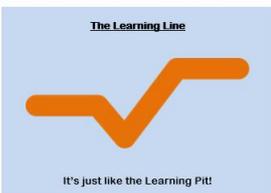
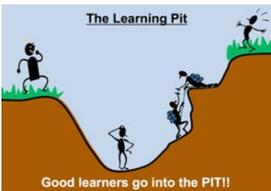




Dear Families,

We now have all of our new Nursery and Reception children in. They are doing really well and are engaging positively with their new learning environments. Well done! This week our behaviour policy focus is on our first rule "we are safe". Next week, we will focus on rule 2 "we are kind". Well done to all the children who have worked hard on implementing our school rules every day. Miss Govan leads these assemblies.

In my assembly we reflected on the kinds of things children had done to improve their writing over the first few weeks of term. I was really impressed with the detail children gave. We talked about making changes so that every day was better than the last. As you are aware, improving writing is a key area of our School Development Plan (SDP) this year. We also talked about how getting 'stuck' in the learning pit is brilliant. It's where you do your best learning and improve your skills. Here's the image we use to help children understand how getting stuck improves your learning.



It has turned very chilly suddenly, so please ensure your child has a school sweatshirt/cardigan every day and a coat, all named. The lost property cupboard is already full of unnamed uniform. It would amount to several hundred pounds in monetary terms. Please label all your child's clothing. Sharpie pens work well if you do not have any labels - just check after washing as the ink will fade! If you have lost an item, please search in the lost property box in the KS1 playground, just inside the blue gates, and take an unnamed

item.

Have a good weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher



Y6 Transfer to Secondary Schools

This week Y6 families will have received by email the **AfC Transfer to secondary school presentation**. The **Admission to Kingston's Secondary Schools guide** and the **Kingston schools brochure** are available on the [AfC website](#). **Important dates to remember:**

- Applications opened on **Sunday 1st September 2024**
- Kingston Secondary Schools hold open events in September and October.
- Secondary applications close on **Thursday 31st October 2024**.
- Secondary national offer day is **Monday 3rd March 2025**.

If any families have questions and concerns, please email kingston.admissions@achievingforchildren.org.uk

School Crossing Patrol

Here is a message from our School Crossing Patrol man:

Hi Everyone, I hope you all had a great time over the summer. For the benefit of new parents, carers and children, please allow me to introduce myself. I'm Andy and I'm your School Crossing Patrol (Lollipop Man). Villiers Road is very busy so here's a few guidelines so you get familiar with how I work:

- *Please wait on the pavement and I'll let you know when I consider it safe for you to cross*
- *When crossing, always walk, don't run as this can be dangerous*
- *If you come to school on a bike or scooter, please get off and push it as you cross*
- *Occasionally at busy times I will ask you to wait at the crossing. As well as helping you to cross, I also have to try and keep traffic moving. This is especially important if there's a police car, ambulance or a fire engine.*



Thank You. Andy.

Office Messages

Here are a few reminders from the school office:

- Make sure you put your child's name on all clothing and other items that they bring to school so we can return items which become separated
- Email any message about a child's pick up **before 2.30pm** so we have time to ensure staff are aware
- Ensure you put your child's full name and class in any messages as we do have several children with the same/similar name
- Book lunches on ParentPay (no charge) for every day that you require - you can do this up to half-term

Free School Meals

All children in primary school are entitled to a universal free school lunch. However, if you are in receipt of benefits, your child may qualify for benefits-related free school meals and be Pupil Premium. This means you may also receive free meal vouchers during school holidays and qualify for a free extra-curricular club or free clubs during school holidays with KOOSA Kids or other providers. King Athelstan will also receive additional funding too. For further details and to complete the application form, click here: <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/schools-education/free-school-meals-1>

Maths KIRFs

KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) have been designed to support the development of the mental skills that underpin much of the maths work in schools. Every half term, each year group will have a focus and by the end of each half term, children should know those facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts instantly. It is expected that the children will learn and practise these in school AND at home. See the website [here](#) for all the KIRFs for each year group each term, as well as lots of other information about the curriculum.

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	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4*	Year 5	Year 6
1.1	Knows the addition and subtraction facts for numbers 0-20.	Knows addition and subtraction facts for numbers 0-30.	Knows addition and subtraction facts for numbers 0-100.	Knows multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.	Knows multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5, 10 and 100 times tables.	Knows multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5, 10, 100 and 1000 times tables.
1.2	Knows number bonds for numbers up to 10.	Knows number bonds for numbers up to 20.	Knows number bonds for numbers up to 100.	Knows multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.	Knows multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5, 10 and 100 times tables.	Knows multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5, 10, 100 and 1000 times tables.
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Eco Warriors

Mrs Williamson led an assembly this week to explain what our Eco Warriors do to all to the children. We have now emailed a letter and application forms to all families. Children who are interested in becoming an Eco Warrior must return their form by Wednesday 25th September. We will publish the new Eco Warriors for this year in the Digest after that. Good luck!



School Council

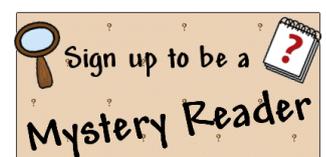
We are also recruiting for this year's School Council, which also consists of a representative child from each class from Y1-6. The Council comes up with ideas and helps make decisions to improve the school. Any child interested in being a member of the School Council needs to prepare a short 'vote for me' speech to deliver to their class next Wednesday.



There will be elections in the week commencing 23rd September, where children place their vote for their chosen candidate in our School Council Ballot box. Winners will be notified after the count, and also published here.

Mystery Readers

Our Mystery Reader scheme was such a success last year that we will be running it again this year for classes from Nursery up to Year 2. The idea is that one parent/carer or any adult family member has the opportunity to read a story to the class each week, at the end of the day/session. The identity of the reader will remain a secret until they walk into the classroom! The story can be up to 10 minutes long, and you may want to choose your child's favourite. Feel free to read a story in your home language if you wish. There may be an opportunity for questions/comments from the children at the end. We believe "Mystery Reader" will not only deepen the children's appreciation for literature but also strengthen the sense of connection within the class. Look out for the sign-up sheets coming soon on your child's Google Classroom.



The Red Box

The Red Box Project is a community-based not for profit initiative that was set up to support young people throughout their period by providing red boxes filled with free products (sanitary pads, tampons, underwear and tights) to ensure they are safe and comfortable. We have our own Red Box in school, and any girl can ask in Nurture or in the school office if they need to access it. Please let your children know.

Amazon Wish List

We have an ongoing Amazon Wish List which was started after families wanted to contribute items to school. There is no obligation to buy anything, but any purchases are very much appreciated. This week we have added some underwear for the inevitable accidents in school, and some items of spare uniform to support families. The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz> . Thank you.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2024	
Monday 16	Meet the Teacher Y1
OCTOBER 2024	
Wednesday 2	Harvest Festival
Wednesday 2	A Day in the Life of Reception online 4pm
Thursday 3	Individual & sibling school photos
Thursday 3	A Day in the Life of Nursery AM 11.30am in person (15 mins approx.)
Thursday 3	A Day in the Life of Nursery PM 3.30pm in person (15 mins approx.)
Friday 4	INSET DAY - children not in school
Wednesday 10	World Mental Health Day
Friday 11	PSCA Coffee Morning for Reception (local café)
Friday 18	Parent/Carer Book Looks 3.20pm
Tuesday 22	Whole school nasal flu immunisations
Tuesday 22	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-6.30pm in person
Thursday 24	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 4-6.30pm online
Friday 25	Cake Sale Y6 3.15pm & PSCA Halloween Maps sale
Mon 28- Fri 1 Nov	Half Term
NOVEMBER 2024	
Tuesday 5	SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person
Thursday 7	SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person
Friday 15	Children in Need - wear spotty accessories
Saturday 23	PSCA Family Rave at St John's - ticket link will be shared soon
Friday 29	Cake Sale Y5 3.15pm
DECEMBER 2024	
Monday 9	Y2 Christmas Assemblies
Monday 9	Last week of clubs
Saturday 7	Festive Fair 12-3pm
Tuesday 10	Reception Christmas Assemblies
Wednesday 11	Y1 Christmas Assemblies
Thursday 12	Nursery Christmas Singing
Friday 20	Break up for Christmas one hour early

Achievement Assembly

Assembly was beautifully accompanied by James, Y6, on the violin.



Achievement Award

-Last week's winners are in blue-

Van Gogh Y1 - **Teddy**/Pippa

O'Keeffe Y1 - **Durrah**/ Grace

Matisse Y2 - **Emma**/Yanice

Hockney Y2 - **Harry**/Johnny

Cassatt Y3 - **Gary**/Joshua & Mark

Vinci Y3 - **Olivia**/Alan & Noor

Mehretu Y4 - **Zoe**/Ethan

Wiley Y4 - **Aicha**/Jessica

Dali Y5 - **Inci**/Eshaal

Warhol Y5 - **Rowan**/Alessandro

Riley Y6 - **Raiya**/Sky

Kahlo Y6 - **Lilia**/Tilly-Rae

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
George & Sophia	Joe	Ruby	Zlata	Harry
Faid	Ali	Katarina	Anastasiia	Mariline

PCSA

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

The PCSA 'mission statement' for this year is to raise money for other areas of the school, like classroom equipment and school activities. They raised £25k last year, and continue to fundraise for the remaining amount needed to complete the amazing refurbishment of the KS1 playground.



PCSA are planning a Halloween Trail again for 31st October (it's a half term week). If you would like your house to take part, [please enter your details on this form](#).

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:

Southborough High School - hosting open days on 30th September, 1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th and 9th October for families of boys currently in Y5 and Y6 and thinking about moving up to Y7.

There will be an open evening on 25th September, and Niall Smith, Headteacher, will address visitors at intervals throughout the evening. [Click here](#) for the booking form.



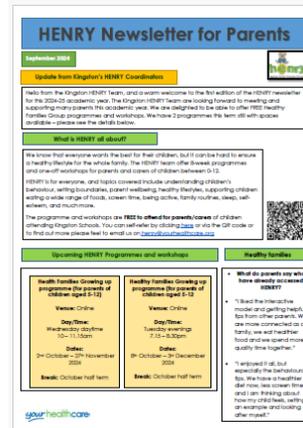
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HIGH SCHOOL

Making the difference for all of our students

Hampton School - Open Morning for the families of boys in Year 5 and 6 on Saturday 21 September. The Open Morning provides a perfect opportunity for families to explore facilities and grounds; hear from the Headmaster; and meet the pupils and staff. There will also be plenty of fun activities.



Henry Newsletter: The Your Healthcare Team at Hollyfield House has issued the first Henry newsletter of this academic year. Please see the newsletter below, which includes dates of their Growing Up programme of workshops for parents/carers which you may find useful.



Kingston Cycling Campaign - Join Kingston Cycling Campaign and friends on **Sunday 6 October 2024** for the final fun-packed family-friendly ride of the year! Designed with all ages and cycling abilities in mind, this easy-paced 6.5-mile ride will take us from Surbiton to North Kingston, and back via the river, making the most of quiet roads and traffic-free routes. Organised by [Kingston Cycling Campaign](#), with the support of [Full Cycle Community Bike Project](#), this is a great chance to discover new cycle-friendly routes, explore different parts of the borough and build your bike confidence, with the ride led by experienced ride marshalls for extra safety. So invite your friends, neighbours and family, and get ready to discover a few new routes on this easy ride.



The event will start from Claremont Gardens, a stone's throw from Surbiton station, **gathering by 10.45am** just inside the gardens at the junction of The Crescent and Grove Road for the ride briefing before we set off at 11am. Register for your free place on tiny.cc/FunRideOct24 (NB: links to <https://lcc.org.uk/events/kingston-family-friendly-autumn-bike-ride/>)