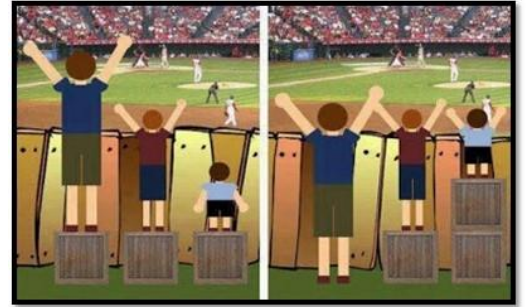




Dear Families,

This week our spotlight has been on our rule 'We are here to learn', with a particular focus on everyone having what they **need** to learn. We revisited the idea that equal (everyone getting the same) is not always fair, using the image (right) and we discussed the difference between 'needs' and 'wants'.



We also marked Chinese New Year with both KS1 and KS2 by reading the famous Chinese zodiac story of the animals' race across the river. Ask your child/ren about the story. This year is the Year of the Snake. People born in the Year of the Snake are *supposed* to be mysterious, passionate, wise, enthusiastic and sensitive.

Thank you to everyone who came to the EYFS Museums last night. It was great to see all the children excitedly telling their families about their learning.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton

Headteacher

KS1 Playground

You will have received the letter earlier this week with the exciting news that work on the second phase of the KS1 playground development began today 7th February. During the works, approximately 3 weeks, there will be restrictions imposed, and we ask you to cooperate for the safety of everyone. When you collect children from the playground at the end of the day, please follow the one-way system through the car park (the green route, right) and do not double back through the gates by Wiltshire, as this causes undue congestion. Thank you.



Author Visit



On Thursday, Years 3-6 had a visit from children's author Kieran Larwood, who wrote the book series 'The Five Realms and Carnival of The Lost', and the very popular 'The World of Podkin One-Ear' series. He spoke about his Dungeon Runners books, and ran a workshop on creating characters. He also signed books for the children who had pre-ordered them. Events like this are key to encouraging children to read; books open up new worlds for children, sparking their imagination and creativity. They are exposed to different characters, places, and situations that they might not encounter in their everyday life, broadening their view of the world. Regular reading helps children develop a richer vocabulary and better understanding of grammar. The more they read, the more words they are exposed to, which helps them use more complex language in their own speech and writing. As you know, we encourage daily reading for children, and ask families to listen to your child/ren read at home and read to them daily.

Y6 PGL Trip

The second payment instalment for children attending PGL in June is now due and the amount is £55. Families may pay any amount at any time in ParentPay, but the final deadline for the full amount to be paid is **Wednesday 2nd April**. Thank you.

Matisse Class Assembly

Matisse Class assembly was postponed and will now take place on **Wednesday 26th February** at 9am instead. All family members welcome!

EYFS Museum

The Nursery and Reception classrooms were converted into museums on **Thursday 6th February 2025** to showcase some of the children's learning that has been taking place since September 2024. This is a great opportunity for families to come into the classroom environment to see what the children have been up to. It was very busy in both Nursery and Reception, with many parents/carers and was a huge success.

Da Vinci Class Assembly

What a fantastic display of all things African, including a hippo chase and a dancing lemur! Da Vinci also demonstrated their knowledge of the human skeleton, and their fabulous singing. Well done Da Vinci!



KS2 Spring Showcase

Please remember that the deadline for audition videos is **Thursday 13th February**. Videos should be submitted via Google Classroom for Mr Thomas' attention. We want as many children as possible to have the chance to show off their performance skills! If your children have any questions, ask Mr Thomas. This year's event on the evening of **13th March** will be recorded and will be a wonderful memento for the school, the children and their families to enjoy for years to come.



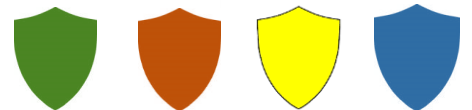
Amazon Wish List

We have an ongoing Amazon Wish List which contains items we frequently need to replace, such as white board pens, glue sticks and, more recently, hot/cold packs for the medical room. There is no obligation to buy anything, but all purchases are very much appreciated. Have a look at the link here: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>. We also have an ongoing item in ParentPay called *Donation to School Fund for Resources 2024-25*. Thank you for all donations.



House Points

This week in joint first place are **Green (Villiers)** and **Red (Dawson)**. Blue (Hawks) are in second place on 25 points, and Yellow (Cambridge) have 23.



Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Theo

O'Keeffe Y1 - Lambert

Hockney Y2 - Nicholas

Matisse Y2 - Anisa

Cassatt Y3 - Frankie

Da Vinci Y3 - Whole Class

Mehretu Y4 - Alex

Wiley Y4 - Toby

Dali Y5 - Alex

Warhol Y5 - Summer

Riley Y6 - Leo

Kahlo Y6 - Poppy

KS1 PE Cece in O'Keeffe Class Y1

KS2 PE Elvis in Cassatt Class Y3

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Ruth	Giulia	Oscar	Pedro	Robbie	Harry
Dario	Robin	Joshua		Elliot	

DATES FOR THE DIARY	
FEBRUARY	
Tuesday 11	Y5 Greek Day
Wednesday 12	Y6 Kahlo Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 13	Book Looks for parent/carers
Mon 17-Fri 21	Half-Term
Tuesday 25	Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm online
Wednesday 26	Matisse Class Assembly 9am Revised date
Thursday 27	Parent/Carer Consultations 4.00-6.30pm in person
Friday 28	Cake Sale Y3 3.15pm
MARCH	
Monday 3	Y6 to Royal Institution Science event at Surbiton High School
Monday 3	Secondary School Offer Day
Tuesday 4	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm in person
Wednesday 5	Y3 trip to Kew Gardens
Wednesday 5	Y4 Mehretu Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 5	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations Little Klee AM and PM only 12.30-2.30pm
Thursday 6	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm in person
Thursday 6	World Book Day
Friday 7	Closing Date for Nursery Applications for September 2025
Wednesday 12	Y6 trip to Kew Gardens
Wednesday 12	Y3 Cassatt Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 12	Parent/Carer Book Looks 3.30-4pm
Thursday 13	Y5 trip to the British Museum - details to follow
Thursday 13	KS2 Spring Showcase - See Google Classroom
Tuesday 18	Y4 trip to Natural History Museum - details to follow
Tuesday 18	Lifting Young Voices Concert - information to follow
Wednesday 19	Y5 Dali Class Assembly 9am
Friday 21	Comic Relief
Monday 24	Clubs end this week
Mon 24-28	Y5 Bikeability courses this week
Wednesday 26	Y2 Hockney Class Assembly 9am
Friday 28	PCSA Easter Cake Sale
Friday 28	PCSA Quiz Night (adults only) School Hall
APRIL	
Wednesday 2	Thinker's Project Exhibition 3.20-3.50pm and again 5.30-6pm
Friday 4	Break up one hour earlier for Easter holiday
Wednesday 16	Primary School National Offer Day
Tuesday 22	Children return to school
Friday 25	Y4 Thames Young Mariners Trip - details to follow
Friday 25	Cake Sale Y2 3.15pm

MAY	
Monday 5	Bank Holiday - children not in school
Wednesday 7	Nursery, Reception & Y1 Mobile Farm visitors - go to ParentPay
Tues 12-15	Y6 SATs
Thursday 22	Cake Sale Reception 3.15pm
Mon 26-Fri 30	Half-Term
JUNE	
Wednesday 4	International Day - details to follow
Friday 6-Mon 9	Y6 PGL Trip
Tuesday 10	Rest day for Y6 children and staff who were at PGL
Tuesday 10	SEND Parent/Carer Support Plan Review Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person
Wednesday 11	Y6 Kids Out! At Chessington - Details to follow
Thursday 12	SEND Parent/Carer Support Plan Review Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person

KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids are running a half term Holiday Club from Monday 17th to Friday 21st February. Children will take part in up to 9 activities each day, always a mixture of sporty and team games, arts & crafts, drama, imagination, squad rallies and of course our popular go karts. All from just £27.00 per child, per session (Standard day 10.00am to 4.00pm; longer days available). Visit www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club for more information or call 01276 21884.



PCSA

The PCSA had a great and very successful Gig Night last weekend, raising £784 for the school. The Y4 cake sale on 31st January raised an amazing £226.91. The PCSA is looking for some additional committee members, particularly a deputy Treasurer and deputy Chair. If you think you could be more involved, please email kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com

Uniform stock link: To request any stock please first check the stock link above and then email kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com with details of what you would like (item and size). To make a donation for your uniform please do so here - <https://www.givey.com/uniform>



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:

Free Pilates course - Join the FREE* Pilates for Parents course in Dickerage Sports and Community Centre. Fridays from 12:00 to 13:15. Starts 7 February for 8 weeks at Parent Champions Cafe, Dickerage Sports and Community Centre, Dickerage Road, New Malden KT3 3EQ. For further information and to enrol please use [link](#).

*Free to learners earning below the London Living Wage (currently £27,007.50)

HENRY Newsletter - Here is the February 2025 HENRY Parent/Carer newsletter. This is promoting both the 8-week HENRY programme and a one-off workshop on Understanding Fussy Eating. From the School Health Team, Your Healthcare, Hollyfield House, 22 Hollyfield Road, Surbiton, Surrey KT5 9AL

