



King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 38 - Friday 12th July 2024

Dear Families,

What a fabulous summer fair last Saturday, despite the ever-changing weather! It was great to see lots of people there enjoying the lovely range of stalls and activities. An enormous thank you to Emily Sleight, the PCSA team and everyone who helped. An amazing £2700 was raised - what a great result!

This week saw lots of lovely trips out into the local community. Year 2 visited Hampton Court Palace today, travelling by boat along the river and returning by bus. Year 1 went to Littlehampton to consolidate their learning about the seaside, and had a wonderful time, with good weather! We will publish some photos of both trips next week. Nursery and Reception celebrated Beach Day in school on Wednesday - see the fantastic photos below.

We are now up to 93 responses to our Parent/Carer survey. Please do complete it over the weekend as we will close the form at midnight on Friday 19th July. Currently, we have less than a quarter of the children represented by a response. Thank you.

Emily Newton,

Headteacher

Dali Class Assembly

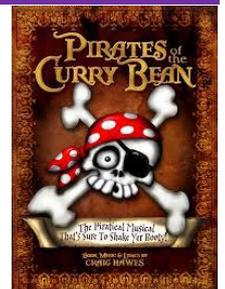
Well done to Dali Class for their fantastic assembly this week! They managed to showcase so much of their



learning this term, including: the Victorians, and how strict Victorian school was; maths, working out how many hours Victorian children worked; information about the Hogsmill river for geography; science learning and writing around Dr Frankenstein, and all wrapped up in some great acting, too! Special mention to James for accompanying the 'We are Victorians' song on the piano.

Y6 Production

Next week Y6 will wow their families with their amazing production of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'! All children will see or have already seen this fabulous show in school. The official productions are on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th July and are ticket-only events for Y6 families. The show will be professionally recorded and Y6 families can also order the official USB on ParentPay. Y6 children will be bringing home today the tickets ordered, and if there are any spares these will be available next week - please contact the school office.



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.



Y1 trip to Littlehampton

Y1 were also really lucky with the weather on Thursday when they went all the way to Littlehampton and had a refreshing paddle in the sea! Everyone had an amazing time. We will publish some photos next week.

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EYFS Beach Day

Luckily, the rain stopped for Beach Day on Wednesday, and a little bit of blue sky was spotted! The children in Reception and Nursery had a wonderful time in the paddling pool and with all the water games. There were some very wet children (and adults!). Roll on summer...



DATES FOR THE DIARY

JULY 2024

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Monday 15	Bag2School Drop off 8.30-9am in the car park
Monday 15	Unwanted school uniform drop-off for PCSA
Wednesday 17	Y6 Production 2pm Book tickets on Google form
Thursday 18	Y6 Production 7pm Book tickets on Google form
Friday 19	PCSA Uniform sale after school
Sunday 21	PCSA Dragon Boat Racing 10-6pm Kingston Riverside
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

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

Achievement Assembly

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Ben	Ruby	Grace	Mariline
George	Sahib	Harrison	Max

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Achievement Award

O'Keefe Y1 - Emanuel

Van Gogh Y1 - Jayson

Y2 are out on a trip

Cassatt Y3 - Sahib

Da Vinci Y3 - Lorelai

Wiley Y4 - Jaazib

Mehretu Y4 - Sam and Isaac

Warhol Y5 - Amber

Dali Y5 - Whole Class (fabulous assembly!)

Kahlo Y6 - Tina

Riley Y6 - Kerem

PE KS1 - Ronnie in Van Gogh Y1

PE KS2 - Tharul in Riley Y6

Thank you to Oscar in Warhol Y5 for playing the piano at KS2 assembly.

Miss Meggitt gave a Diversity and Equality certificate to Eliza in Mehretu Y4.

House Points

This week, **Yellow (Cambridge)** are the winners with 35 points, **Green (Villiers)** are second on 34. **Red (Dawson)** are in third place with 29 points and **Blue (Hawks)** have 23 points.



Pupil News



Olivia in Hockney Class Y2 has been Irish dancing for about 9 months at the Kincorragh Academy. She recently won two trophies for coming first in the Light Jig and also for the Reel. Olivia loves Irish dancing which she attends every week. She took part in a display for St Patrick's day (when she wore a lovely green dress) where the group danced for residents of a care home and later at the Church's St Patrick's celebration where she danced on stage in front of a large audience. Well done, Olivia!



PCSA

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

The Summer Fair - unfortunately the rain last Saturday did affect some of the summer fair, most significantly not having a band, as they didn't feel comfortable setting up their equipment with the forecast. Mr Thomas had only sung two songs when rain meant he had to stop. This was such a shame but it didn't dampen everyone's spirits! There was an incredible community spirit to the event. From last minute layout changes (due to the aforementioned rain) to the brilliant volunteers who helped make the day possible, and to those who came, bought a drink and played a game. THANK YOU ALL.

The total raised (after some organisational expenses) was an amazing £2,700!

Upcoming events:

- 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.



- Monday 15th July - there is a drop off for the Bag2School charity, also on Monday morning, so please do not confuse with the uniform drop off! Bag2School will have an area of the car park for donations.
- Friday 19th July - Second hand uniform sale & lolly sale
- Sunday 21st July - Dragon Boat racing between 10:00 and 16:00. We have a team for the boat now but supporters would be welcome! Drop in and cheer us on or just enjoy the event, there are stalls and entertainment for the family through the day. And if you'd like to sponsor then [please do so here](#).
- Wednesday 24th July - School's out picnic, Athelstan Park

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 - the 2024/25 prospectus is now available. As part of Kingston Council, Kingston Adult Education provides a diverse range of courses to people aged 19 or over at various times and locations across the week - and has done so for over 74 years! There is a comprehensive range of courses to help adult learners gain qualifications, enhance employability, boost mental health and explore new interests. Many of the courses are

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government funded, therefore free of charge or subsidised to adults on low incomes.

Click on this link to discover the new programmes starting in September: bit.ly/KAE-2425prospectus

To enrol, click on the relevant link in the prospectus or call on 020 8547 6700 or adult.education@kingston.gov.uk

Royal Borough of Kingston's Summer Arts Competition - this is taking place across the Kingston Libraries as part of this year's 'Marvellous Makers' Summer Reading Challenge (details of this to follow). The 'Summer Arts Competition', which aims to encourage children to get creative and produce a piece of art inspired by 'a book that you love'. Aimed at children aged between 3-11 years and running during the summer holidays, our competition mirrors this year's Summer Reading Challenge theme in celebrating the creative arts. The submitted artwork can be created in a range of mediums and encompassing different art forms. The competition is open between **20th July - 17th August** and there will be an exciting opportunity for the finalists and runners up in each age category to take part in an art exhibition held at Kingston Library, to showcase their winning art pieces. This competition is only open to Kingston Library users and each child can enter once. Please use the application form (on Libraries website and accessed by QR code on poster here) to enter your child by uploading up to three photos of their work. A range of physical art forms are being accepted:

- painting
- textiles
- photography
- sculpture
- collage

If you can take a photo of it you can enter it! The photos will be used for shortlisting before the exhibition and prize giving, so please hold on to your lovely pieces of art so you can have the chance to exhibit them!



South Asian Heritage - Celebrate South Asian Heritage Month on **Saturday 10th August** with Namaste Kingston! Enjoy South Asian music, dance, arts & crafts, photography, and food at Hollyfield School, Surbiton Hill Road, KT6 4TU. Plenty of free parking on site. For more information: <https://www.namastekingston.org/>



- 12-9pm - Vibrant Vibes with arts, crafts, food stalls and much more!
- 3-4.30pm - Randevious with Nature - a journey into wildlife through photography and anecdotes by an award winning photographer Mr Saleel Tambe
- 5.30-8.30pm - Taal Tarang - a celebration of South Asian classical dance and music

Kingston Regatta 2024- Kingston Regatta is held on **Saturday and Sunday 13 & 14 July** on Kingston Riverside. This event is free to watch, and there will be food and drink stalls alongside the racing.



Ideas for local summer activities:

ALL NEIGHBOURHOODS:
FREE drop-in for a Park Tennis family session in one of your local parks!

Kingston

- Go back in time with Kingston Museum to meet flaxmakers, beekeepers and falconers - join the Saxon Fayre Saturday 27th July @ 11am-5pm, in the Ancient Marketplace.
- Cycle the riverside cycle paths to a Canbury Bandstand Concert - every Sunday @ 3-5pm.
- Join Wheels For All for a family cycle - Weir Archer Centre (Kingsmeadow) every Wednesday @ 2-3pm. Use an accessible bike for free or bring your own!
- Try out a new sport with the whole family at Olympics Sports Day at the Weir Archer Centre (Kingsmeadow) on Saturday 20th July @ 9am-4pm.

ALL NEIGHBOURHOODS:
Take part in the Summer Reading Challenge at your local library!

Surbiton & Tolworth

- Enjoy the open space and wildlife at Fishponds Park. On Tuesday 20th August @ 2-3pm - Meet at the Bug Hotel to find out about pond, meadow and tree life.
- Play basketball on the newly refurbished courts at Alexandra Recreation Ground. On 3rd August, take part in a basketball taster @ 10-11am (under 12s) and enjoy watching a 4v4 competition.
- Show your speed at the Surbiton Junior Park Run at Alexandra Rec, every Sunday @ 9am. Ages 4-14 welcome (also at Lovelace Park, Chessington).
- Enjoy a fantastic playground, tennis courts, football pitches and cafe at Victoria Park, Surbiton.