



King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 19 - Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear Families,

Thank you for your support this week as the KS1 playground work started. It has been helpful that families have followed the one-way system carefully and allowed everyone to collect as swiftly as possible. We are aware that it can be busy around the EYFS/Year 1 gate and ask that Reception families arrive promptly at 3.10pm and leave promptly to allow Y1 families to access the gate to pick up. Year 1 families, please stand either by the fence or under the Y1 shelter to allow a free path through (between the yellow lines) to support any remaining Reception families leaving easily.



The playground itself is taking shape and we look forward to its progress next week. The KS1 children have been brilliant at playtimes and have engaged in a wide range of activities set up by our Y5 Young Leaders. In assembly this week we talked about Martin Luther King as it was Martin Luther King Day earlier in January. In assembly, the children experienced for themselves what it was like to be treated unfairly as I selected a group of children based on physical characteristics/clothing for an imaginary extra break time. They were rightly outraged and this helped them to imagine what it would be like to live in a society prior to the work that Martin Luther King did. We looked at this section of his speech:

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character."

We thought about what it meant and also reflected on the respect, kindness and friendships in King Athelstan Primary School, where everyone has the same rights and everyone's voice is heard.

Finally, it was great to see lots of staff and parents/carers at the amazing PCSA Gig Night last night. What talented people we have in our community! Thank you to everyone who performed and attended, and a huge thank you to the PCSA team for organising it. A special well done to our very own Music teacher, Sam Thomas! The event raised an amazing £950.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Parent/Carer Consultations

You will have received a letter today by email detailing all the booking information for the spring term parent/carers consultations, which will take place after half term as follows:



- Book Looks - an opportunity for parents/carers with online meetings to see children's work. **Monday 19th February 3.20-3.50pm**
- Parent/Carer Consultations **Tuesday 20th February 3.30-6pm in person** Parent/Carer Consultations **Thursday 22th February 4-6.30pm online**
- SEND Parent/Carer Consultations **Tuesday 27th February 3.30-6.30pm in person**
- SEND Parent/Carer Consultations **Thursday 29th February 3.30-6.30pm in person**

There is a choice of in person or online meetings, although all meetings for children with SEND are in person.

Nursery Applications for September 2024

Within our Nursery we have provision for 8 children eligible for 2 year old funding (4 morning places and 4 afternoon places), as well as provision for 26 3 and 4 year olds in the morning and 26 in the afternoon. Morning Nursery runs from 8.30am-11.30am, and the afternoon session is 12.30pm-3.30pm. Families can apply for a space for the term after your child turns 2 or 3 (subject to eligibility and availability). Our usual intakes are January and September.

The deadline for Nursery applications for September 2024 is Friday 1st March 2024.

We offer 15 hours entitlement, timings above. Nursery admissions are organised directly



Nursery - Klee Class

through the school. See here for further information: [Nursery admissions](#).
To apply, click here for the [King Athelstan Nursery Online Application Form](#)

Please hand the completed form in to the school office or email it to: admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org

Y6 PGL Trip

Please note that the 2nd interim instalment of £60 for those attending the Y6 PGL trip in June is due by 1st March. Please pay on ParentPay as usual. Thank you.

Amazon Wish List

Thank you so much to everyone who has been kind enough to purchase items from our ongoing Wish List - it is very much appreciated. The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>. There is, of course, no obligation to buy anything.



Y6 Junior Citizen

Every year, children in Year 6 take part in the Junior Citizen scheme which allows them to practise real life situations in preparation for secondary school. This year it was once again held in the grounds of Chessington World of Adventures (which is closed for the winter). Its purpose is to equip children with the knowledge and skills they need to cope with everyday life in adulthood, particularly when it comes to dealing with potential emergencies. Stranger danger, fire safety, first aid, drug awareness, road/bus/rail travel, anti-social behaviour and graffiti are all covered during the course. The children behaved really well, enjoyed their day and learned lots.

Y6 Swimming Gala

Congratulations to our Y6 swimmers who attended the Borough Gala this week at the Malden Centre. The eight children put a huge amount of preparation and effort in prior to the gala, many of them practising the weekend before. The event comprises of heats in each stroke where the first three swimmers (out of six) reach the final. Although we ultimately didn't win, we did reach the final in seven races:

- Girls Individual Butterfly - Georgie
- Girls Individual Breaststroke - Isabella
- Boys Individual Breaststroke - Ethan
- Boys Individual Backstroke - Sonny
- Front crawl Relay - Boys (Sonny, Henry, Ethan and Ollie)
- Medley relay - Girls (Isabella, Georgie, Blanka and Lois)
- Medley Relay - Boys (as above)



Birthday Books

We have a fantastic way of celebrating children's birthdays (as well as singing to them and making them feel special) - without having sugary cakes and sweets! We encourage children to donate a book to their class on their birthday (we do not allow sweet treats), as this is a lovely way for the children to enjoy something that will last, and will benefit the class for the rest of the year. When your child brings in a birthday book, we add a book plate at the front with their name and birthday and put on a protective cover before the book goes into their class reading corner. There is no requirement to donate a book - it is purely voluntary.



Chinese New Year

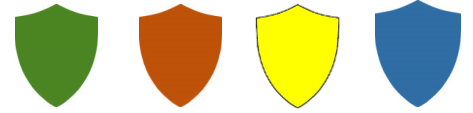


To celebrate Chinese New Year - Year of the Dragon - WilsonJones are offering a special menu next **Thursday 8th February**.

On this day, those who book Chicken Burger (Meat) will receive the Chicken Nugget balls, and those who select the Pizza (Veggie) will receive the Quorn Nugget Balls from the special menu on the left. Please check your choices on ParentPay to ensure your child has the correct meal. Thank you.

House Points

This week, **Green (Villiers)** are the winners again with 40 points. Yellow (Cambridge) and Blue (Hawks) are joint second with 26, and Red (Dawson) just behind on 25.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

FEBRUARY 2024	
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 Reception (3.10-3.45pm) & Nursery (3.30-4pm)
Mon 12 - Fri 16	Half Term
Monday 19	Book Looks for Parents/Carers - see separate letter
Tuesday 20	Parent/Carer Consultation R-Y6 in person 3.30-6pm
Thursday 22	Parent/Carer Consultation R-Y6 online 4-6.30pm
Friday 23	Y4 and Y6 to Science event at Surbiton High School
Friday 23	Reception trip to the Polka Theatre - please consent on ParentPay
Friday 23	Y3 Cake Sale after school
Tuesday 27	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations R-Y6 in person 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 29	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations R-Y6 in person 3.30-5.30pm
MARCH 2024	
Tuesday 5	Y5 Greek Day
Wednesday 6	Wiley Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Thursday 7	World Book Day - information to follow
Wednesday 13	Cassatt Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Thursday 14	KS2 Spring Showcase 6.30pm
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
Thursday 28	There will be no KOOSA Kids on this day

Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Ronnie

O'Keeffe Y1 - Theo

Hockney Y2 - Abdulrahim

Matisse Y2 - Joshua

Cassatt -Aida

Da Vinci Y3 - Julian

Mehretu Y4 - Elliott

Wiley Y4 - Jasper

Dali Y5 - James

Warhol Y5 - Arran

Riley Y6 - Ethan

Kahlo Y6 - Leah

KS1 PE - Faid in O'Keeffe Y1

Y2KS2 PE - Max in Wiley Y4

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Melih	Megan	Daniel	Anastasiia	Dorothy	Aletheia
Zoe	Joshua	Pedro	Ziyad	Gabi	

INSET Days 2024-25

INSET Days for 2024-25 are: Monday 2nd September 2024, Tuesday 3rd September 2024, Friday 4th October 2024, Monday 6th January 2025. The last INSET Day in the summer term has yet to be confirmed. Please remember, the final INSET Day of this academic year will be Friday 5th July 2024.

KOOSA Kids

There are still some places available in KOOSA Kids during the February half-term break. Please see here for more information and to make a booking: <https://www.koosakids.co.uk/surrey/kingston-upon-thames/king-athelstan-primary-school-kingston-upon-thames/holiday-club>

PCSA

The PCSA (Parent Carer Staff Association) brings together parents, carers and staff to support the school and to raise money.

Upcoming events:

- KS2 Spring Showcase - Thursday 14th March 6.30pm School hall (ticket needed)
- Y3 and Y4 Easter Disco - St John's Hall, Friday 22nd March 5-7pm (ticket needed)
- Fashion Show - Sunday 28th April Details to follow
- Y5 Summer Disco - Friday 21st June 6.30-8pm (ticket needed)
- Summer Fair - Saturday 6th July
- Y6 Leavers' Disco - Friday July 12th July 6.30-8pm School hall (ticket needed)
- End of year picnic for all- Tuesday 23rd July at Athelstan Park, after school



For more information and details of all events see the PCSA website: <https://pcsa.kingathelstan.co.uk/>

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:

