



Dear Families,

The KS1 playground is progressing well and you will have noticed that the climbing equipment is now being installed. This is really exciting!

In this week's Monday assembly, we continued talking about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and we looked at the story of Rosa Parkes as part of this. Children asked really good questions at the end of the short film dramatisation we watched.



Congratulations to Mrs Kerry Crombie, Teacher in Charge of our Specialist Resource Provision (Haring), who has secured the position of Head of the Specialist Resource Provision at Tolworth Girls' School. This is fantastic news for Mrs Crombie but sad news for us as she has shared with us a wealth of expertise and experience in this very important field. We have all benefited from her training and support. Mrs Crombie will be leaving King Athelstan at Easter so we will say proper farewells to her then. We are in the process of making internal arrangements to lead the SRP for the remainder of this academic year. We will update you on these in the coming weeks and months.

We hope you all have a lovely half term and are thinking of those families marking the Lunar New Year and the start of Lent. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 19th February.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Specialist Resource Provision (Haring) Update

As you are aware, for the past 5 years, the school has run a Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) for children with EHCPs whose main presenting need is Social Emotional Mental Health (SEMH). Please see below a message from AfC (local authority) regarding this provision.

From September 2024, the specialist resource provision (SRP) at King Athelstan School will pause, while the local area re-assesses its offer for primary aged children who have social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs. This is part of the wider Alternative Provision/ SEMH strategy which is being taken forward to consider our local offer across mainstream and targeted support, and in light of the London River SEMH Special School, which is due to open in September 2025. Managing successful transition for the three children currently in the provision will be a priority for the SRP team and SEN over the next few months.

Many children and their families have benefited from the provision at the school, and from the expertise and commitment of the staff team, and we are extremely grateful to the SRP team and King Athelstan for leading the provision. We are committed to retaining their skills in the borough.

Please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Newton, Miss Govan or Mrs Crombie if you have any questions about this update.

Parent/Carer Consultations

Spring term parent/carers Book Look and consultations will take place after half term as follows:

- Book Looks - an opportunity for parents/carers with online meetings to see Y1-Y6 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 4.00-6.30pm online**
- SEND Parent/Carer Consultations **Tuesday 27th February 3.30-5.30pm in person**
- SEND Parent/Carer Consultations **Thursday 29th February 3.30-5.30pm in person**



There is a choice of in person or online meetings, although all meetings for children with SEND are in person. Please see the letters sent last week (and saved on the website) with full details and how to book.

Nursery Applications for September 2024

The closing date for applications to join Nursery in September 2024 is Friday 1st March 2024. See here for further information: [Nursery admissions](#). Click here to apply: [King Athelstan Nursery Online Application Form](#)

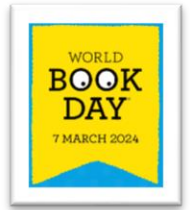
Message from Mr Barson, English Lead

This year, **World Book Day** will take place on **Thursday 7th March**. A letter detailing what we will be doing at King Athelstan to celebrate has been emailed this week and we are very much looking forward to taking part in the exciting activities, sharing our love for reading and seeing some amazing outfits/pyjamas! As part of WBD we are taking part in the **SPARK book awards** again,



which has inspired our children in previous years to create wonderful pieces of writing, art, poetry and more! This year's **Poetry Competition** has a closing date of

Friday 8th March and is a wonderful opportunity to get your children engaged with writing and reading at home. You will be able to email in your own children's submissions or they can bring them into school to be passed on. Over half term, we will also have another **reading challenge** that the children can take part in to keep them engaged with reading activities! There will be prizes when they return...



Safeguarding Message

Whilst school are always here to support our families and listen to your concerns, it is important that you also involve other relevant services where necessary.

- If you are witness to or a victim of crime and are concerned about making a Police report through the usual channels, please remember that you can report information related to criminal activity completely anonymously via the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or via their online reporting form which can be found here: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>. Your device, IP address and location are not tracked by Crimestoppers and you do not have to give your personal details.
- If you have safeguarding concerns about a child or family you can contact the local Single Point of Access (SPA) for Children's Services on 020 8547 5008 for advice or to share information or you can make a referral online here: <https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information/information-and-advice/safeguarding-and-child-protection/single-point-of-access-spa>
Safeguarding our community is a shared responsibility.

EYFS Museum

Nursery and Reception classrooms were converted into museums on Wednesday to showcase some of the children's learning that has been taking place since September 2023. Thank you to all the parents/carers (and older siblings) who came along to observe the displayed pieces of work and to look through their child's learning journey book together. The children loved to show off their hard work!



Y4 Golf Competition

Congratulations to the 10 children who took part in a Golf Competition at The Kingston Academy this week. The children participated in eight different games such as bullseye, dominoes and zone ball. The King Athelstan team achieved second place! The children were delighted with their silver medals and certificates. All of their hard work and efforts really paid off. Many thanks to Dean Jeeves from Junior Golf London who ran practice sessions and helped prepare the children for the event. Well done to: Ivy, Sam, Ella, Harrison, Bibi, Jaazib, Hazel, Max, Nancy and Elliot.



Eco Warriors Conference

This week, the eight older children in our Eco Warrior team (Y3-Y6) attended an Eco Conference, held at Tiffin Girls' School. The event involved a number of other schools around Kingston and the Warriors heard and shared environmentally friendly ideas, such as anti-waste crayons, edible cutlery and plastic-eating caterpillars! The conference included special guests, various hands-on activities, such as gardening, and presentations from other schools about their own eco initiatives. They also shared a lovely vegetarian lunch, and have all come back with great ideas to think about for King Athelstan. Well done to Lula, Yasmin, Agatha, Dorothy, Ziyad, Poppie-Rose, Daniel and Asia, and watch this space for their next projects!



Y5 and Y6 Bikeability

Y5 Bikeability cycling proficiency sessions will be taking place in the week commencing 18th March. All children will be able to participate in Bikeability in either Y5 or Y6. Families who completed a Google form 'Expression of Interest' in September will receive further information after the February half term. Y6 Bikeability is scheduled for the end of May and more information will follow nearer the time.

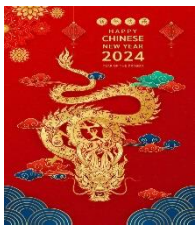


Y3 Da Vinci Class Assembly

Well done to Da Vinci Class for their brilliant class assembly this week, showcasing all their learning on Africa, and finishing with their own brilliant rendition of 'I just can't wait to be King' from The Lion King. The recording is on Google classroom for Da Vinci families to enjoy again and again. However, please remember not to share any images on social media. Thank you.



Chinese New Year



To celebrate Chinese New Year - Year of the Dragon - WilsonJones offered a special menu on Thursday.

The children enjoyed chicken nugget balls with sweet & sour dip, or Quorn nugget balls with hoisin sauce. There was a delicious apple cake for dessert.



Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Ruun

O'Keefe Y1 - Ozzie

Hockney Y2 - Zunaira

Matisse Y2 - Alannah

Cassatt - Amelie

Da Vinci Y3 - Jayan

Mehretu Y4 - Eliza

Wiley Y4 - Nancy

Warhol Y5 - Davyd

Riley Y6 - Lula

Kahlo Y6 - Evan

KS1 PE - Izabella in Hockney Y2

Y2KS2 PE - Ivy in Mehretu Y4

Equality and Diversity Awards - Hanin in Wiley and Loveen in Kahlo

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Aaron	Elena	Lorelai	Bob	Robyn	Hugh
Jamie	Shiloh	Ari	Ben		Leah

Please remind children from Y2-Y6 that there will be a TTRS whole school battle over half term. It will start on Saturday 10th February at 8am and finish on Sunday 18th February at 7pm. Children will be limited to the scores only contributed between 8am and 7pm. Thank you.

House Points

This week, **Green (Villiers)** are the winners on 36 points. **Blue (Hawks)** are second with 32. **Yellow (Cambridge)** have 31, and **Red (Dawson) 28**. Well done all - the points are really close!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

FEBRUARY 2024	
Mon 12 - Fri 16	Half Term
Monday 19	Book Looks for Parents/Carers of Y1-Y6 with online bookings only
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 - moved to Thursday 14 March
Wednesday 6	Wiley Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Thursday 7	World Book Day - dress as book character or wear pyjamas
Wednesday 13	Cassatt Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Thursday 14	Y5 Greek Day
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

Healthy Snacks



We would like to remind all families that children should be bringing in a healthy snack to eat at breaktime. Instead of crisps and chocolate, please pack fruits and vegetables, such as an apple, banana or carrot. These options are packed with nutrients and help keep the children energised and focused throughout the day. Please remember that have **no nuts** in school. Thank you.

Amazon Wish List

This week we received two new wheelbarrows for EYFS! We also received some glue sticks and white board pens. 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.



PCSA

The PCSA (Parent Carer Staff Association) brings together parents, carers and staff to support the school and to raise money. There was a great turn out for the AGM, lots of positive feedback and useful suggestions. Year 4 also recently hosted a cake sale and raised £171! Thank you to all involved.

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 Y5/6 - Sunday 28th April
- Y5 Summer Disco - Friday 21st June 6.30-8pm (ticket needed)
- Summer Fair - Saturday 6th July
- Y6 Leavers' Disco - Friday 12th July 6.30-8pm School hall (ticket needed)
- End of year picnic for all - Wednesday 24th 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:

Light Up Kingston - Kingston First and Riverside Walk have proudly announced **Light Up Kingston**, a free, immersive light experience held in Kingston town centre during February half term, running from Thursday 8th February - Sunday 18th February 2024 from 4.30pm-9.30pm daily. This pilot project features stunning light installations placed around town, including the train station and Ancient Market Place.

Kingston First has also partnered with numerous local businesses offering exclusive discounts and special offers throughout Light Up Kingston. From beautiful light displays to unmissable deals, Light Up Kingston is a wonderful chance to illuminate the cold February evenings over half-term!

