blue House (Hawks) on 28**, followed by Green (Villiers) on 24, Yellow (Cambridge) on 23, and Red (Dawson) on 21. Well done all!



PCSA News

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. Currently, the PCSA would like volunteers to help with:



- **Halloween Trail.** If you'd be happy to decorate your house and have a letter clue in your window let us know!
- **11th November - The Family Rave.** We need help setting up and clearing up at the end.
- **9th December - The Festive Fair.** We need extra people to help run the day.

King Athelstan Primary School - Inspiring Excellence

The PCSA can be contacted on: kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com

KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids, who run our after school club, will be running holiday clubs during October half term, Christmas 2023 & February half term 2024. Bookings are now open. During October half-term there is a 'Spooky' adventure. 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.



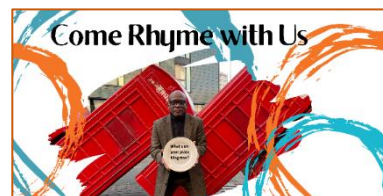
Community News

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:

Parakeets - As you are probably aware, the parakeets are causing lots of issues to Athelstan Park with bird poo everywhere! A King Athelstan parent has been in touch with some local councillors and have set up a meeting next **Wednesday 18th October at 9am** in Athelstan Park. The councillors are keen to let others know in case they want to attend. The meeting is with Councillor John Sweeney and Green Parks Officer Adam Brooks.

RHACC (Richmond and Hillcroft Adult Community College) is located in Surbiton, a two minute walk from the train station. They offer a wide range of courses that could be useful for parents/carers' needs, from wellbeing and understanding children's needs, to English, Maths and IT, or on ways to start a new career in social care or business. They also offer free courses for un-paid carers! To attend an English course with us for speakers of other languages, an assessment is necessary: Walk-in sessions - Every Friday 9:30 to 12:30. Please contact Annamaria Papini, Employability tutor and IAG advisor, on 020 8891 5907 or www.rhacc.ac.uk

Kingston Volunteer Action are proud to present **'Come Rhyme With Us'** - a series of writing workshops for adults with a twist! Lead by award-winning poet Michael Groce, joined by Samuel Braga from the Real Estate Poetry Project, you are invited to the Rose Theatre in Kingston to have your voice heard through creative writing and poetry. 'Come Rhyme with Us' doesn't require past experience in creative expression such as poetry. Through creative writing exercises, poetry sharing and meaningful discussions, we aim to create a safe and supportive space where you can explore your emotions, thoughts and experiences. Throughout the workshop, you will delve into themes of identity, emotions, resilience and empowerment, all while building empathy and connection with fellow participants. Taking place once a month at the Rose Theatre on Wednesday Evenings 6.00pm-8.00pm, starting on 18th October 2023. For over 18's only.



The Police will once again be running their free 'Plant to Plate' sessions for Years 5 and 6 from Tuesday to Friday during half term, See the flyer, right, and book directly with the police. Any queries, contact Dolly on Dolly.Hunt@met.police.uk

