



Dear Families,

Happy last day of half-term. We hope you all have nice plans for the Bank Holiday weekend and the rest of the week, and that the weather remains good!

In assembly this week we continued our theme of every individual person making a difference to our community. We heard a story about a man who planted 100 acorns a day on bare, deserted land which over time grew a forest and a thriving, happy community. One act can make a difference! A number of children have tried this by preparing various posters to improve aspects of school life, such as encouraging people to put litter in the bin.

It's been great to see so much activity outside this week: Outdoor Learning Day, Bikeability for Y4 and Y6, and Walk to School Week. There are lots more exciting activities and trip planned for next half-term, too.

Have a lovely weekend and half-term week, and see you back in school on Monday 3rd June.

Emily Newton, Headteacher

Bikeability

Nine children took part in Y6 Bikeability this week. On the courses they learnt a number of skills including: bike control, starting/stopping with confidence and understanding the road. All children **passed L1 and L2**. The instructors were impressed with the children's effort and progress. Congratulations also to all of the Y4 children who took part in a 'Learn to Ride' course. This course aims to support children cycling without stabilisers and support. At the beginning of the week some children could not ride a bike, however, they



have all now mastered this, which really is an amazing achievement. A special mention to Freya and Abdulrahman in Wiley Class who made outstanding progress!



Outdoor Learning Day

We held an Outdoor Learning Day on **Thursday 23rd May 2024**. All the children had the opportunity to spend time learning outside in very imaginative ways!



Year 5 played a spelling game, and Y6 did their reading on the hill. Year 4 wrote nature poems and acted out their instructions for how to survive in a jungle! Y3 did a Science lesson (light and shadow): they looked for reflective surfaces in the playground and tried to identify what characteristics made them reflective.

They also used chalk to draw predictions of where the shadows would fall if the sun were in different locations. Y2 did a code breaking maths game, leaf rubbing, potion making, painting and sharing a story with somebody from the opposite Y2 class. Y1 went

to visit Kingston Library and Museum in the morning, and then spent time outside in the afternoon. Reception did a counting game outside and then read stories, and Nursery classes spent lots of time outdoors. Everyone really enjoyed their day!



Walk to School Week

Thank you to all our families for your amazing support of our Walk to School Week 20th-24th May. The children were very inspired by the challenge and each class has been busy tallying their journeys to school. We will be announcing which classes walked the most after the half term holiday.



International Day

A reminder that we will be celebrating International Day on **Thursday 6th June**. It is a non-uniform day and so children may wear traditional clothes from another country or the colours of the flag of their class' chosen country. We are also planning the International Food Market after school again and we are looking for volunteers to provide food. If you are able to do this, or provide some music, please complete the Google form here so that we know: <https://forms.gle/35JKp8ZGzSpDPx9w9>. We hope everyone will get involved in this celebration of languages, cultures and food that make King Athelstan great!



Y1 Trip

Y1 went on an exciting outing this week and visited both Kingston Library and Kingston Museum next door. They were really well behaved and enjoyed all their activities, and choosing books to bring back to school to read. Thank you to all the volunteers who accompanied them - we really appreciate your time.

Mini London Marathon

We can confirm we had **93** runners participate and complete the TCS Mini London Marathon on Saturday 20th April! It was a wonderful experience for the children/families and a day that they will always remember. In addition, this means that the 93 children who finished the race raised an amazing £930 for the school, which will be used to support our Outdoor Learning Environment. Thank you to the Mini Marathon sponsor, TCS, and to all our runners - well done!



Nelson Class Assembly

What a fantastic performance from Nelson Class this week, in their first ever assembly! They showed their



families all their learning about people who help us in our community. Everyone remembered their lines, and they sang two great songs. Well done all!



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.



Pupil News

Last weekend, Ava in Y6 took part in a UK Youth Development League race. She represented Kingston in the 'Kingston Athletics Club & Polytechnic Harriers' for the Under 13s for the first time. She ran the 800m race at the event against other regional clubs. She scored her personal best time under 3 minutes and led the pack having sprinted to first place at the start. Towards the end of the 2nd lap, she dropped down to 4th, but with a burst of energy she raced up to finish just behind first place. She'll be representing Kingston again next month for a variety of track races. Well done, Ava!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

MAY 2024	
Mon 27 May	Half term week. School closed.
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
Wednesday 12	Y6 Kids Out - Chessington World of Adventures
Thursday 13	Class Photographs
Friday 14	PCSA Indie Disco, adults only Tickets here
Monday 17	Choir concert at the Rose Theatre
Tuesday 18	Author to visit Y4, Y5 and Y6
Tuesday 18	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations - in person between 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 20	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations - in person between 4.00-5.30pm
Friday 21	Bring empty clean jars, tin cans and toilet roll centres for Fair
Friday 21	Reception Cake Sale
Friday 21	PCSA Y5 Disco 7-8.30pm Tickets here
Monday 24	Y5 Workshop at The Hollyfield School
Monday 24	Y6 Junior Roadwatch
Tuesday 25	Y3 Country Dancing Festival
Wednesday 26	EYFS Sports Day at school
Thursday 27	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day at Athelstan Park
Friday 28	Y3 trip to the Science Museum - go to ParentPay
Friday 28	Bring toys & games for Fair. Children can wear inside out uniform
JULY 2024	
Monday 1	Y6 Transition Day (Richmond Schools)
1-5 July	1 million step challenge for Diabetes UK
Wednesday 3	Y6 Transition Day (Kingston Schools)
Thursday 4	Chocolates, sweets, bottles and cakes donation for the Fair. Children can wear crazy socks.
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
Wednesday 10	EYFS Beach Day
Thursday 11	Y1 Trip to Littlehampton - go to ParentPay
Friday 12	Y2 trip to Hampton Court
Friday 12	PCSA Y6 Disco at school 7-8.30pm Tickets here
Wednesday 17	Y6 Production 2pm
Thursday 18	Y6 Production 7pm
Sunday 21	PCSA Dragon Boat Racing Tickets here
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 holidays one hour earlier than usual No KOOSA Kids on this day



Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

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| O'Keefe Y1 - TY | Van Gogh Y1 - Negar |
| Hockney Y2 - Talia | Matisse Y2 - Gary & Aythan |
| Cassatt Y3 - Victoria | Da Vinci Y3 - Whole Class |
| Mehretu Y4 - Abdulrahman | Wiley Y4 - Robbie |
| Warhol Y5 - Poppy | Dali Y5 - Raiya |
| Kahlo Y6 - Rory | Riley Y6 - Ollie |

PE KS1 - Salma in O'Keefe Y1 PE KS2 - Freya in Wiley Y4

Oscar from Warhol Class accompanied KS2 assembly beautifully on the piano,
and Rachel from Hockney Class played for KS1 assembly.

Diversity and Equality Champion certificates were awarded to Karlis and Elaie from Dali Class

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Paula	Rihannah	Ruby	Grace	Himden	Bella
George	Rachel	Pedro	Avantika	Robyn	Aletheia

House Points

This week, **Green (Villiers)** are once again the winners, **Yellow (Cambridge)** are second, **Red (Dawson)** are third and **Blue (Hawks)** fourth.



PCSA

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

- Friday 21st June - Year 5 Summer disco*
- 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 - School's out picnic, Athelstan Park

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



The Summer Fair will soon be here! There will be lots of stalls, including face painting, an ice cream van, food trucks and a ride! **PLEASE VOLUNTEER** with your year group rep if you haven't already done so.

Please start saving some of the following for our donation days:

21st June - empty jam jars (don't need lids) and tin cans, loo roll centres and scraps of coloured paper

28th June - Toys/games in good condition for tombola *children can wear their school uniform inside out on this day*

4th July - Sweets, bottles, chocolates (no nuts) and cakes that will keep (any that won't keep can be brought on the day) *children can wear crazy socks on this day*

You can also still [Sign up here](#) for the Estate Agent boards There is space for another **49 boards** which is £490 of free money for the school! Please do share the link with neighbours and friends within the school catchment area to try and utilise this amazing resource as much as possible! Thank you.

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 Adult Education - provides a comprehensive range of courses that could be of interest. The [June and July programme](#) is full of courses to develop skills, improve wellbeing and increase earning potential - most of which are free of charge or subsidised to adults on low incomes. There is also an open day at the Rose Theatre on **Thursday 20th June** from 10-4pm where you can find out about the 2024/25 adult learning programme.

adult.education@kingston.gov.uk or 020 8547 6700.



BRITE Box Big Cook 2024- To celebrate the 4th anniversary of BRITE Box, and to mark the start of Healthy Eating Week 2024 (10th to 14th June), BRITE Box is launching the BRITE Box Big Cook 2024! Our aim is simple - to get as many people as possible cooking and eating the same healthy recipe at the same time and we'd love you to get involved! From **Friday 7th to Sunday 9th June**, we are encouraging as many people as possible to join our existing 700 BRITE Box families in preparing and cooking our BRITE Box recipe. Our aim is to get over 2000 households cooking! To get involved, all you need to do is download the recipe from our website, secure the ingredients, prepare and cook the meal in their own home and tell us that you have done it. See the flyer on the right (with a link to download the recipe).



Half-term Swimming Course - here are details of a swimming course being held at Grand Avenue Primary School. The cost is £44 per child for the week.

Richmond and Hillcroft Community College (RHACC) - offers an extensive range of **free** Skills for Life courses to our local residents. These courses include ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), mathematics, English, digital skills, and employability. The ESOL classes are currently running in several schools and community centres across Richmond and Kingston. These sessions empower individuals by enhancing their English language proficiency, fostering communication, and promoting integration within the community. The College also supports individuals who want to return into employment after a career break, or a career change, or after coming to live in the UK, with 1:1 meetings, CV and interview techniques workshops, or longer courses to explore their possibilities. There are many other opportunities, too. See the website: www.rhacc.ac.uk Tel: 020 8891 5907 Email: info@rhacc.ac.uk