



Dear Families,

Our school focus this week was on **personal space** - see below. Next week we will be focussing on: **being a good citizen**.

This week, Miss Govan covered the PANTS rule from the NSPCC in her assembly. This message is vitally important for children to understand personal space and speak out if things make them feel uncomfortable, worried or frightened. The slides from the assembly will be available on Google Classroom next week if you would like to see them or to recap the PANTS rule with your children.

In another assembly, we talked about bananas! We looked at a few facts about bananas:

- Bananas are a bright, cheery colour;
- Bananas are in the shape of a smile (everyone works best in a happy atmosphere);
- Bananas are full of energy (we all need good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast support to learn well and enjoy school);
- Bananas grow together in bunches divided into clusters called 'hands' (a bit like our classes!).



Smiling

Smiling is infectious; you catch it like the flu.

When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.

I passed around a corner and someone saw my grin.

When he smiled, I realised I had passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile and then I realised its worth.

A single smile, just like mine, could travel around the earth.

So if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected.

Let's start an epidemic quick and get the world infected.

We then talked about the importance of smiling and how smiling is infectious using the poem (left), and I set the children on a mission to spread smiles! Did you get any extra smiles this week?

It is just one week until our Festive Fair. A huge thank you to the PCSA who are working so hard to make this important event really special. Do come along if you can, and bring friends and family.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton, Headteacher

Wiley Class Assembly



Wiley worked really hard on their class assembly on Wednesday, showcasing aspects of their work this term, including ancient Egypt, (and of course mummification), the 'Hunchback of Notre Dame', 'Oliver Twist' and the digestive system! They gave a rousing rendition of Revolting Children from 'Matilda' at the end which all their parents and carers enjoyed!

Y5 Science Museum Trip



Year 5 had a great time at the Science Museum on Wednesday. They explored the Wonderlab and took part in an interactive 'Rocket Show' (right). They witnessed all their learning about forces in action in a number of ways: how different surfaces and friction impacts on the speed you travel down a slide to



the shape, material and size of a parachute and how these three things impact on how slowly you travel. They also saw many different pulleys in action and how these help us produce force which makes lifting objects so much easier. Thank you to the parent/carers who came along to help, too.

Reception went on a Bear Hunt!

Reception classes went on a Bear Hunt to Athelstan Park this morning. It was a beautiful day, and they weren't scared! They waded through long wavy grass, they splashed through water, they squelched through mud, they stumbled through leaves, they went through snow (!), and they actually found several bears! They were all very brave and had a wonderful morning. Thank you to all the helpers who volunteered.



School Council



For the last four years, RBKares, a group of community volunteers within the council, has asked local school children to make Christmas cards for the residents of local care homes. These cards are extremely popular and the recipients really value receiving such a personal item, particularly at a time of year when a lack of local family or community can be very painful. Miss Gulliford and the School Council were very happy to assist with this project and here are just a few of the cards they have made.

School Christmas Cards and Gifts

If you ordered any school Christmas cards or associated items, they will be distributed next week.

KS1 Playground

As you may know, we have reached the amazing point of being able to complete the KS1 playground development. After 8 years, the PCSA has raised enough money to complete the Big Outdoors Project! There will be a 4m half-pavilion for drama, story-telling and outdoor lessons, a natural grass area to encourage wildlife, and a Burma Bridge for imaginative play. The work is currently scheduled to begin in early February and should take around 2-3 weeks (including the half term holiday). There will be minor disruption to the KS1 playground (some of the equipment will be out of use) but we will share greater detail nearer the time.



Y4 Mehretu Class Synagogue Visit

Mehretu Class followed in the footsteps of Wiley Class last week when they visited Kingston Synagogue. They consolidated and enhanced their learning about Jewish family and celebrations. They heard all about some of the stories in the Jewish faith and about how Jewish people celebrate these important stories through the year. They were lucky enough to see the Torah scrolls in the Ark where they are kept. The Rabbi was also there to welcome them and read from the Torah. He also played the Shofar, a ram's horn which is blown to invite people to special times in the Jewish celebrations. The children behaved brilliantly and were attentive and inquisitive throughout the visit. Well done!



Y5 & Y6 Cross Country Championship

This was due to take place on Tuesday 26th November but had to be cancelled due to water-logged pitches at the venue from the storm over the weekend. The children had been practising and were very disappointed, but the event has been re-scheduled for the spring term. At first the new date was notified as Thursday 6th March, but when the organisers realised this is World Book Day, they changed it again! The new date will be **Thursday 27th February**, so there is no clash.



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Toby	O'Keeffe Y1 - Whole Class
Hockney Y2 - Jamie	Matisse Y2 - Louis
Cassatt Y3 - Elvis & Joshua	Da Vinci Y3 - Imogen
Mehretu Y4 - Eloise	Wiley Y4 - Ari
Dali Y5 - Sam	Warhol Y5 - Rosa
Riley Y6 - Natalia	Kahlo Y6 - Melika

KS2 PE Koshin in Cassatt Class Y3

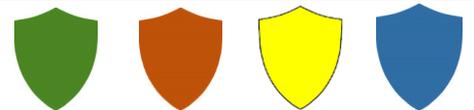
Willow in Kahlo Y64 won a Diversity certificate.

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Louis	Sarah	King	Peter	Ben	Melika
Aicha	Benjamin	Sarah	Rory	Azra	Zak

House Points

This week in first place is **Green (Villiers)** on 37. In joint second place are Red (Dawson) and Yellow (Cambridge) both on 26, and Blue (Hawks) on 18.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

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
Thursday 5	Y1 & Y2 Multi Sports Festival. Invited children only - go to ParentPay to consent
Friday 6	Y3 to Kingston College - 'Revoluting 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

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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	Y3 Da Vinci Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 6	EYFS Museum in school
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

PCSA is collecting the following items for the Festive Fair on Saturday 7th December. There will be tables outside school on Thursday 5th December where you can drop these items: 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 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 2nd** and **Friday 3rd January**. Join them for a two-day Arctic Adventure! Visit 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 also be some places available on the FUEL scheme - you will need your child's FUEL code to book.