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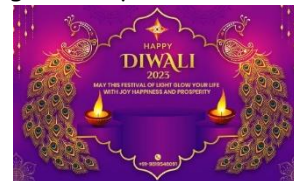


In Monday's assembly this week we talked about the history of Bonfire Night, fireworks and the story of Guy Fawkes. We discussed how different things are now in terms of the security measures around buildings and people.

We have now had the outcomes of the surveys we had done on the school ceiling, and I am pleased to confirm that there is no RAAC present.

Next week is national Anti-Bullying Week and to launch this all children are allowed to wear odd socks on Monday - see below.

Reminder - **please do not enter the school premises until your allocated drop-off time.** This is particularly important for Reception families dropping off at 8.35am as it makes it very hard to manage the Nursery drop off which is earlier at 8.30am. If you have dropped one child in EYFS, it is fine to wait for the KS1 gate to open at 8.40am. We know that a number of families will be marking Diwali this weekend. We wish you all a happy celebration.



Emily Newton
Headteacher

Anti-Bullying Week

Odd socks day is part of Anti-Bullying Week. To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children **wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November.** National Odd Socks Day supports the charity, the Anti-Bullying Alliance. Odd Socks Day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves, free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



Job Vacancy

We are looking for a caring person to work part-time, helping our children in the mornings at our breakfast club. Please see full details on eteach here: <https://clientportal.eteach.com/admin#/JobDetail/1380528>

Children in Need

Children in Need is back and we will once again be supporting this wonderful charity. On **Friday 17th November, children may wear spotty accessories with their usual school uniform** in return for a donation on ParentPay. Thank you.



Remembrance Day



Our Junior Leadership Team members have been selling poppies in the playground after school. The red poppy is a symbol of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. All donations will be forwarded to the Royal British Legion, whose charity supports serving and ex-serving men and women, and their families.

Nursery Places Available

We have a 2 year old funded afternoon space available to start NOW and another to start in January 2024! If you have or know of a child that turned 2 on or before 31st August or 31st December 2023 and is eligible for 2 year old funding, we would love to hear from you. For more information and to apply please visit Miss Faye Turner in the school office or email admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org

The Red Box

The Red Box contains sanitary protection that girls can access if they need to. It has a selection of products, as well as tights and underwear, so that girls can take whatever they need in an emergency to ensure they are happy, clean and confident. The box is replenished by donations so is completely free to use. Our box is located in Wiltshire Room with the Nurture Team. Girls can just ask for the "Red Box" when they need it.

Sportshall Athletics

Congratulations to the 30 children who took part in the Sportshall Athletics Competition on Thursday. The children participated in a number of different track and field events including; soft javelin, triple jump, chest push, speed bounce and relay races. All of the children represented the school really well and persevered to achieve their absolute best. A special mention to the girls who placed 1st in the 4 x 1 relay race and the boys who placed 2nd in the 4 x 1 relay race. Other impressive results in the heats were 2nd place in the girls' obstacle race, and 2nd place in the girls' 6-lap race. The boys also came 2nd in the 6-lap race, and 2nd in the 1 + 1 lap race. Well done everyone!



Art Classes

Our Art teacher, Mrs Barr, has been so impressed with the children's work recently that she has asked for some of it to be pictured here. Y1 made firework pictures with coloured chalks. Y4 have been making Egyptian masks. Y6 have made wonderful UFOs, and Y5 have been drawing Viking helmets using chalk and charcoal.



Dates for the Diary

NOVEMBER

Monday 13	Start of Anti-Bullying Week. Odd socks day
Friday 17	Y3 trip to Gunnersbury Park - children to wear smart school uniform
Friday 17	Children in Need - wear spotty accessories for a donation on ParentPay
Wednesday 22	Warhol Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 23	Y3 Stone Age Day
Thursday 23	Parent/Carer Forum 9am
Friday 24	Y3-Y6 White Spider Climbing - invited children only
Tuesday 28	Y5 trip to Science Museum
Wednesday 29	Riley Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 30	Y2 trip to Bushy Park - please consent/pay/volunteer on ParentPay

DECEMBER

Monday 4	Y4 MTC online presentation - link to follow
Tuesday 5	Y4 trip to the British Museum
Wednesday 6	Y5 & Y6 Ice Skating at Hampton Court
Saturday 9	PCSA Festive Fair 12-3pm
Monday 11	O'Keeffe Year 1 Christmas Show 9am
Monday 11	Van Gogh Year 1 Christmas Show 2.30pm
Tuesday 12	Reception Christmas Show
Wednesday 13	Mehretu Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 13	Hockney Year 2 Christmas Show 2.30am
Thursday 14	Matisse Year 2 Christmas Show 9am
Friday 15	Nursery Christmas Singing
Thursday 21	Break up one hour earlier for Christmas holidays. No KOOSA Kids on this day

JANUARY 2024

Monday 8	INSET Day - children not in school
Tuesday 9	Children return for spring term



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Oscar	O'Keeffe Y1 - Louis
Matisse Y2 - Alice	Hockney Y2 - King
Cassatt Y3 - Otilie	Da Vinci Y3 - Max
Mehretu Y4 - Kaysha	Wiley Y4 - Anastasiia
Dali Y5 - Ava	Warhol Y5 - Bentley
Riley Y6 - Eme	Kahlo Y6 - Eddie
KS1 PE - Talia in O'Keeffe Y1	KS2 PE - Ava 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	Oscar	Ruby	Ella	Meryem	Roanna
Mila	Joe	Pedro	Keosha	Daisy	Jack

Karyn from Riley Y6 and Annie from Hockney Y2 both won an Equalities and Diversity Champion certificate for their wonderful posters - hopefully we can display them next week.

In addition, Miss Sarton, IT Lead, announced KS2 Digital Leaders: Erin in Cassatt, Max in Da Vinci, Anastasiia in Wiley, Sam in Mehretu, Antonia in Dali, Oscar in Warhol, Roanna in Kahlo and Kaif in Riley. They will be supporting teachers in IT sessions and providing feedback.

House Points

This week's winners are **Red (Dawson)** on 35. In second place is Blue House (Hawks) on 31. Green (Villiers) are on 28, and Yellow (Cambridge) on 21. Well done all!



Amazon Wish List

We have our 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.



Reminders

- **BBC 500 Words Competition** - story writing competition for children aged 5-11. Submit entries to: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/>
- **Nursery Places for January 2024** - please visit: <https://www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/about-the-school/admissions/> or contact Miss Faye Turner in the School Office for details
- We do not have any nuts in school as several children and adults have severe allergies. Remember not to pack any nuts or nut products in your child's lunchbox.
- Fairfield Litter Pick - on **Saturday 11 November from 2-3pm**.
- **If you have a child in Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 or Y6, please give consent/pay/volunteer (if applicable) for current trips in ParentPay.**