



Dear Families,

Our school focus this week was our fifth PRIDE value of 'Excellence'. Next week we will be focussing on **personal space**.

This week we finished our series of assemblies on road safety. We are still seeing families crossing the road well away from the zebra crossing, which really concerns us as Villiers Rd is very busy. We also continue to see cars parked illegally (on the double yellow lines) on the corner of Dawson Rd, and concerns have now been raised about this by a significant number of parents and carers who cannot cross safely.

Yesterday, we welcomed members of our Governing Body to school to see aspects of school policy and practice. They had a packed agenda seeing learning in a range of classes, joining in singing assembly and hearing a presentation from Mr Barson and Mrs Ahearn about the writing aspect of our School Development Plan. Thank you to those parents/carers who joined us for the Parent/Carer Forum. The minutes of that meeting will be shared with everyone when ready.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Emily Newton, Headteacher**



### Warhol Class Assembly



Warhol Class were the first of the academic year to host their class assembly on Wednesday. They explained the importance of following instructions, and sang their own rousing version of 'Country Road'.

### Parent Governor

We are pleased to announce the appointment of a new Parent Governor to the school Governing Body. Helen Higgins, mum of Ivy (Y5) and Zoe (Y2), will take up the post with immediate effect, and attended her first Governor Visit Day this week. [See here](#) for more information on our school Governors.

### Y4 Wiley Class Synagogue Visit

Wiley Class had an interesting visit to Kingston Synagogue this week as part of their Religious Education studies. The Synagogue regularly welcomes school parties and the community takes an active part in interfaith events in the Borough. The children learned about Passover and tasted Matza, unleavened flatbread eaten during the festival. Mehretu Class will visit the Synagogue next week.

### Children in Need 2024



So far £147 has been raised for Children in Need via ParentPay. There is still time to donate if you wish. Please [Click here](#) to make a payment.



### Gardening Club

Members of our Gardening Club have been really busy planting 95 cyclamen plants which were donated by the Park family in memory of their grandmother Baba and the 95 happy years she lived. The plants are small at the moment, but should flower in the spring and create a beautiful sea of pink /purple colour between the hedges at the front of the school. They are hardy and should come up every year. The children did a brilliant job and enjoyed planting them!





## Christmas Cards

In school we have a display (left) of all the Christmas card competition winners, one from each class across the school. Well done to all the winners and everyone who made a Christmas card!

## Achievement Assembly



## Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Dario

O'Keefe Y1 - Owen & Xanthippi

Hockney Y2 - Zoe & Florence

Matisse Y2 - Giulia

Cassatt Y3 - Aythan

Da Vinci Y3 - Megan

Mehretu Y4 - Jeremiah

Wiley Y4 - Roan

Dali Y5 - Eliza

Warhol Y5 - Max F

Riley Y6 - Cemre

Kahlo Y6 - Arthur

KS1 PE Teddy in Van Gogh class

KS2 PE Augustyn in Dali class Y5

Khadija in Mehretu Y4 won a Diversity certificate for her lovely Black History poster.

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Arjun	Elsie	Rachel	Ari	Mohamad	Antonia
Ruth	---	Joshua	Eden	---	Julia

## House Points

This week in first place is **Yellow (Cambridge)** with 32 points. Green (Villiers) are in second with 28, Red (Dawson) have 26 points, and Blue (Hawks) on 14. Well done, all.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### NOVEMBER 2024

Tuesday 26	Y5 & Y6 Cross Country Competition - invited children only
Wednesday 27	Y4 Wiley Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 27	Y5 Trip to the Science Museum - please go to ParentPay to pay and consent
Thursday 28	Y4 Mehretu Class to Kingston Synagogue
Thursday 28	Donations of good quality toys/teddies and gifts for the Festive Fair
Friday 29	Cake Sale Y5 3.15pm

DECEMBER 2024	
Monday 2	Y5 Viking Day
Tuesday 3	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) Parent/Carer Meeting 3.20pm
Wednesday 4	Y6 Riley Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 5	Donations of chocolate/sweets NO NUTS and also bottles for the Festive Fair
Friday 6	Y3 to Kingston College - 'Revolting Rhymes' Panto Workshop
Saturday 7	Festive Fair 12-3pm
Monday 9	Y2 Matisse Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Monday 9	Y2 Hockney Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 9	Last week of clubs
Tuesday 10	Reception Nelson Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Wednesday 11	Y5 and Y6 Ice Skating at Hampton Court - please go to ParentPay to pay and consent
Wednesday 11	Y1 Van Gogh Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 11	Y1 O'Keeffe Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 12	Reception Kusama Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Thursday 12	Nursery AM Christmas Singing & Crafts 11-11.30am
Thursday 12	Nursery PM Christmas Singing & Crafts 12.30-1pm
Tuesday 17	Y4 trip to the Rose Theatre - pick up at Rose at 4.15pm
Friday 20	Break up for Christmas one hour early - No KOOSA Kids on this day
JANUARY 2025	
Monday 6	Inset Day - children not in school
Friday 10	Y5 first swimming lesson
Wednesday 15	Deadline for applications for Reception places in September 2025
Wednesday 29	Y2 Matisse Class Assembly 9am
Friday 31	Cake Sale Y4 3.15pm
Friday 31	PCSA Gig Night at the Fighting Cocks
FEBRUARY	
Wednesday 5	EYFS Museum in school
Wednesday 5	Y3 Da Vinci Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 6	Author visit for Y3-6
Wednesday 12	Y6 Kahlo Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 13	Book Looks for parent/carers
Mon 17-Fri 21	Half-Term
Tuesday 25	Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm in person
Thursday 27	Parent/Carer Consultations 4-6.30pm online
MARCH	
Tuesday 4	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm in person
Wednesday 5	Y3 trip to Kew Gardens
Wednesday 5	Y4 Mehretu Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 6	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm in person
Thursday 6	World Book Day
Wednesday 12	Y3 Cassatt Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 13	Spring Showcase
Wednesday 19	Y5 Dali Class Assembly 9am
Friday 21	Comic Relief
Monday 24	Clubs end this week
Wednesday 26	Y2 Hockney Class Assembly 9am
Friday 28	PCSA Easter Cake Sale

## PCSA

Contact: [kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com](mailto:kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com)

PCSA is collecting the following items for the Festive Fair on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December. There will be tables outside school where you can drop off any items on these days:



- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Toys/teddies (for the tombola) AND good quality gifts. These should be in an unused, or nearly new, condition for our re-gifting stall.
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Chocolate/sweets AND bottles (no nuts in the chocolate please!)

**Second hand uniform-** To request any stock, please first check the stock link here: [Uniform stock link](#) and then email [kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com](mailto:kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com) with details of what you would like (item and size). The stock is kept updated, so if the item/size you want isn't listed, we don't have it.

## KOOSA KIDS

KOOSA Kids are pleased to be operating their Christmas Holiday Club at King Athelstan Primary School on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**. Join them for a two-day Arctic Adventure! Children will take part in up to 9 activities each day, always a mixture of sporty and team games, arts & crafts, drama, imagination, squad rallies and of course our popular go-karts. All from just £27.00 per child, per session (10.00am to 4.00pm and your third child goes FREE (siblings only)! Visit [www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club](http://www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club) for more information or call 01276 21884. Bookings are now open. All children aged 4 - 13 are invited. There will be some places available on the FUEL scheme - details to follow.



## Community Messages

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:



**New Malden Christmas Event** - Get ready to kick off the festive season on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November for the traditional Christmas event in Jubilee Square, New Malden. Enjoy an afternoon filled with food stalls, live music, street entertainment, and even a special visit from Santa Claus himself! Make sure not to miss the magical lights switch-on at 5.30pm!

**Nutcracker Trail** - Don't forget to check out the free Nutcracker Trail, featuring 15 life-sized Nutcracker statues hidden around the town centre, with an opportunity to win a Christmas hamper. Plus, the first 300 trail-goers will win an exclusive wooden tree decoration!



**Christmas Concert** - The Malden Centre in New Malden is holding a free Christmas Concert on 12<sup>th</sup> December at 11am in support of the Salvation Army. Refreshments supplied.



### Ed Davey MP: Christmas Card Competition

The closing date for this competition has been extended to **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November**, so there is still time to enter! This year's theme: Kingston Past, Kingston Future. The design must fit onto either a piece of A4 or A5 paper, and glitter/stickers or a collage should be avoided. Use nice bright colours instead. The overall winner will have their design printed as the official 2024 Christmas card and will also be invited to have tea with Ed Davey. How to Enter: Please send all entries to the constituency office: Christmas Card Competition 2023 Ed Davey MP 21 Berrylands Road, Surbiton KT5 8QX. *Please ensure all entries have the pupil's name, class, school and age category clearly written on the reverse (this also allows for the return your child's entry).*

