



Dear Families,

Today between meetings and interviewing, I had the incredibly challenging task of judging the Easter cake competition. It was almost impossible to choose winners as so many children had made such an effort to create fantastic Easter-themed cakes. I'm sure they tasted as delicious as they looked.

Thank you to those who came to the Parent/Carer Forum yesterday - it is really helpful to hear your views about a wide range of topics and this feeds in to our decision making in the long term.

It has been lovely to see the children developing their cycling skills this week as they have participated in their cycling proficiency course (photos below).

Next week the children will be watching and participating in a special assembly about King Athelstan. This will be run by Sarah Cantrill from Story Storks and is the start of an exciting project that will culminate in a big event on 19<sup>th</sup> June to mark the 1100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the crowning of King Athelstan. More information to follow.

Eid Mubarak to all celebrating in the next few days.

Have a great weekend.

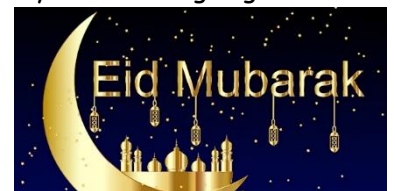
**Emily Newton**  
**Headteacher**

### Eid Al Fitr

We understand that families will celebrate Eid on either Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> or Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March. We are able to authorise one day of absence for Eid al-Fitr religious observance. A reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school for Eid al-Fitr celebrations, please complete the form below, so that we are able to authorise their absence. Thank you.

[Application for Leave in Exceptional Circumstance form](#)

May we wish Eid Mubarak to our celebrating families!



### Parent/Carer Forum

The spring Parent/Carer Forum took place on Thursday and several parents/carers attended, along with four Governors. Topics discussed included how children are selected for sports events, Nursery hours, crossing patrol challenges and school uniform. Thank you to all those who attended. The minutes will be circulated in due course.

### Y5/Y6 Cross Country Competition

Congratulations to the 40 children who took part in the Cross Country Competition this week. It was great that the event finally went ahead having been cancelled twice due to water-logged pitches! The 1.3km course was completed by all of the children in what were highly competitive races. We had some fantastic results in all four races (Y5 girls, Y5 boys, Y6 girls, Y6 boys). There were



approximately 135 children in each race. Our top six results were: Sky in Riley - 4<sup>th</sup>; Martha in Kahlo - 8<sup>th</sup>; Freya in Warhol - 12<sup>th</sup>; Kayla in Kahlo - 15<sup>th</sup>; Lenny in Riley - 18<sup>th</sup>; Max P in Warhol - 19<sup>th</sup>. These were all incredible achievements. All the children represented the school really well. Thank you to all the adults for their help on the day, and to everyone who came to cheer the children on. We are very proud of all the children.

## Art Lessons

Mrs Barr, our amazing Art Teacher, has been so impressed with art work this term that she has asked for some of it to be published in the Digest. Here are just a few examples of Y2 making Tudor Houses (there will be a Great Fire of King Athelstan next term!), Y3 painting African Kente Cloth (Kente refers to a Ghanaian textile made of hand-woven strips of silk and cotton), and Y5 painting their Greek Pots. There were other lovely examples, but we don't have room for them all!



## Waiting Outside

We are seeing an increasing amount of accidents happening before the gates are open, particularly with younger children. If you are waiting for the gates to open, please hold your child's hand or keep them with you until the teacher has come out and the gate is open. Children should not be running around, chasing each other or throwing sticks. Thank you.

## Y1 Materials Workshop

Y1 classes had an exciting morning on Tuesday when they took part in a Materials Workshop to support their science work. The children learned to:

- Identify, sort and group a wide range of different materials
- Observe the difference between reversible and irreversible materials.
- Experiment with the changing shapes of solid objects as they squash, bend, twist and stretch



## School Clubs

Please remember that all before-and after-school clubs ended this week, with the exception of the Thursday Cooking club which will finish on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Summer term clubs will start in the week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> April. Please check your ParentPay accounts to see if your child has been booked onto a club which will be confirmed on receipt of payment. Pupil Premium places will be notified by email. If you no longer want a club place, please let us know as soon as possible so we can offer it to the next child on the wait list. Thank you.

Well done to all of the children in YR-Y2 who participated in the dance and drama end of term performances this week. It was great to see what they have learnt throughout the term. Thanks to all of the parents/carers who came along to support - we hope you enjoyed the shows.

## Y5 Bikeability

Well done to the 23 children took part in Bikeability cycling proficiency this week. On these courses they learnt a number of skills including; bike control, starting/stopping with confidence and understanding the road. The course consisted of one day on site followed by two days off-site on local roads. It was great to see how much progress they made throughout the week, and both the instructors and school are very pleased



with them. Children will have received certificates to acknowledge their achievement. A reminder - if your child did not take part this week, they will be able to do so in Y6.

## TCS London Mini Marathon

As you know, we were oversubscribed with applications for the London Mini Marathon. Successful applicants have all been informed and everyone else remains on a wait list in case more spaces become available. London Marathon Events will post Event Packs to us soon. They will contain running bibs for children and accompanying adults (if you have requested a place). The reverse of the bib number must be filled in with relevant contact and medical information. It will also let you know your wave start time, and it is recommended you arrival 30 minutes before this. Good luck to all!

## Eco Warriors Litter Pick



Our dedicated Eco Warriors have been taking care of our school today by carrying out a litter pick in the KS2 playground. Everyone worked tirelessly to collect the little bits of rubbish which collect around our playground from time to time, and then disposed of them in the bin. Great job Eco Warriors! The next litter pick will be in the KS1 playground.

## Thinker's Project Exhibition 2<sup>nd</sup> April

We are looking forward to seeing all the children's amazing projects in our Spring Term Thinker's Project Exhibition, which will take place on Wednesday 2nd April at 3:30pm and 5:30pm. Children should bring their items for the Thinker's Project in to their teacher any time before the exhibition. Thank you.

## Nursery Applications for September 2025

We are currently accepting applications for our Nursery in September 2025, subject to availability and eligibility. If you have or know of a child turning 2 or 3 on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 we would love to hear from you. For more information please visit [our website](#) or contact the School Office. You can make an online application [here](#).

## Amazon Wish List

We have an ongoing Amazon Wish List which was started after families wanted to contribute items to school. There is no obligation to buy anything, but any purchases are very much appreciated. The list is updated regularly with various items to enhance school life. The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz> . Thank you.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

APRIL	
Wednesday 2	Mehretu Class Assembly 9am
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 after Easter holidays
Friday 25	Y4 Thames Young Mariners Trip - go to ParentPay
Friday 25	Cake Sale Y2 3.15pm
Saturday 26	TCS London Mini Marathon - details to follow
Wednesday 30	Y2 Hockney Class Assembly 9am New date
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
Tuesday 17	Nursery Trips to the Library - go to ParentPay
Wednesday 18	Y1 Van Gogh Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 19	Celebration of 1100 years since King Athelstan was crowned- details to follow
Saturday 21	Summer Fair 12-4pm
Wednesday 25	Y1 trip to Littlehampton - Details to follow
Wednesday 25	EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Sports Day
Thursday 26	Sports Day Y1-6
<b>JULY</b>	
Tuesday 1	Backup EYFS Sports Day (in case of cancellation)
Wednesday 2	Y1 O'Keefe Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 3	Backup Y1-6 Sports Day (in case of cancellation)
Tuesday 8	Y3 Lifting Young Voices Concert #2 - details to follow
Wednesday 9	Y3 Country Dancing - details to follow
Thursday 10	Reception trip to the Wetlands Centre - details to follow
Wednesday 16	Y6 Production 2pm - details to follow
Thursday 17	Y6 Production 7pm - details to follow
Friday 18	Y4 Ukulele Concert 2.30pm - details to follow
Tuesday 22	Break up for summer one hour earlier
Tuesday 22	PCSA Picnic in the Park for all
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
Monday 1	INSET day - children not in school
Tuesday 2	First day of autumn term

### Achievement Assembly



## Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 and O' Keefe Y1 will be notified next week

Hockney Y2 and Matisse Y2 will be notified next week

Cassatt Y3 - Archie

Da Vinci Y3 - Summer

Mehretu Y4 - Eden

Wiley Y4 - Peter

Dali Y5 - Bibi

Warhol Y5 - Summer

Riley Y6 - James

Kahlo Y6 - Julie

KS1 PE Jace in O'Keefe Class Y1

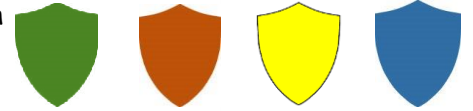
KS2 PE - Y5/Y6 Cross Country Team

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Emma	Roxani & Asia	Milena	Meryam
Alice	Ruby	Ziyad	

## House Points

This week in joint first place are **Green (Villiers)** and **Red (Dawson)** with 23 points. Yellow (Cambridge) have 21, and Blue (Hawks) have 17.



## PCSA

The Uniform Shop stock list is available [HERE](#). There will be a 'Bring and Buy' day for uniform on the first Friday of each month, starting on Friday 4th April. We will open the 'shop', located in the King Athelstan Centre at the top of the car park, between 08:40 and 09:00am and you can come and buy or donate items during this time. We still encourage you to check the stock list in advance to be sure we have what you need. You are still able to request items between the sale days as usual.

Dates for your diary.....

- **Friday 28th March, Quiz Night** - adults only, NEW LOCATION: Spring Grove
- **Friday 25th April** - Year 2 cake sale
- **Saturday 17th May** - Eurovision Song Contest viewing party, Adults only, school hall (tickets available soon)
- **Saturday 21st June** - Summer Fair 12-4pm



## KOOSA Kids over Easter

KOOSA Kids are pleased to be operating their Easter Holiday Club at King Athelstan Primary School from **Monday 7th to Thursday 17th April**. This will be two weeks of Easter Holiday Fun. Children will take part in many activities each day, always a mixture of sports and team games, arts & crafts, drama, imagination, squad rallies and, of course, the popular go karts. All from just £30.00 per child, per session (Standard day 10.00am to 4.00pm; longer days available) and your third child goes FREE (siblings only)! Visit [www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club](http://www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club) for more information or call 01276 21884. Bookings are now open for all children aged 4 - 13 years.



## 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:

**Artist Open Studios** - We'd love for you to join us on **4th & 5th April** for our Spring Open Studios in Kingston! Come and explore the work of incredible artists and makers across both buildings. It's a chance to meet the creative community, see exciting work in progress, and celebrate the energy of our studios. Address: KOPPEL Kingston, 29 Thames St, KT1 1PH, [Fri 4 April](#) / [Sat 5 April](#)  
\*limited access, with all studios accessible only via stairway!



**Fairfield Kingston ParkPlay** - The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames is launching this free weekly activity in April, every Saturday at 1pm and would love to get as many families involved as possible. See the flyer here for the registration link and key information.

