



King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 23 – Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Families,

What a wonderful week we have had at King Athelstan! It's hard to pick just one highlight, but yesterday was certainly an amazing World Book Day. Thank you for all your efforts with costumes and pyjamas. The children (and staff) all looked absolutely fantastic – see photos at the end of the Digest. Children engaged in a range of fun activities throughout the day in classrooms and learning spaces that all had book-themed doors. They were really impressive.

The chicks that have engaged us all over the past 10 days returned to their farm yesterday. The whole school was glued to 'chickcam' from the moment they hatched.

Finally, a moment that has been years in the planning – the first phase of our new KS1 playground is complete (see below) and open! Please see separate letter regarding this with opportunities for younger, non-school siblings to have a go. Please remember not to use the equipment before or after school.



The Holy month of Ramadan begins next week. **If your family is observing Ramadan and your child has chosen to fast, or would like to take time for prayer during the day, please email the school office to let us know your child's requirements.** We will be able to support children who are fasting or would like a private space to pray.



Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton, Headteacher

Chicks in Reception

There has been much excitement in Reception, and across the school, as we watched the eggs hatch and then the chicks thrive in their incubator. This week, they were big enough to be handled and pose for photographs! They have now moved on to their next adventure, living on a farm.



Meal Vouchers for the Easter Holiday

Achieving for Children (AfC) will be providing supermarket vouchers for the Easter holidays for children on benefits related Free School Meals (FSM) in YR – Y6 (not the universal free school meals). If families have had a recent change in circumstances and think that they may qualify for benefits related FSM and have not yet applied please [click here](#). Families will need to have confirmation and have notified the school by **Monday 11th March 2024** to receive the £24 worth of vouchers for the Easter Holidays.



Nursery Trips to the Library

Volunteers needed! The Nursery team are taking two groups of Nursery children to Kingston Library on **Tuesday 30th April** and need adults to accompany them. There will be two trips, leaving at 9.30am and 1.30pm and lasting 1.5 hours approx. If you have a DBS and are available on this day for either trip, please contact the school office on admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org to volunteer. You do not need to have a child in Nursery to help out. Thank you.

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Breakfast Club



We have recently increased the capacity at Breakfast club, so if you do need care in the mornings please see the website [here](#) for how to register and book.

Scooters

Please note that **no scooters may be used on the school site** for safety reasons. Please remind children to wait until they are off the school premises before scooting. This also applies to adults using scooters, and especially those using electric scooters. Thank you.

Secondary School Transition for Y6

For families of children in Y6, remember the deadline for accepting or declining the offer of Y7 place at secondary school is next **Friday 15th March**. Submitting your response online guarantees that the school knows your decision.

Mystery Readers

Thank you so much to all the parents/family members who have signed up to be Mystery Readers for EYFS and KS1. The children are so excited to find out who is coming to read them a story each week! We will put out a timetable after Easter so you can sign up to be a Mystery Reader in the summer term.

Clubs for Summer Term

The letter detailing extra-curricular clubs for the summer term will be sent to all families on Friday 15th March. The Google form for bookings will open on Sunday 17th March at 10:00am and close on Monday 18th March at 10:00am. Please see the letter when you receive it for all information on clubs available and how to book. Clubs will start in the week beginning 29th April, and finish by Friday 12th July.

Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

O'Keeffe Y1 - Dana

Van Gogh Y1 - Florence

Hockney Y2 - Thalia

Matisse Y2 - Aya & Archie

Cassatt - Aicha

Da Vinci Y3 - Jasper

Mehretu Y4 - Bibi

Wiley Y4 - Summer

Warhol Y5 - Martha

Dali - Meryem

Kahlo Y6 - Alfie

Riley - Akeera

Equality and Diversity Awards - Violet and Isla in Y6, and Nicholas in Y5.

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Faid	Tasya	Ruby	Grace	Gabi	Roanna
Jamie	Ali	Alfie	Robbie		Blanka

House Points

This week, **Green (Villiers)** are the winners on a huge 32 points. **Yellow (Cambridge)** are second with 29 points. **Red (Dawson)** have 23 and **Blue (Hawks)** 21.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

MARCH 2024	
Tuesday 12	Y3-6 Panathlon event - by invitation only
Wednesday 13	Cassatt Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Thursday 14	Y5 Greek Day
Thursday 14	KS2 Spring Showcase 6.30pm - ticket entry only
Friday 15	Comic Relief - wear red accessories for a donation on ParentPay
Monday 18	Y5 Bikeability starts
Wednesday 20	Van Gogh Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Wednesday 20	Dodgeball event - by invitation only
Thursday 21	Parent/Carer Forum 2pm. All welcome
Friday 22	Y2 Cake Sale after school
Friday 22	Y3 trip to Kew Gardens
Friday 22	PCSA Y3 and Y4 Easter Disco 4.30-6pm St John's Hall
Tuesday 26	Y4 trip to Natural History Museum
Tuesday 26	Y2 Drama Workshop (in school). Please pay on ParentPay
Tuesday 26	Year 5 trip to St John's Church
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
APRIL 2024	
Wednesday 17	Y4 Thames Young Mariners Trip
Wednesday 24	O'Keeffe Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Friday 26	Y1 Cake Sale after school
Sunday 28	Y5/6 Fashion Show - at Fusebox
Monday 29	Summer term clubs start this week
Tuesday 30	Klee AM and PM Trips to the Library - Volunteers needed
MAY 2024	
Wednesday 1	Kusama Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Monday 6	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Wednesday 8	Matisse Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Thursday 16	PCSA Quiz Night - at school
Monday 20	Y6 Bikeability this week
Wednesday 22	Nelson Class Assembly 9am - families welcome

PCSA

The PCSA (Parent Carer Staff Association) brings together parents, carers and staff to support the school and to raise money. As you can see, the KS1 playground is looking great and the children will be able to start using it soon. Upcoming events:

- KS2 Spring Showcase - Thursday 14th March 6.30pm School hall (sold out)
- Y3 and Y4 Easter Disco - St John's Hall, Friday 22nd March 4.30-6pm (ticket needed)
- Fashion Show Y5/6 - Sunday 28th April at Fusebox, Kingston
- Y5 Summer Disco - Friday 21st June 6.30-8pm St John's Hall (ticket needed)
- Summer Fair - Saturday 6th July
- Y6 Leavers' Disco - Friday 12th July 6.30-8pm School hall (ticket needed)



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- Y6 Leavers' Tea - Tuesday 23rd July at school
- 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:

Fairfield Litter Pick - The next litter pick has been scheduled for **Saturday 23 March (2-3pm)** to clean the popular Fairfield in the run up to Easter! As always at the bi-monthly events, there will be litter pickers to lend out and sweet treats for participants. Please help spread the word with your neighbours, school friends or any other local groups so we can make the park as lovely as possible. And if you're on Twitter, do retweet [this post](#) too to help spread the word.



Free Athletics Classes - A school parent has let us know that School Camps are running free athletics classes for children 5-15 years during term time. They say:

We will provide 2 x FREE coached athletics sessions per week for school children (ages 5-15yrs). In partnership with Kingston Council and Places Leisure, the sessions are delivered at various sites and are entirely FREE for all participants. Each session lasts for 45/60 minutes and covers a variety of track and field events for all abilities.

The camps are run at Kingsmeadow Weir Archer, Tolworth Recreation Centre, and the Malden Centre. See here for more information and to book: <https://schoolcamps.org/clubs>



An invitation to collaborate with CRE - The regeneration team at Cambridge Road Estate (CRE) are on a mission to foster positive change and create a vibrant, inclusive community. As part of their endeavour, they are developing a **Social Value Action Plan** that aims to uplift and empower residents through various initiatives. Whether your organisation specialises in **health and wellbeing, employment and training, support for young people, or community investment**, they want to hear from you! By collaborating with the CRE regeneration team, you'll have the opportunity to contribute directly to the betterment of the neighbourhood and its residents. To express your interest or learn more about partnership opportunities, please contact: Semana Nota, CRE Resident Engagement and Social Value Lead on semana.nota@kingston.gov.uk.

Measles - The childhood illness Measles is on the rise in London. To make sure your child is up to date with their MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccinations, check your child's red book and make an appointment with your GP practice to catch up on missed doses.

It's also important to stress that you can book an appointment and catch up on the MMR vaccine at any age.

For more information, please visit the [NHS website here](#).

