



Dear Families,

In today's Digest you will read about Monday's wonderful Choir concert at the Rose Theatre, along with an amazing visit from an author.



On Tuesday this week we held the NSPCC's Speak Out, Stay Safe Assemblies, which are pre-recorded assemblies introduced by Ant and Dec. There are a few children who missed this because they were on a sports trip and we aim to catch them up next week.

Next week we will be completing our annual surveys (on Google forms) with pupils, parents/carers and staff. Surveys help us to shape school priorities for the following year, so it is vital that we hear your feedback. We will support the children to do theirs in school, and families will receive the parent/carer survey via email next Friday. Please complete one for each of your children. Thank you in advance.

The area in front of the school is getting extremely overcrowded again with families coming into the school grounds before their allotted drop off time in the morning. **Please** wait outside the school gates until your child's allotted time. School staff will call you in at the right time. Please also stand back from the EYFS/Y1 gate once you have dropped off so that other families have free access. Be aware that the whole area is very busy so please keep your children with you and try to keep the main thoroughfare clear so that no one is held up. Additionally, please stand against the fence and away from the open gates at the end of the day so that families collecting first can get in and out easily. Thank you.

We look forward to seeing you at the Sports Days next week: Wednesday 26th for EYFS (Nursery and Reception), and Thursday 27th for Years 1-6. For timings, see the letter emailed to all this week. Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton,

Headteacher

Choir Concert



Our KS2 Choir, led by Mr Thomas, performed on stage at the Rose Theatre on Monday as part of the Kingston Music Primary Singing Festival. They sang a fantastic rendition of 'Johnny B Goode' by Chuck Berry. They will be singing again at 11.35am at Sports Day in Athelstan Park next week, and again at the Summer Fair on 6th July. Well done, Choir!



Author Visit



Years 4, 5, and 6 had an interesting visitor on Tuesday. It was children's author Ash Bond, who talked about her new book *Peregrine Quinn and the Cosmic Realm*, as well as about being an author. The book is about Peregrine's nail-biting adventure, racing through the streets and the riverways of London and into the Under-Underground to save the realm. Ash then spent time signing books with personalised messages for those who had purchased them.



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.



R-Y1 Mini Athletics Festival



Well done to the children from Reception and Year 1 who participated in the mini athletics festival at Corpus Christi Primary School on Thursday. All of the children had a great morning, and tried really hard. It was fantastic to see them develop their fundamental movement and athletic skills. They all received a well-earned medal for their efforts! Well done, team.

Pick Ups

If there is a change in arrangements for collecting your child, please email the school office on admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org as early as you can and before 2.30pm on the day so that we can pass the message on to teachers. If it is a last-minute change, please call the office on 020 8546 8210 to ensure staff get the message and minimise delays. Thank you.

Language Leaders

On Wednesday, we were visited by 19 'Language Leaders' from Kingston Grammar School. These were Year 9 language students who prepared short lessons for children in Year 4, 5 and 6 in languages that they are studying. There were lessons in German, Spanish, French, Dutch, Italian and Mandarin! The children enjoyed the activities and learned a few words and phrases in each language! The students' teachers commented on how well behaved and enthusiastic our children were.

Y3-Y5 Summer Relays

Well done to the 24 children who took part in the Kingston-wide Summer Relays on Tuesday. The children completed 1 lap (in teams of 4) of the Hawker Centre route. All of the children represented the school really well and persevered to achieve their absolute best. A total of 14 schools attended the event.

Places

Y3 Girls = 10th place

Y3 Boys = 5th place

Y4 Girls = 11th place

Y4 Boys = 6th place

Y5 Girls = 6th place

Y5 Boys = 11th place



Free School Meal Vouchers

Achieving for Children (AFC) are providing Free School Meals supermarket vouchers worth £81 for the summer holidays. Any child qualifying for benefits-related Free School Meals (not universal free school meals) will receive these in the week beginning 15 July 2024. If your circumstances have changed recently and you think you may now qualify for the benefits-related free school meals please apply here before **15th July 2024**: <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/schools-education/free-school-meals-1>.



Achievement Award

O'Keefe Y1 - Clorinda	Van Gogh Y1 - Lukasz
Hockney Y2 - Souhila	Matisse Y2 - Izzy
Cassatt Y3 - Jake	Da Vinci Y3 - Rosa
Mehretu Y4 - Harrison	Wiley Y4 - Denys and the whole class!
Warhol Y5 - Kayla	Dali Y5 - Ege
Kahlo Y6 - Daniel & Josh	Riley Y6 - Blanka

PE KS1 - Ozzy in O'Keefe Y1 PE KS2 - Daniel in Cassatt Y3

Thank you to Elsie in Van Gogh Y1, and Annie in Hockney Y2 for playing the piano at KS1 Assembly.

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Giulia	Rachel	AJ	Grace	Electra
Jamie	Joshua	Lorelai		Max

House Points

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

- 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:

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*

DATES FOR THE DIARY

JUNE 2024	
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 - see letters
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 in school
Thursday 11	Y1 Trip to Littlehampton - go to ParentPay
Friday 12	Y2 trip to Hampton Court- go to ParentPay
Monday 15	Bag2School Drop off 8.30-9am
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

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>

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:



FUSE Festival - FUSE International, the UK's largest multi-arts festival for performers under 30, returns from 28 Jun - 7 July. Experience shows from around the globe in venues across Kingston. FUSE is a 10-day festival that offers an eclectic programme of music, theatre, dance, comedy, visual arts, spoken word, circus and more for all ages. There is something for everyone, and it's all created by young and emerging artists from around the world. Founded in 2009 as the International Youth Arts Festival, FUSE has a long history of celebrating work by artists under 30, giving them a platform to showcase new work in a safe environment. See the full programme online at:

<https://bit.ly/WhatsOnFUSE>

Turk Launches - Turk Launches would like to extend a 10% booking discount on daily public river cruises for school students, staff and families. Perfect for family days out in the school holidays and weekends. Use: **SCHOOLS10** on their website here:

<https://www.turks.co.uk>



2nd Norbiton needs your help...

You look like a role model.
Volunteers at scouts.org.uk/join

2nd Norbiton Scout Group helps local children have new experiences, learn useful skills and have fun.

Can you help by becoming a uniformed leader?

2nd Norbiton Cubs needs one or more people who can:

- Help run meetings on Tuesday evenings (6:30-8:30pm during school terms)
- Attend occasional committee meetings
- Help with Pack Holiday one weekend a year
- Occasionally lead on planning and running a meeting

You'll get:

- Free training
- Free uniform
- Support from experienced Leaders
- Great experience that can support your career
- An opportunity to learn and teach new skills
- The chance to help young people and your community
- A lot of wholesome fun!

There are lots of other opportunities to volunteer with 2nd Norbiton and make sure that local kids can enjoy Scouting, from Beavers through to Explorers. Even if you can't give lots of time or aren't sure what you could do, please do get in touch.

Email: akela@2ndnorbiton.org.uk

2nd Norbiton Cub Scout Pack - the leader of a local Cub Scout pack is looking for a new assistant Cub leader. Many of the pupils of King Athelstan are or have been Cubs here, and know what a wonderful experience it is for children. See the flyer here if you are interested in getting involved and email akela@2ndnorbiton.org.uk

Teddington School - Would like to invite families to their Year 5 Taster Evening on Wednesday, July 3rd. To ensure they can accommodate everyone and make the evening as enjoyable as possible, please sign up using the link in the leaflet:

Teddington School
YEAR 5 OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 3rd July, 6-7pm
For parents of children starting Year 7 in September 2025

- Meet the Headteacher and staff
- Tour our school facilities
- Support your child's transition to Year 7

Click here to book your place at this event!