



# King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 17 - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Dear Families,

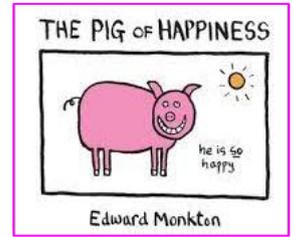
Here we are at the end of a very chilly week. The children have been in good spirits despite the cold and have been engrossed in their learning.

In assembly we have continued our theme of spreading kindness throughout our community. KS1 and KS2 watched *The Pig of Happiness* by Edward Monkton, which links really well with this topic. We talked about the message in the video and how one person can make a huge difference and influence others positively. We particularly talked about how the pig was brave and said kind things to another pig, even in front of others. We thought about how this would make someone feel.

As a result of our assemblies, I have noticed a number of children doing kind things around the school. Hopefully you might have noticed this at home, too. Well done everyone!

Thank you to Yaathya who wrote a series of poems and gave them to members of staff to brighten their day.

Please watch [The Pig of Happiness](#) at home so you can support spreading happiness, too!



Have a lovely weekend.

**Emily Newton**  
Headteacher

## KS1 Playground Refurbishment

Look out for a letter next week explaining temporary changes to pick up arrangements as the refurbishment works start in the KS1 playground.

## Curriculum Overviews

Please access Curriculum Overviews on our website here: [Curriculum Overviews](#). These show details of what your child will be learning throughout each term. Here is a sample of a Y3 one:

Here's why you don't want to miss out:

- Stay informed: know what subjects and topics your child will be exploring across each term. Stay ahead of the game and be prepared to support their learning journey.
- Engage in discussions: use the curriculum overviews as a conversation starter with your child. Discussing what they're learning fosters a deeper understanding and interest in their studies.
- Support at home: tailor your support based on the curriculum. Identify areas where your child may need extra assistance or enrichment to ensure their success.



Year 3 Topic/Unit of Year	Learning Objectives	Thinking Skills			
		Understanding	Analysing	Creating	Evaluating
Year 3 English writing	Write a story for a target audience.	Understand the structure of a story.	Analyse the language used in a story.	Create a story using the same structure.	Evaluate the effectiveness of a story.
Year 3 Maths	Use the four operations with whole numbers and multiples of 10.	Understand the relationship between multiplication and division.	Analyse the relationship between multiplication and division.	Create a multiplication or division problem.	Evaluate the solution to a multiplication or division problem.
Year 3 Science	Understand the structure of the Earth.	Understand the relationship between the Earth's layers.	Analyse the relationship between the Earth's layers.	Create a model of the Earth's layers.	Evaluate the model of the Earth's layers.
Year 3 History	Understand the life of King Athelstan.	Understand the relationship between King Athelstan and his subjects.	Analyse the relationship between King Athelstan and his subjects.	Create a story about King Athelstan.	Evaluate the story about King Athelstan.

The Thinker's Project homework grids (Y3 Spring, right) are also all on the website [here](#). You can see how the suggestions for Thinker's Project homework relate to the termly curriculum overviews.

## Amazon Wish List

This week we have received some great children's pens for reading prizes, as well as whiteboard pens and glue sticks. Thank you so much to everyone who has been kind enough to purchase items from our Wish List - it is very much appreciated. The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>. There is, of course, **no obligation to buy anything**.



## House Points

This week, we have a three way split, with **Green (Villiers)**, **Red (Dawson)** and **Blue (Hawks)** all on 30 points! Yellow (Cambridge) have 25.



Please note, we have moved our last INSET Day from Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

DATES FOR THE DIARY	
JANUARY 2024	
Wednesday 24	Y3 trip to Kingston Mosque
Thursday 25	MMR and Polio immunisation catch-up
Friday 26	Y4 Cake Sale after school
Monday 29	Oral Health Team visiting Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y4 and Y6
Tuesday 30	Y6 Swimming Gala - by invitation
FEBRUARY 2024	
Thursday 1	Y6 Junior Citizen trip
Tuesday 6	Y3-6 Eco Warriors Conference
Tuesday 6	Y3/4 Golf Competition - by invitation
Wednesday 7	Da Vinci Class Assembly 9am. Families welcome
Wednesday 7	EYFS Museum - in Nursery & Reception classrooms
Mon 12 - Fri 16	Half Term
Tuesday 20	Parent/Carer Consultations R-Y6 in person
Thursday 22	Parent/Carer Consultations R-Y6 online
Friday 23	Y6 to Science event at Surbiton High School
Friday 23	Y3 Cake Sale after school
Friday 23	Reception trip to the Polka Theatre
Tuesday 27	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations R-Y6 in person
Thursday 29	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations R-Y6 in person
MARCH 2024	
Wednesday 6	Wiley Class Assembly 9am. Families welcome
Thursday 7	World Book Day
Wednesday 13	Cassatt Class Assembly 9am. Families welcome
Thursday 14	KS2 Spring Showcase - details to follow
Monday 18	Y5 Bikeability starts
Wednesday 20	Van Gogh Class Assembly 9am. Families welcome
Friday 22	Y2 Cake Sale after school
Friday 22	Y3 trip to Kew Gardens
Friday 22	PCSA Y3 and Y4 Easter Disco 3-5pm St John's Hall
Tuesday 26	Y4 trip to Natural History Museum
Wednesday 27	Hockney Class Assembly 9am. Families welcome
Wednesday 27	Thinker's Project Exhibition 3.25-3.50pm and 5.30-6pm
Thursday 28	Break up for Easter, one hour earlier than usual. No KOOSA Kids today

### Achievement Assembly



## Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Negar

O'Keeffe Y1 - Faid

Hockney Y2 - Stephen

Matisse Y2 - Zahraa

Da Vinci Y3 - Inaya

Cassatt - Roxani

Mehretu Y4 - Isaac

Wiley Y4 - Zumar

Dali Y5 - Yaathya

Warhol Y5 - Shahzeen

Riley Y6 - Toprak

Kahlo Y6 - Loveen

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Elif	Emma	Alex	Max	Katie	Isabella W
Loni	Shiloh	Pedro	Robbie	Karlis	

Miss Meggitt awarded an Equality and Diversity certificate to Eliza in Mehretu Class for her poem and picture about being inclusive. Well done Eliza!

### PCSA

Remember, the PCSA is holding its AGM on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm** at the Spring Grove (13 Bloomfield Road KT1 2SF). Why not go along to find out more about the PCSA? Or you can email on [kingathelstanpcs@gmail.com](mailto:kingathelstanpcs@gmail.com) PCSA events cannot run without people's help so it would be great to see you there.

**Bag2School Collection** - On **Tuesday 16th January** Bag2School collected 297kg of clothing donations from King Athelstan, amounting to a payment of £148.50 for the PCSA. Thank you all for your cooperation.



### 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:

**From Kingston Music Service:**

**Family Concert at the Rose Theatre on Sunday 24th March**

Oompah Brass will entertain their audience with high-octane renditions of well-known rock and pop favourites, as well as introducing the intricacies of each instrument to the children, each member of the group showing off their instrument and its characteristics. The perfect way to start the day! Oompah Brass are one of the busiest brass quintets in the UK, performing over 100 shows a year, in everything from school classes to Oktoberfest audiences of over 6000 people. They are the original exponents of 'Oompop', the clever re-working of rock and pop classics onto brass instruments and continue to lead the way. Oompah Brass are very keen and active educators, and run many school workshops every year, introducing the next generation to the joys of making music on brass. Tickets are going fast, so book now at the Rose Theatre website: <https://rosetheatre.org/whats-on/211//oompah-brass-spectacular-a-kms-family-concert> 24th March 2024 - Adults £10, Concessions £6.



**From Talking Teens:**

**4-week parenting programme** - We have been awarded a Grant from Kingston Council to provide a 4-week parenting programme for those parenting pre-teen and teen aged children. This is an evidence-based programme which is devised by The Centre for Emotional Health (formally Family Links UK). We have been running these programmes with two trained and experienced facilitators for several years in Surrey and continually have oversubscribed programmes. We will be running the programme for anyone living in the Borough of Kingston that is parenting pre-teen and teen aged children. Parents/carers can click on the QR code here for more information or to register themselves for the programme.



**Talking Teens 4-week programme**

Online via Zoom from 1830 to 2000 on 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024