



Dear Families,

Wow, what a fantastic week we have had at King Athelstan! With two Sports Days, a trip to the Science Museum, a Country Dancing Festival, a visit to Hollyfield School for some workshops, Junior Roadwatch with the Police, 'Dragon's Den' at Tiffin Girls' School and making potato salad from potatoes grown in our very own allotment, it feels like it's time for the weekend!

It's one week to go until the Summer Fair. It's going to be a really exciting event, so please come along and bring friends and family from 12-3pm.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton,

Headteacher

Sports Days

Both of our Sports Days had great weather this year (for a change!) and what fantastic days they were! It was amazing to see the children do their best and cheer each other on. Below is a very small sample of the many photos we took on the day (KS1 House Teams). We will publish more next week, and will upload lots onto your child's Google Classroom in the coming days. Thank you to all the families who came to cheer on the children. Well done to Blue House who win the Sports Shield this year, proudly accepted by Blue House Captains Burhan and Frankie.



Junior Roadwatch

As part of this initiative, primary school children are given the opportunity to take part in speed awareness sessions with police officers to help educate drivers about the dangers of speeding near their school. Drivers caught speeding are pulled over by police officers and are either given a fixed penalty fine and points on their licence or have to attend a speed awareness course. If the police think it appropriate, they will ask the drivers to speak to the children. The children ask



questions such as "Why do you think the speed limit is 20mph on this road?" and "Are you aware of the consequences of speeding?" which encourage the drivers to reconsider

their speed. The children really enjoyed using the speed gun and trying on the uniforms - they were allowed to sit in the Police van, too.



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.



Y3 Country Dancing

Well done to Y3 for an amazing morning at the County Dancing Festival held at Kingsmeadow on Tuesday. They had learned their dances really well and performed beautifully. The staff accompanying them were very proud, and they all looked lovely in their purple-themed accessories. We will post some photos next week.

Y5 'Dragon's Den'

Five of our Y5 students had an amazing day taking part in an exciting initiative run by Tiffin Girls' School called "Dragon's Den" on Wednesday. Its aim is to raise ambitions and aspirations. The day included workshops to enable them to produce one product (a lip balm) along with an advertising campaign and business plan, and involved working with Tiffin Y9 ambassadors. The children were able to use the specialist work spaces, including laboratories and workshops, and had the opportunity to use technology, such as the special lighting in the drama



studio and recording equipment. At the end of the day they pitched their presentation and product to the 'Dragon's Den' judges as well as their own

families. We are very proud to announce that the team from King Athelstan came third! Well done to Adam, Nicola, Yaathya, Abdul and Julie and thank you to Miss Marie for accompanying them.

Hay Fever

In this hot weather we have many children coming to first aiders or the medical room suffering from hay fever, experiencing symptoms such as sneezing/coughing, runny/blocked nose, itchy red or watery eyes, itchy throat, mouth, nose and ears. If your child has hay fever, please treat them at home before they come to school. There are a number of children's medicines which you can give at home before school, to help relieve the symptoms. This



will support your child during the day so that they are comfortable and have minimal distractions from their learning. We cannot give such medication in school. See this link for treatment suggestions and further information <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hay-fever/>. If your child is experiencing severe hay fever symptoms you may wish to contact your GP or pharmacist for advice.

Potato Salad

Year 5 found time this afternoon to make potato salad! It created a delicious smell of cucumber and onion around the school. The potatoes had been grown in our school allotments at the back of the KS2 playground, and Mr Morris asked the kitchen to boil them this morning ready to be made into potato salads.



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 - Emma Van Gogh Y1 - Negar, Viktor and Jayson

Hockney Y2 - Izabella Matisse Y2 - Whole Class

Y3 are out on a trip today

Mehretu Y4 - Eshaal Wiley Y4 - Max P

Warhol Y5 - Robyn Dali Y5 - Cemre

Kahlo Y6 -Zaid Riley Y6 - Burhan

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

Thank you to Kerem in Riley Y6 for playing the piano at KS2 assembly, and Ms Hosseinian played for KS1 assembly.

Mr Barson gave special certificates to Annie and Rachel in Year 2 who have both received all their PRIDE reading certificates!

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 4	Year 5
Ava	Alan & Oscar	Grace	Alice
Ronnie	Archie	Ben & Avantika	Max

House Points

This week, **Red (Dawson)** are the winners with 34 points, **Blue (Hawks)** are second on 29. **Yellow (Cambridge)** are in third place with 27 points and **Green (Villiers)** have 21 points.



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. Reception families raised £211.76 from their first cake sale last week. This makes the total from cake sales **£1,618.92** for this academic year. The recent Indie disco at the Fighting Cocks in Kingston raised another £350.

Upcoming events:

- Wednesday 3rd July - token sale for Summer Fair at drop off
- Saturday 6th July - Summer Fair 12-3pm
- Friday 12th July - Year 6 leavers disco*
- Monday 15th July - collection of unwanted school uniform (no shoes). Please ensure it is in good condition and drop it by the PCSA board at morning drop off.
- Friday 19th July - Second hand uniform sale
- 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

- Teacups ride
- Games and craft activities
- Food from Dough Shack / Cheeky Pea ([see menu HERE](#)) / Coffee & Crepes
- Ice cream van and face painters
- Raffle and auction ([see current list of prizes HERE](#))
- Stalls, many of which are being put on by students at their request
- Photobooth
- All summer fair poster entries displayed for people to see
- Bar
- Live music from Superannuated Sons, Mr Thomas and the Choir!

PLEASE VOLUNTEER with your year group rep if you haven't already done so.

Remember, we are collecting the following:

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

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

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:



Junior Cadets is an excellent opportunity for young people to make new friendship circles and participate in various fun activities such as Duke of Edinburgh, paintballing, hikes etc.

Junior Volunteer Police Cadets has launched in Kingston. It is aimed at young people aged 10 -13 years old who take part in a programme which will teach them life skills, social responsibility and help build positive relationships with the police.

The programme is led by senior volunteer police cadets (VPC), police officers and cadet Leaders who have been coached and trained in mentoring and leadership, to provide positive role models to their younger peers.

The programme provides a safe consistent activity for them as they make the transition from primary to secondary school. It also involves junior and senior cadets working together to design problem solving projects and initiatives to address key issues in their communities around crime prevention and community safety.

We hold the Junior Cadets at the TA Centre on Portsmouth Road after school on a Wednesday between 1715 - 1830 hours. The Cadets wear a very simple uniform (provided free of charge). Please contact PC Juliet Saunders for more information. juliet.e.saunders@met.police.uk