



Dear Families,

Tomorrow is the Summer Fair! As we send this Digest, the playground has already been transformed and the bunting which the children made looks wonderful. The Fair runs from 12-3pm and will have an amazing variety of games, activities, food and fun! See you there!

In assembly this week we started talking about preparing for change. We used 3 Cs to help us with this: 1) Communicate

2) Cooperate

3) Celebrate

We will continue this theme over the next couple of weeks.



Thank you for the 64 responses to the Parent/Carer survey so far. We have 465 children on roll in our school and would love to hear everyone's feedback so that we can make well-informed decisions moving forwards. Here is the link again: <https://forms.gle/6yS9xqgDDxR8DavQ9> Please complete it for each of your children. Thank you. Have a lovely weekend, and hope to see you at the Fair tomorrow.

Emily Newton,

Headteacher

Diabetes UK



This week we have been taking on the **One Million Steps Challenge** to raise money for Diabetes UK. This has been arranged by one of our Y6 pupils, Josh, who has type 1 diabetes and, along with his friends, has decided to take on the challenge. He has also persuaded many staff members and other adults to help, too!



You will be pleased to know that as a school we **COMPLETED** the 1 Million step challenge in just 4 days! Our current total is 1,161,663 steps.

Thank you so much to everyone who has taken part, talked to the children about it and donated. Josh is absolutely thrilled and says he will "never stop until a cure for diabetes is found".

Below is the link to Josh's fundraising page. No matter how much or how little you can give, it will make a difference to funding vital research into life-changing treatments. Thank you so much.

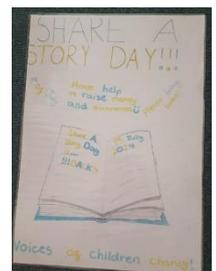
<https://step.diabetes.org.uk/fundraising/king-athelstan-primary-school#share-page>

Share a Story Day

On Monday, Violet and friends once again organised a Share a Story Day, where many families donated lots of books which were displayed in the KS1 playground. Every child in school chose a new book to take home



to keep, and the leftover books were offered to families after school in exchange for a donation to the Voices of Hope charity. So far £43.19 has been raised.



Sports Days



We have now uploaded lots of fantastic photos of our Sports Days onto your child's Google Classroom page. These photos can be viewed by extended families and friends, but please remember they must not be shared on any social media platforms. Thank you.

Blue House Captains receiving the Sports trophy.

Before/After School Clubs

A quick reminder that next week (week commencing 8th July) is the last week for summer term extra-curricular clubs. There will be no clubs in the week 15-19 July, or the last week of term 22-24th July. Mr McLaughlin will be issuing a survey about clubs before the end of this term and would like your feedback. This will be reviewed over the summer holidays and then information about clubs for the autumn term will be released in early September.

Litter Pick



The Eco Warrior team carried out a litter pick in the KS2 playground on Thursday morning. Well done to the Eco Warriors who were very enthusiastic and were excellent at using our new litter picking equipment. Great job keeping our school clean!

The team will be litter picking for the Summer Fair on Saturday, too.

Y3 Country Dancing

Y3 attended the Country Dancing Festival at Kingsmeadow last week. Here are some photos of the day.



Charity Patchwork Project

Miss Rana, Warhol Class teacher, ran a lovely workshop on International Day, where children learnt about the importance of upcycling and why sustainability is so important. As part of that activity, the children made pledges on white fabric (right) to recycle, reuse and upcycle clothing.



Miss Rana's aim now is to make a blanket from as much pre-loved fabric as possible. She is intending to make a patchwork design with the children's pledges spread throughout other patches. We would appreciate any donations of clean, old clothes as contribution to this project - please send them in to school for the attention of Miss Rana. This will be her summer project and she will show the final product to the children in September! Once the blanket is completed, Miss Rana will update us on the chosen charity it will be donated to. Thank you in advance.



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>.

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.



Outdoor Learning Update

The Wildlife Garden is now available for teachers to use as an outdoor learning area, either for whole class lessons, small groups or planned movement breaks/ refocusing activities. The children are encouraged to be quiet and careful in the whole area and to respect the living



plants and creatures there. The picture on the right shows our coronation meadow in bloom! It is already looking fantastic and attracting lots of wildlife. These flowers were grown from the seeds given to all children on the occasion of the coronation of King Charles.



Last Saturday, a group of volunteers braved the heat and came into school to help build our pond. This involved clearing the area, preparing the ground, moving some existing plants and creating the raised pond structure. It looks great! Our next step is to line and fill the pond, as well as adding plants and a safety grill. Hopefully we will be able to welcome

some new pond life very soon! In our allotment, lots of the crops planted earlier in the year are now starting to flourish. We have salad, onions, lettuce, raspberries and



beetroot, to mention just some of the amazing produce. Big well done to the Gardening Club and all the children who have been visiting the allotment on a Monday afternoon to work with our volunteers from the Hogsmill Garden. Also outdoors, after weeks of waiting patiently Josh and Daniel were able to harvest their potatoes in the Haring garden! They are deciding what to do with their crop!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

JULY 2024

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
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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

SEPTEMBER 2024

Monday 2	INSET Day - children not in school
Tuesday 3	INSET DAY - children not in school
Wednesday 4	First day of term for children

PCSA

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

Upcoming events:

- 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 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](#)

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:

Vacancy at St John's School - There are 3 vacancies at St John's School for LA/Community/Church governors, as these governors' tenures are coming to an end in September. If anyone would like to know a little more about the role, or about St John's, they can contact Emma Lloyd -Williams or myself for a chat. Lulu Esua, Headteacher, St. John's C o E Primary & Nursery School, Portland Road Kingston KT1 2SG. Telephone: 020 8546 7179



Music & Creativity Summer Course - 29 July - 1st August

This four-day course for 6-11 year olds will involve music making in lots of different ways including percussion, singing, musical games, learning the keyboard and composing their own pieces. It is run by Kingston Music Service and is held at Hook Library. Students will also work in the library on exciting Lego and craft projects, as well as working with Nuffield Health on an hour's fun physical activity each day.



The course which runs from 10:30 until 15:30 from 29th July to 1st August includes a mid-morning snack and lunch each day. The 4-day course costs £128 with free places available to children on benefit related free school meals through the FUEL scheme. For more

details visit: <https://www.kingstonheritage.org.uk/learning/musical-opportunities-kingston/1>

Rose Youth Theatre Summer Schools - If families are looking for a fun and skill-building drama activity for children this summer, booking is now open for the 'Three Day' theatre course! This year we are running Three Day courses between 31st July - 16th August. Our Play in a Week groups for older children run from 29th July - 31st August. Please visit our website to see a full list of course options. Click here to find out more and book your place: [Summer Schools 2024](#)



Thames Young Mariners summer course - see the flyer for outdoor activity and water-based courses for children available over the summer holidays, many of which are FUEL funded for eligible families.



Free Basketball Session - As part of an initiative to promote sports and physical activity amongst young students, this is a fun and engaging basketball session where the children can learn basic basketball skills, interact with experienced coaches, and most importantly, have a great time playing the game. There will also be a 4 v 4 Basketball Tournament taking place for Under 16's boys & girls right after the free session.

Here are the details of the event:

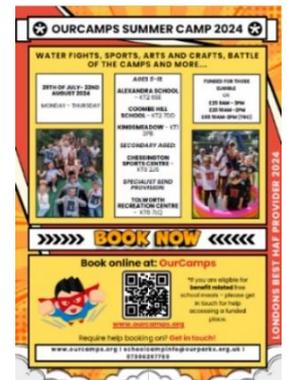
- Date: 3rd of August 2024 (Saturday)
- Time: 10am ~ 11am (Tournaments and fun games right after)
- Venue: Alexandra Recreation Ground, Surbiton, KT5 9BQ
- What to bring: Comfortable sports attire and a water bottle



Please register using the link ([U12 Free Session registration form](#)) for this free basketball session or feel free to contact the organisers on: futurerisingfoundation@gmail.com.



Ourcamps - Ourcamps work in partnership with Kingston Council to deliver free athletics clubs for all children. They also deliver the FUEL holiday activity and food programme which allows any child eligible for benefits-related free school meals to attend the camps for free. See the yellow poster on the right for more details and to book. They also run a free athletics club during the year - the red poster on the left has the booking code for this.



Hedgehog Fest - Students at Kingston University have arranged a prickly weekend for their Great Hedgehog Charity Fest! There are events on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th July - see the posters here for details.



Police Youth Engagement Team - The Police are once again running free sessions for children Y4 and older at the allotments in Alric Avenue, New Malden. Contact dolly.hunt@met.police.uk for more information and to book a place.

