



Dear Families,

What a week! Thank you to everyone who made "On the Origin of King Athelstan School" possible: everyone involved in the project from its infancy to everyone who made it into a reality yesterday. So many people have been generous with time, energy, loaning items and supporting financially. Sarah Cantrill's original script was amazing, and completely based on what actually happened. It was very detailed and we are aware that some of it was easily lost on the day so we are looking at ways of sharing some of it with you.



Getting over 400 children into the centre of Kingston for 9.30am was a huge challenge, but one everyone rose to. Thanks to everyone who helped make that possible. To the general public, we must have been quite a sight! I'm hoping the shoppers in John Lewis will have recovered from a hoard of Vikings and/or Saxons riding the escalators up to the toilets! Thanks to the team at John Lewis for allowing us to use their facilities.

Approximately 240 children took part in the production itself - children had the choice of having a speaking part or not. The vast majority did speak (in front of an audience of approximately 250), whilst a few chose to be on stage without speaking or support with technical aspects. EYFS and KS1 children made props and scenery.

The project is not yet over, and we will keep you updated with its progress over the coming weeks and months. Once more thanks to Revd Joe Moffatt and the team at All Saints Church who really made the whole thing possible by allowing us to use their venue. If you do not already know the church, do pop in and have a good look around. There is an incredible amount of Kingston (and King Athelstan) history in the building. It is open 10am-4pm daily, and there's a café inside, too.

We hope those of you who were there in the audience felt incredibly proud of your children. Look out for Sarah Cantrill who is story telling at the school Summer Fair tomorrow.



EYFS & KS1 at the dress rehearsal



Y5 performing one of their scenes



KS2 backstage

So...what have we done with the rest of the week?! There have been numerous trips: both Nursery Classes visited Kingston Library, Y5 went to The Hollyfield School to take part in workshops, and the 40 singers from our KS2 Choir performed in the Kingston Schools' Singing Festival at the Rose Theatre. Tomorrow is the PCSA Summer Fair from 12-4pm which promises to be lots of fun.

Today we wished Miss Meggitt, class teacher of Kahlo Class Y6, good luck as she starts her maternity leave. Kahlo Class read her a lovely poem and all of KS2 sang her a song during KS2 assembly. She will be missed, but we look forward to announcing her news when the baby arrives. We wish her all the very best.

We hope to see you at the Fair tomorrow!

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Amazon Wish List

We are always grateful for any items purchased from our ongoing Amazon Wish List, which was started after families wanted to contribute items to school. The list is updated regularly with various things to enhance school life. The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz> . Thank you.



Hot Weather

As the weather continues to be hot, please ensure children have sun cream applied in the morning, and bring a named sun hat and a named refillable water bottle to school every day. Children may wear sensible sandals in exceptionally hot weather, but Crocs and croc-style shoes are not permitted. Thank you.

Van Gogh Class Assembly

Van Gogh Class Y1 hosted an amazing class assembly for their families on Wednesday, showcasing all their learning about the Amazon Rainforest and also the Arctic. They even managed a quick costume change from very hot, wearing sunglasses and sun hats, to very cold, wearing woolly scarves! Many animals from both regions were represented, and there was some fine street dancing from Arran. Well done Van Gogh Class.



Choir Concert at the Rose Theatre

Our KS2 Choir led by Mr Thomas took part in the Kingston Schools' Singing Festival on Wednesday evening at the Rose Theatre. The theme this year was Our Beautiful World. They performed beautifully, and looked so smart. The photo here



was taken during their final sound check at the rehearsal in the theatre- we cannot take photos during the actual performance for safeguarding purposes. Well done to the whole choir and to Mr Thomas, especially as this was



the day before the King Athelstan celebration event at All Saints Church!

Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1- Whole Class

O'Keeffe Y1 - Whole Class

Hockney Y2 - Teddy

Matisse Y2 - Harrison

Cassatt Y3 - Whole Class

Da Vinci Y3 - Whole Class

Mehretu Y4 - Lorelai & Meryem

Wiley Y4 - Israel

Dali Y5 - Chrish & Harrison

Warhol Y5 - Max

Kahlo Y6 - Adam

Riley Y6 - Whole Class

KS1 PE Elif in Matisse Class Y2

KS2 PE - Tashvi in Dali Class Y5

Equality & Diversity Champions: Sophia in Dali Y5 and Asia in Wiley Class Y4

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Ruth	Jamie	Sophia	TJ	Emily, Sophie & Ben
Herberts	Paula & Giulia	Elif	Jasper	Milena

Vacancies

These roles are currently being advertised at King Athelstan. If you know anyone who may be interested in applying, please feel free to forward the link: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/kingathelstan-kingston/>

DATES FOR THE DIARY

JUNE	
Wednesday 25	Y1 trip to Littlehampton
Wednesday 25	Sports Day EYFS (Nursery & Reception) - see letter for details
Thursday 26	Sports Day Y1-6 - see letter for details
JULY	
Tuesday 1	Backup EYFS Sports Day (in case of cancellation)
Wednesday 2	Y1 O'Keeffe Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 3	Backup Y1-6 Sports Day (in case of cancellation)
Thursday 3	Y6 Lolly Sale
Friday 4	INSET Day - children not in school
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 - go to ParentPay
Friday 11	PCSA Uniform sale - King Athelstan Centre from 8.40-9am
Friday 11	Y6 Lolly Sale
Friday 11	PCSA Y6 Leavers Event - details to follow
Monday 14	EYFS Beach Day
Tuesday 15	Y5 & Y6 Workshops with Yorkshire Building Society
Tuesday 15	Thinker's Project Exhibitions 3.30-4pm and 5.30-6pm
Wednesday 16	Y2 trip to Hampton Court - go to ParentPay
Wednesday 16	Y6 Production 2pm - details to follow
Thursday 17	Y6 Production 7pm - details to follow
Friday 18	Y4 Ukulele Concert 2.30pm
Friday 18	Y6 Lolly Sale
Monday 21	Y6 Leavers' Assembly & Tea - details to follow
Tuesday 22	Break up for summer one hour earlier
Tuesday 22	PCSA Picnic in the Park for all
SEPTEMBER 2025	
Monday 1	INSET day - children not in school
Tuesday 2	First day of autumn term

PCSA News

PCSA Summer Fair Saturday 21st June 12-4pm. Events coming up:

- **Saturday 21st June** - Summer Fair, Medieval Theme, 12-4pm.
- **Friday 11th July** - uniform sale, King Athelstan Centre 8.40-9am
- **Sunday 20th July** - King Athelstan Dragon Boat team race at Canbury Gardens!
- **Tuesday 22nd July** - School's Out Picnic

PCSA are looking for some additional committee members, and also need someone to take on the second-hand uniforms, accepting and sorting new donations and pulling requested items from stock. If you think you could be more involved, please email kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com to find out more.

Thank you!



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