



Dear Families,

Thank you to all families who attended parent/carer consultations this week either virtually or in person. It was good to be able to share your child's achievements so far this term, along with their next steps. I know many of those who met teachers online will be popping in after school today to see your children's books. We are looking forward to seeing other families at the SEND parent/carer consultations after half-term.

Mrs Williamson continues to drive forwards behind the scenes on the development of the KS1 playground. We have recently met with companies providing revised designs and quotes with a view to approving a company to carry out phase 1 of the plan with the money that has been raised so far. We hope this will happen in the next 4-6 months.

A date for your diaries - our next Parent/Carer Forum is on Thursday 23rd November at 9am. We will be in touch nearer the time for agenda items.

Have a fantastic half-term! Don't forget the clocks go back on Sunday 29th October and there is an INSET Day on Monday 30th October.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Y5/Y6 Cross Country Championship

Well done to the 40 children who took part in the Cross Country Championships this week. It was a fantastic event and King Athelstan achieved its best ever results. The Y6 boys won silver medals (2nd place) and the Y5 Girls won bronze medals (3rd place). We had 8 children across Y5-Y6 place in the top 20 (in each race there are 150 runners). This is an incredible achievement. The children represented the school really well, many other schools commented on this and our amazing success. Thank you to the parents/carers who supported at the event, it was great to have so many of you there.



Y3-Y4 Golf

All children in Y3-Y4 took part in a one-off golf lesson organised by the Golf Foundation. This also acted as a talent search for a future club/competitive event. The children took part with great enthusiasm and it was great to see them enjoy a sport they would not normally access. The PGA instructor, Dean Jeeves, was really impressed with the children's ability and behaviour. Families will find out after half-term by email if their child has been offered a place in the club/competitive event.



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 from 7.30am until 8.45am every day, term-time only. The role includes setting up activities and preparing



breakfast for the children and organising fun and quiet games and activities. You should be first aid trained or willing to attain that qualification. Please see the link for details:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/breakfast-club-assistant-1376807>

Early Morning Reading

The early morning reading groups WILL continue on Tuesdays after all; please disregard email which was sent to cancel Tuesdays. **All groups will run on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays until further notice.** All groups start at 8.20am prompt. Thank you.

Eco Warriors and School Council 2023-24

We are pleased to announce our newly-appointed Eco Warriors and School Council for this academic year. Eco Warriors completed application forms giving reasons why they wanted the role and what difference they wanted to make. The School Council members were appointed after elections in each class where every child voted. Both groups will now meet regularly, so watch out for news on their activities and projects.



Class	Eco Warrior	School Council
O'Keeffe Y1	Clorinda	Giulia
Van Gogh Y1	Zoe	Robin
Hockney Y2	Summer	Imogen
Matisse Y2	Jack	Elvis
Cassatt Y3	Asia	Sofie
Da Vinci Y3	Daniel	TBC
Mehretu Y4	Ziyad	George
Wiley Y4	Poppie	Zak
Dali Y5	Agatha	Maia
Warhol Y5	Dorothy	Kayla
Kahlo Y6	Yasmin	Isla
Riley Y6	Lula	Can

WilsonJones - New Menu

Please note that **from 31st October (after half-term) WilsonJones have launched a delicious new menu.** This is also available on the website [here](#). Please go through this with your child when you are booking their lunches for after half-term so that they know what to expect. We cannot easily change food choices on the day, as the kitchen will have ordered in ingredients and prepared the meals. Please note, you can book meals in advance right up until Easter 2024 so you don't have to remember every week!



Nursery Places - January 2024

If you have or know of a child who will turn 3 or 4 on or before the 31st December 2023 and would like to apply for a Nursery place for January, then we would love to hear from you. For further information on Nursery admissions arrangements, criteria and how to apply please visit: <https://www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/about-the-school/admissions/> or contact Miss Faye Turner in the School Office. Please feel free to share this information with friends and family with nursery-aged children local to King Athelstan Primary.

Head Lice and Nits

Head lice are tiny insects that live in hair. Nits are the empty egg cases attached to hair that head lice hatch from. Head lice are a common problem, particularly in school children aged 4 to 11. They're largely harmless, but can live in the hair for a long time if not treated and can be irritating and frustrating to deal with.

Signs of head lice: Head lice can be difficult to spot, even when the head is closely inspected. They're very small whitish or grey-brown insects that range from the size of a pinhead to the size of a sesame seed. Signs include:

- small white eggs or nits (egg cases) in the hair behind the ears or at the back of the neck
- an itchy scalp
- a rash on the back of the neck
- feeling as though something is moving in the hair

Treating head lice - The only way to be sure someone has head lice is to find a live louse by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb, either metal or plastic. You can buy combs from your local pharmacy, supermarket or online from around £3. Combing can be carried out on dry or wet hair. Dry combing takes less time, but wet combing is more accurate - cover the hair with hair conditioner and then use the comb from the roots to the ends of the hair to remove any lice or nits. Combing like this can be done regularly to ensure hair remains lice and nit free.



Dates for the Diary

OCTOBER

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 cancelled
Friday 17	Y3 trip to Gunnersbury Park
Friday 17	Children in Need - wear spotty accessories for a donation
Wednesday 22	Warhol Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 23	Y3 Stone Age Day
Thursday 23	Parent/Carer Forum 9am
Tuesday 28	Y5 trip to Science Museum
Wednesday 29	Riley Class Assembly 9am
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
Wednesday 13	Mehretu Class Assembly 9am
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

Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Rudaba	O'Keeffe Y1 - Clorinda
Matisse Y2 - Gary	Hockney Y2 - Olivia & Emma
Cassatt Y3 - Ayan	Da Vinci Y3 - Whole Class
Mehretu Y4 - Beth	Wiley Y4 - Alessandro
Dali Y5 - Sky	Warhol Y5 - Mariline
Riley Y6 - Tia-Louise	Kahlo Y6 - Molly
PE - Annie in Hockney Y2	KS2 PE - Isla in Kahlo Y6

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Melih	Stanley & Olivia	Ruby	Anastasiia	Electra	Eddie
Jamie	Shiloh	Murat	Kaysha	Alisa	Anesu

House Points

This week's winners are **Yellow (Cambridge) on 33**. Red (Dawson) came second with 32, followed by Green (Villiers) on 29 and Blue House (Hawks) on 28. Well done all!



Reminders

Flu Immunisation - for all children from Reception to Year 6. Will take place at school on Wednesday 1st November. Consent must be given by 30/10/23 for a child to be included. Please complete this online form:

<https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2023/kingston>

Secondary School applications - the closing date for Secondary School Applications for current Y6 children is Tuesday 31st October. Here is the link: <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/schools-education/apply-secondary-school-place-september-intake>

BBC 500 Words Competition - story writing competition for children aged 5-11. Submit entries to: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/>



Donation

We would like to say a huge thank you to local firm Co-Masonic Benevolent Fund based in Surbiton, whose trustees have decided to donate £2,000 to the King Athelstan Big Outdoors Project. The money will go towards the refurbishment of the KS1 playground. As you know, we put the children's happiness, wellbeing and excellence in learning at the core of everything we do and our ambitious Big Outdoors Project will ensure we achieve this in all aspects of the children's school experience.



PCSA News

Every parent, carer or member of staff automatically becomes a member of the PCSA on joining the school. The PCSA can be contacted on: kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com. Check out the PCSA noticeboard at the front of the school as you walk through to drop off or collect children. It has a list of all the upcoming events as well as fundraising ideas. Currently, the PCSA would like volunteers to help with:



- 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.

Don't forget, the **final map sale for the Halloween Hunt** will be **before school on Tues 31st October**, so if people haven't yet got theirs that'll be the last chance!

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:

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

The Mayor's Christmas Card Competition 2023

The Mayor of Kingston (Councillor Dianne White) is running a competition to design her official 2023 Christmas Card. The competition is open to all children of primary school age living and/or attending school in the borough. Entry is entirely optional, and might be a nice activity for children to undertake during the half term break, which allows time for the final card to be prepared. In addition to their design being used for the official Christmas Card, the winner will receive a prize and an invitation for them and their family to join the Mayor for tea in The Mayor's Parlour at the Guildhall.

An entry form is attached with this newsletter and can be submitted online to mayors.office@kingston.gov.uk or by printing the form and returning the completed picture via your school office no later than Tuesday, 31st October. If you do not have access to a printer at home, a copy of the entry form can be collected from your local library. Please ensure that your child's design does not extend outside the marked frame and that the design is 2D (flat), as it will need to be scanned. Do not use glitter or other loose materials.

The winner will be contacted directly and their name published on the council website after judging in the week commencing 6th November. Good luck!

Parakeets - As you are probably aware, the parakeets are causing lots of issues to Athelstan Park with bird poo everywhere! A King Athelstan parent got in touch with some local councillors and set up a meeting on **18th October at 9am** in Athelstan Park to discuss what could be done. We will let you know any outcome.

Hampton Court and other Palaces - From 21 October 2023 £1 tickets will be available for a day visit to Hampton Court Palace, Kensington Palace and the Tower of London to anyone in receipt of the following:

- Universal Credit
- Working Tax Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance
- Income Support
- Jobseeker's Allowance

You can claim £1 tickets for up to 6 people per household, and only one person needs to show the supporting documents. Click here for more information: <https://www.hrp.org.uk/one-pound-tickets/#gs.762ayx>

Fulham FC Foundation - We are pleased to inform you we have 3 days of Pan DisAbility Soccer Schools on offer at Fulham FC Foundation this October half term.

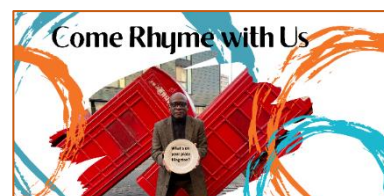
Our Pan DisAbility Soccer Schools cater for boys and girls age 5-16 years, with any form of physical and/or learning disability, Special Education Need or EHCP. Whether this be for a first time footballer, or someone with some experience, these sessions are open to those who would like to play in an open and inclusive environment, playing football in a safe space that is suitable to their needs. On the day, players will be split into groups based on age and/or ability. All abilities welcome. The sessions are:

- **Wednesday 25th October 2023** 9am to 3pm at Sacred Heart School, Battersea for 5 to 16 years
- **Thursday 26th and Friday 27th October 2023** 9am to 3pm at Fulham FC Training Ground, Motspur Park, KT3 for 5 to 16 years

If anyone has any questions please get in touch using the email: disability@fulhamfc.com



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



BRITE Box - free family cookery sessions

BRITE Box are again offering some family sessions where parents/carers and children all cook a meal together and then eat it. Recipes and ideas are shared, and it's all free!

Book a place on:

<https://tinyurl.com/bdhvp9ub>

