



King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 27 - Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Families,

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break and that those marking Easter and Eid enjoyed their celebrations.

We have had a busy week back with Year 4 enjoying a day out at Thames Young Mariners, and Year 6 visiting Kew Gardens to examine all things rainforest (see below).

The weather continues to be really changeable so please continue to send your children in with appropriate clothes and warm coats.

Finally, a reminder to please wait outside the school gates in the morning and afternoon until it is your drop-off or pick-up time. It becomes very congested if people come in early and makes it hard for families to drop or collect their children quickly and safely. Please step back away from the drop off areas promptly so that others can drop their children off. Thank you.

Emily Newton, Headteacher

YR-Y6 TCS Mini Marathon

Good luck to all those taking part in the Mini Marathon events tomorrow, **Saturday 20th April**. We look forward to hearing all about how you get on. Good luck, too, to Barbara Favretti from Nursery who is running the actual marathon on Sunday 21st April, and to Jack Morris, Dali Class teacher who is also running and helping to raise money for our Big Outdoors Project. If you're able to sponsor him, please [click here](#). We are so proud of you all.



Y6 Kew Gardens Trip



This week, Year 6 visited Kew Gardens as part of their 'Into the Forest' topic this term. They



experienced the rainforest climate and environment for themselves, exploring the complex habitat and variety of rainforest plants located in one of Kew's famous glasshouses. They explored the relationships between the rainforest plants, animals and people, and were lucky enough to have a sunny day, too. Mr Barson was approached on the train by a member of the public who was impressed by how well-behaved the children were - well done Y6!

Y4 Thames Young Mariners Trip

On Wednesday, Year 4 experienced a wonderful day at Thames Young Mariners in Ham. By combining many National Curriculum-linked modules with thrilling outdoor adventure activities, this annual trip always provides Y4 children with a wealth of new experiences outside of the classroom. The children take part in challenges, including raft-building (and then testing if their rafts float!), woodland activities, such as den building and fire-lighting, and other tasks to give them experience of risk-taking, teamwork, physical and mental challenges. We have so many photos, we will put together a gallery for next week.

Amazon Wish List

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



Clubs for Summer Term

Remember, summer term clubs will start in the week beginning 29th April, and finish by Friday 12th July.

EYFS and KS1 Mystery Readers

There are sign up sheets on Google Classroom for parents/carers and family members to be 'Mystery Readers' again this term in Nursery, Reception and KS1. The children absolutely loved seeing who turned up in their classrooms to read them wonderful stories last term! If you are thinking of signing up, it only takes about 15 minutes at the end of the day and you will have a captive audience. You can bring a book from home, maybe your child's favourite, or we can give you a book in school. Books in home languages are very welcome. Thank you.



Nursery Trips to the Library

We still need a few more volunteers for the morning Nursery trip. The Nursery team are taking the children to Kingston Library on **Tuesday 30th April** and need adults to accompany them. The morning trip leaves at 9.30am and will return at 11am. If you have a DBS and are available on this morning, 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.

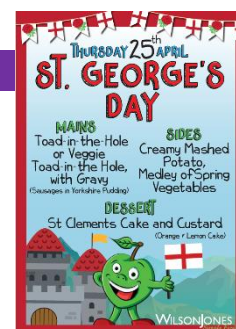


Jewellery in School

Please remember that jewellery including, but not limited to, necklaces, bracelets, and dangling or hooped earrings, poses a potential hazard in our school and Nursery environment. While these items may be beautiful and meaningful, they can easily get caught on objects or clothing, leading to accidents and injuries. Our school uniform policy states that jewellery is not generally permitted, however stud earrings may be worn if your child is able to remove them or cover them independently for PE.

St George's Day Menu

As you may know, St George (patron saint of England) is celebrated on St George's Day on 23rd April. To mark this, WilsonJones have prepared a special menu for **Thursday 25th April**, with some traditional English dishes. Please book on ParentPay in the usual way. Thank you.



Pupil News

Violet in Kahlo Class has received a lovely letter from 10 Downing Street! The Prime Minister's Office wrote to congratulate her on her work for the charity supporting Ukrainian children by hosting 'Share a Story Day' last year. Well done, Violet!



Dear Violet

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your excellent and well-written letter.

It was very good of you to get in touch about support for Ukraine, and for taking the time and trouble to share your thoughts about this important matter. I was very pleased to learn about the fantastic fundraising work you have worked on for supporting Ukrainian children. I am sure the donations raising will help many children in Ukraine. The UK will also provide Ukraine with the necessary aid, including support to defend itself.

I would like to wish you all the best in your studies and thank you, once again, for writing.

Josh and Daniel in Y6 have been busy planting potatoes. They are hopeful they will have the chance to harvest, cook and taste them later in the term!



KOOSA Kids Holiday Club

KOOSA Kids holiday clubs are very popular and book up quickly. The booking system is open now for the holiday clubs over the summer. See the website here for all activities and to book:

<https://www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club>



DATES FOR THE DIARY

APRIL 2024	
Wednesday 24	O'Keefe Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Friday 26	Y1 Cake Sale after school
Sunday 28	Y5/6 Fashion Show - at Fusebox Tickets available here
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 Tickets here
Monday 20	Y6 Bikeability this week
Wednesday 22	Nelson Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Mon 27 May	Half term week
JUNE 2024	
Tuesday 4	Y6 to visit Hogsmill Garden
Wednesday 5	Kahlo Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Thursday 6	International Day
Fri 7 - Mon 10	Y6 PGL Residential trip
Tuesday 11	Y6 PGL children not in school
Thursday 13	Class Photographs
Monday 17	Choir concert at the Rose Theatre
Tuesday 18	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations - in person
Thursday 20	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations - in person
Friday 21	Reception Cake Sale
Friday 21	PCSA Y5 Disco
Monday 24	Y6 Junior Roadwatch
Tuesday 25	Y3 Country Dancing Festival
Wednesday 26	EYFS Sports Day at school
Thursday 27	KS1-KS2 Sports Day at Athelstan Park
Friday 28	Y3 trip to the Science Museum
JULY 2024	
Monday 1	Y6 Transition Day (Richmond Schools)
Wednesday 3	Y6 Transition Day (Kingston Schools)
Friday 5	INSET Day - children not in school
Saturday 6	PCSA Summer Fair 12-3pm
Monday 8	Last week of clubs
Wednesday 10	Dali Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Wednesday 10	Thinker's Project Exhibition 3.20-3.50pm
Wednesday 10	Thinker's Project Exhibition 5.30-6pm
Thursday 11	Y1 Trip to Littlehampton
Friday 12	PCSA Y6 Disco at school 6-8pm
Wednesday 17	Y6 Production 2pm
Thursday 18	Y6 Production 7pm
Tuesday 23	Prizegiving Assembly
Tuesday 23	Y6 Leavers' Assembly & Tea 2pm. Families invited
Wednesday 24	PCSA Whole school picnic in Athelstan Park from 2.10pm
Wednesday 24	School breaks up for the summer one hour earlier than usual



Achievement Award

O'Keeffe Y1 - Ava	Van Gogh Y1 - Zoe
Hockney Y2 - Annie	Matisse Y2 - Sharav
Cassatt Y3 - Alae-Nor	Da Vinci Y3 - Lorelai
Mehretu Y4 - Sammy	Wiley Y4 - Whole Class
Warhol Y5 - Tilly-Rae	Dali Y5 - Jay
Kahlo Y6 - Joshua	Riley Y6 - Tia-Louise
PE KS2 - Summer in Wiley Y4	

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Ozzie	Tasya	Ruby	Grace	Antonia	Bella
George	Sharav	Jake	Alex	Electra	Georgie

PCSA

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

- Friday 26th April - Year 1 cake sale
- Sunday 28th April - School Fashion Show*
- Thursday 16th May - Quiz night*
- Friday 14th June - Indie Disco, adults only*
- Friday 21st June - Summer disco, Year 5*
- Friday 21st June - Reception cake sale
- Saturday 6th July - Summer Fair 12-3pm
- Friday 12th July - Year 6 leavers disco*
- Sunday 21st July - Dragon Boat race team ([sign up here](#))
- Friday 4th, 12th & 19th July - Year 6 Ice lolly sales
- Wednesday 24th July - Schools out picnic, Athelstan Park

*[Tickets for all events can be found here](#)



This weekend is the London Marathon and a lot of children will be taking part in the Mini Marathon on Saturday with Mr McLaughlin. Please don't forget that Mr Morris, Y5 teacher, is running the marathon on Sunday for the Big Outdoors Project and refurbishment of the KS1 playground - [please do contribute here if you can](#). Planning for the Summer Fair is going really well and we expect another fun event, with live music and lots of games. We do really need volunteers to help so if you are able to spare an hour of your time then please speak to your class rep now! Or email me with your year group and I will add you to a stand kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com

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:

Kingston Bike Ride - To help encourage more people of all ages to use bikes for local journeys, on 28 April [Kingston Cycling Campaign](#) and [Full Cycle Community Bike Project](#)'s next family-friendly group ride will set off from Surbiton's Victoria Recreation Ground, with an easy route. Everyone is welcome. Register for your free place on <https://tiny.cc/FunRideApril24>. Don't have a bike? No problem! Full Cycle (who support KCC's family rides and work closely with charities across Kingston) has a great range of professionally-refurbished [second-hand bikes](#) at their New Malden workshop, with all profits going towards supporting local good causes to give people from all backgrounds access to affordable cycling. The ultimate win-win! And if you have a spare bike gathering dust, they're always in need of [donations](#) to help give old bikes new life. The summer ride will take place on Sunday 7 July from Canbury Gardens in North Kingston and registrations are already open on <https://lcc.org.uk/events/kingston-family-friendly-summer-bike-ride/>.



TEN Project - Please find in the link below details of FREE Community Family Sessions that run on Saturdays at Kingston Road Recreation Ground, Kingston, KT3 3RY, from 1.30pm - 2.30pm every weekend. The sessions are fully inclusive and open to every family in Kingston to LEARN. PLAY. TOGETHER.

- FREE fun, game-based tennis sessions
- Parents/guardians to take part and help out
- Aimed at children aged 4 - 10 (not exclusively, all ages are welcome)
- All equipment provided
- Inclusive community family tennis sessions
- All abilities welcome

Book for FREE here: [Ten Project | View Classes & Book](#)

