



Dear Families,

It was fantastic to welcome back our Year 6 PGL trip late on Monday afternoon. They were totally exhausted but had had a fabulous time. This residential trip runs annually in Year 6, so may be something your children in younger years might be interested in in the future.

Today we held our first 'stay & play' for our new starters in Nursery and Reception for September 2024. It was lovely for the staff to meet lots of new children and their families. The children will attend another couple of stay and play sessions later in the term.

There are still some places in Nursery morning and afternoon sessions. If you are interested, please contact the school office on admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org

Next week we are delivering the NSPCC 'Speak out Stay Safe' assemblies for KS1 and KS2 children. Please see the separate letter sent about this.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and wish all dads, granddads, uncles, foster dads, and all male role model superheroes a fantastic Father's Day on Sunday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton, Headteacher

Y6 PGL Residential



Last weekend 53 children from Y6 went on the annual residential trip to a PGL activities centre near Swindon. On the way, they visited the amazing Cotswold Wildlife Park. Once at PGL in Liddington, they took part in abseiling, archery, lots of sports and a camp fire. On their return, the children said: 'My favourite thing was the giant swing' 'Yes, I screamed so much, I lost my voice!' 'It was really nice to have the gift shop - I bought a key chain and notepad as a souvenir of PGL'. 'I liked doing archery'. A huge thank you to Mr McLaughlin, Miss Meggitt, Mr Barson, Ms Favretti and Mrs Al Majali for making the children's weekend so special.



Class Photographs

On Thursday, each class had their photograph taken with their teaching staff. Our Year 6 leavers also had additional leaver photos taken. The proofs will be sent out as soon as we have them so that you can purchase a photo if you wish before the end of term. Individual and sibling photos will take place in the Autumn term.

King Athelstan Job Vacancies

We currently have three job vacancies in school, which are all advertised on eteach. Please see the links here for further details and to apply.

- Clerk to the Governing Body: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/kingathelstan-kingston/job/clerk-to-the-governing-body-1428776/?lang=en-GB>
- Teaching Assistant: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/kingathelstan-kingston/job/teaching-assistant-1423032>
- Apprentice Teaching Assistant: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/kingathelstan-kingston/job/apprentice-teaching-assistant-1428779>

Lost Property

The lost property box is overflowing, mostly with unnamed purple sweatshirts and cardigans! **PLEASE** put your child's name on **everything** they bring into school so that we can reunite items with their owners. Please also re-write names after washing items as they fade! The lost property box is located in the KS1 playground, near the gates - have a look and see if you can find any of your lost items. Thank you.



Y6 'Kids Out' trip

Year 6 children were really excited to attend the Rotary Club's annual Kids Out day at Chessington World of Adventures. The children said they loved the Vampire ride and also the Monkey Swinger in the Wild Asia area. Thank you to the Kingston Rotary Club for once again hosting this fantastic day out for local children.



Bag2School

On **Monday 15th July** the PCSA has arranged another Bag2School collection. Bag2School is a free eco-friendly fundraising scheme that helps schools and charities raise funds through textile recycling as well as spreading textile recycling awareness. If you have items ready to take to a charity shop drop or are planning a clear out then please put things in a black bag and bring to school at **drop off in the morning**. There will be an area sectioned off in the car park for donations. Bag2School will collect soon after, so pick up time at the end of the day is too late. Please note they won't take items if they're wet. All donations must be in sealed bags, so bin bags tied at the top are ideal. Bag2School will pay the school PCSA £0.40 per kilogram of donations.



For a list of what they DO and DON'T collect please see here: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>



The clothes collected from school are baled into big 'botany bales' and then loaded onto trucks for export. Once they arrive at their factory, they are sorted into 150 different types of clothing depending upon the end market. The clothing will make journeys all over the world starting their new life! This can be a purpose-built second-hand store in Eastern Europe or South America, or a market stall in East or West Africa, providing valuable employment for importers, warehouse staff, transport companies and stall holders as well as affordable clothes for local people.

Share a Story Day

Due to the phenomenal success of the first Share a Story Day in April last year, Violet, Kate and friends have decided to host another one! They would like to invite all children to bring to school as many books as they wish to donate to the book swap/sale (with parent/carer permission) on **Monday 1st July**. All books should be in good condition. All children in school will get the opportunity to choose a book to take home for free. Any books which are left over at the end of the day will be available for families to take for a donation - cash only please. All donations will go to the Voices of Children charity: who say: *Our charitable foundation provides psychological, psychosocial, and targeted humanitarian support to Ukrainian families and children affected by the war.* Find out more here: <https://voices.org.ua/en/> Share a Story Day will celebrate the love of reading and books within our community.



KOOSA Kids

All bookings for KOOSA holiday clubs and after-school clubs can be made on the [KOOSA website](#).



Big Outdoors Project Update

An enthusiastic team of volunteers gave their time last Sunday to help with the next part of the development of the wildlife garden, at the back of the KS2 playground. They managed to achieve a huge amount in just a few hours including: constructing a composting area; clearing thistles from the wildflower meadow; building a bug hotel (photo left); weeding the hedge at the front of school and installing guttering and a water butt for rain water collection (photo right). The wildlife garden also has a new path, installed in the half term break. Children are now able to use the area for learning activities with their class or in small groups. We are really excited to be able to use this lovely area and we are



sure that the children are going to enjoy the outdoor classroom and wildlife features. Year 4 (photos below) have loved conducting an invertebrate hunt in the area this week! The final step will be



the construction of a raised pond later this term. Thank you so much to all the volunteers who continue to give up their time to support this project. You can still donate to our [Big Outdoors Project here](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08K9K9K9K).



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.



Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

O'Keefe Y1 - Matilda

Van Gogh Y1 - Kayden

Hockney Y2 - Harley

Matisse Y2 - Poppy

Cassatt Y3 - Aicha

Da Vinci Y3 - Rory

Mehretu Y4 - Ella

Wiley Y4 - Danylo

Warhol Y5 - Sofia

Dali Y5 - child absent

Kahlo Y6 - Nataniel

Riley Y6 - Reyansh

7th June: PE KS1 - Negar in Van Gogh Y1 PE KS2 - Jake in Cassatt Y3

14th June: PE KS1 - Kayden in O'Keefe Y1 PE KS2 - Akeera in Riley Y6

Kerem from Riley Class Y6 accompanied KS2 assembly beautifully on the piano.

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Aaran	Emma	Jasper	Azra	Karlis	Tia-Louise
Loni	Archie	Matthew	Alex	Teddy	Brwas

DATES FOR THE DIARY

JUNE 2024	
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 - go to ParentPay
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)
Monday 1	Share a Story Day
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- go to ParentPay
Monday 15	Bag2School Drop off
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. Y6 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

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.

The International Food Market after school last week on International Day was amazing with delicious dishes. It also raised a whopping £507.80! Thank you to everyone involved.

Whilst completing the KS1 Playground is a huge focus for our fundraising, the PCSA also use any funds raised to support areas of the school. Here are a few things they have recently funded:

- **£300 to support the Garden Club** who used this in the Wildlife Garden and now have a water butt, compost area and bug hotel.
- **£100 to Mr Morris to sponsor an animal for a year as part of British Science week.** We look forward to knowing which animal is chosen.
- **£496.78 to purchase motorised vehicle kits for Y6** as part of their DT and electricity topic in science.

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 in on the Saturday) *children can wear crazy socks on this day*