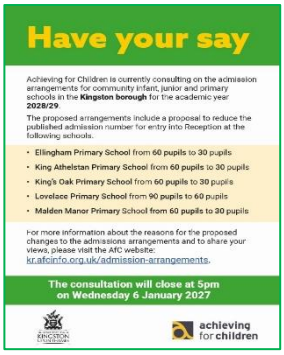
King Athelstan Weekly Digest
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Dear Families,

If you haven't yet responded to the AfC questionnaire about the proposed admission arrangements from September 2028, please take the time to do so.

Well done to all the children who had the flu immunisation this week – you were all stars!

On Wednesday the children in years 3-6 attended an assembly delivered by Beyond Blocks in the wake of Engineers Week. It looked at how the workplace has changed over time and how robots can fit in, using LEGO robots to bring engineering to life. Combining LEGO and robotics can help children explore engineering, programming, teamwork and problem-solving. Children took home a leaflet from Beyond Blocks and the clubs they run if anyone is interested in pursuing this.

The countdown has begun for what promises to be a fantastic PCSA panto and fair. The pantomime is Dick Whittington and his Cat. If you haven't seen a panto before, it's a re-telling of a traditional story, with lots of songs, comedy and audience participation. This company have excellent reviews and have been on Channel 5 and ITV, so we are excited that they are able to come and perform here at King Athelstan. Please get your tickets before they sell out. There will be lots of other usual things to do at the fair, too: come and buy a Christmas tree, play some games, enjoy some food, children can buy and wrap a present in secret for a family member, and of course they can visit Santa!

We focussed this week on anti-bullying, culminating with Odd Socks Day today to remember that we are not all the same and to celebrate the differences that make us all unique. There were some amazing combinations of socks!



Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Parent/Carer IT Workshop



On **Friday 4th December**, our school IT provider, eduthing, will be hosting a free IT workshop for all parents and carers, starting straight after morning drop off at **8.50am**. The workshop will cover:

- Keeping children safe online and understanding online risks
- Managing screen time
- Conversations around online use
- Practical tips – around parental and privacy controls

Keeping up with the latest apps, games, and online trends can feel overwhelming. This practical, jargon-free session is designed to give clear, straightforward advice on how to keep your child safe online—no technical knowledge is required.

Parent/Carer Forum

Our next Parent/Carer Forum will take place on **Friday 27th November at 9am**. The purpose of the Forum is to share information about whole school issues and hear about any that parents/carers want to raise. Members of the Senior Leadership Team will be in attendance, as well as a representative from Stir Foods, to discuss your views and answer your questions. Let us know of anything you would like to be on the agenda. Issues must relate to the whole school or Key Stage and not be particular to a class or individual. You may suggest items even if you are not able to attend the Forum. Please complete the Google form here: https://forms.gle/cqsXHjoNjw76iAn17

Sportshall Athletics



Congratulations to the 30 students from Y5 and Y6 who participated in Tuesday's Sportshall Athletics Competition. The team competed in a variety of track and field events, including the soft javelin, triple jump, chest push, speed bounce, and relay races. All of the children represented the school commendably, demonstrating great perseverance to achieve their personal bests. A special mention goes to Molly, Asia, Jake and Pedro for their outstanding performance in the 6 lap paarlauf - both teams achieved 1st place in the heats. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the volunteer helpers for their assistance on the day. Their support was instrumental, as always, in ensuring the afternoon ran smoothly.

Amazon Wish List

We have an ongoing Amazon Wish List, which we started after families wanted to contribute items to school. There is no obligation to buy anything, but all purchases are very much appreciated. The link is: https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz .

Children in Need

You can still donate directly to the Children in Need charity via the ParentPay link: https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=22330 Thank you.

Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

O'Keeffe Y1 – Whole class	Van Gogh Y1 – Rayyan
Hockney Y2 – Bella	Matisse Y2 – Salma
Da Vinci Y3 – Caleb	Cassatt Y3 – Olivia
Mehretu Y4 – Bana	Wiley Y4 – Rana
Dali Y5 – Tasya	Warhol Y5 – Archie
Kahlo Y6 – Asia	Riley Y6 – Maddie
KS1 PE – Emma in O'Keeffe Class Y1	KS2 PE – Pedro in Kahlo Class Y6

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Elise Rubecca	Logan, Advik Vasyl, Amelya	Herberts Louis	George Flo	Immy Hannah	Pedro Connor

House Points

This week the winners are Blue (Hawks) with 32 points. Yellow (Cambridge) is second with 26. In third place is Red (Dawson) with 24 points and Green (Villiers) have 22.

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY	
NOVEMBER	
Tuesday 24	Kahlo Class Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-6pm
Wednesday 25	Riley Class Assembly 9am – families invited
Thursday 26	Kahlo Class Parent/Carer Consultations online 4-6.30pm
Friday 27	Parent/Carer Forum with Governors 9am
Monday 30	Y5 trip to the Science Museum – go to ParentPay
DECEMBER	
Wednesday 2	Cassatt & Da Vinci joint Assembly – Y3 families invited at 9am or 2.20pm
Thursday 3	Y4 MTC presentation for parents/carers 3.20pm
Friday 4	Parent/Carer IT Workshop 8.50am
Wednesday 9	Y5 Y6 Ice Skating – details to follow
Thursday 10	Wiley Class trip to synagogue
Friday 11	Kusama Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Friday 11	Nelson Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 14	Matisse Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Monday 14	O'Keeffe Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Tuesday 15	Thinker's Project Exhibitions 3.20-4pm and 5-6pm
Tuesday 15	Y4 to see Wind in the Willows at the Rose Theatre – details to follow
Wednesday 16	Van Gogh Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 16	Hockney Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 17	Mehretu Wiley Class trip to synagogue
Thursday 17	Nursery Christmas Singing & Crafts Klee AM 11-11.30am Klee PM 12.30-1pm
Friday 18	Christmas jumper Day. Christmas lunch & break up one hour early
JANUARY 2027	
Monday 4	Inset day - children not in school.
Friday 8	First Y5 swimming lesson at The Malden Centre – details to follow
FEBRUARY	
Mon 15-19	Half term
TBC	Iftar event – details to follow
MARCH	
Monday 1	Eggs/chicks arrive in Reception
Thursday 4	World Book Day
Tuesday 9	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-5.30pm – details to follow
Thursday 11	Y3 trip to Festival Hall – details nearer the time
Thursday 11	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-5.30pm – details to follow
Tuesday 16	Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-6pm – details to follow
Thursday 18	Parent/Carer Consultations online 4-6.30pm– details to follow
Friday 19	Reception trip to the Wetlands Centre – details to folloe
Tuesday 23	Thinker's Project Exhibition
Monday 22	Y5 Bikeability course starts
Thursday 26	Last day of spring term. School finishes one hour earlier
APRIL	
26 March – 9 April	Easter holidays
Wednesday 14	Y4 Thames Young Mariners trip – details to follow
Friday 23	TCS London Mini Marathon – details to follow
MAY	
Friday 21	Outdoor Learning Day
Monday 24	Y6 Bikeability course starts
Mon 31- Fri 4 June	Half-term
JUNE	
Wednesday 9 June	Sports Day for EYFS
Thursday 10	Sports Day for Y1-6

Wednesday 16 June	Back up Sports Day for EYFS
Thursday 17	Back up Sports Day for Y1-6
Tuesday 22	SEND Parent/Carer Plan Review Meetings in person
Thursday 24	SEND Parent/Carer Plan Review Meetings in person
Fri 25-Mon 28	Y6 PGL Residential weekend – go to ParentPay
Tuesday 29	Rest day for Y6 on PGL
JULY	
Friday 2	Inset day - children not in school. No clubs
Wednesday 7	International Day
Friday 9	EYFS Beach Day
Wednesday 14	Y6 Production 2pm
Thursday 15	Y6 Production 7pm
Friday 16	Y4 Ukulele concert 2.30pm
Tuesday 20	Thinker's Project Exhibition
Wednesday 21	Y6 Leavers' Tea & Assembly
Friday 23	Break up one hour earlier

Christmas Lunch

On the last day of this term, **Friday 18th December**, there will be a Christmas lunch. Please book on ParentPay in the usual way. The options available are on the Stir poster here. Please note, there will be no jacket potatoes on this day. Children may wear a festive jumper to school with their uniform, and Santa hats/reindeer ears are welcome! Please remember school will finish one hour earlier than usual on this day.





PCSA

The PCSA (Parents, Carers, Staff Association) brings together parents, carers and staff to support the school fundraising for equipment and activities for the children. Here are some of the upcoming events:

- Sat 28th Nov - Christmas Panto – see flyer to book!
- Fri 11th Dec - 'Christmas' Cake Sale Competition (Y5)

Christmas Pantomime 'Dick Whittington' - Our annual Christmas Fair is fast approaching on **Saturday 28th November** from 12-4pm, and this year we will be putting on a Christmas Panto for everyone to enjoy!!! Come with us as we explore classic fairy-tale Dick Whittington through the eyes of our young hero. See if you can help good conquer evil! Panto in a day brings a professional, interactive full theatre experience with songs, comedy, and audience participation—built for primary ages from Reception.



Tickets are now available using this link or the QR code on the flyer:



Miniature Winter Wonderland competition - Along with all the exciting games and stalls we have at the Fair this year we are adding a miniature for children to take part in! They can make a little miniature Winter Wonderland out of anything - Lego, cardboard, clay, whatever they want. All the 'worlds' will be on view throughout the Fair and one winner will be picked to win an exciting prize before the end of the day.

Tesco Blue Tokens – PCSA are very excited to have a Tesco fruit and veg grants blue token box for voting in some Tesco stores until the **10th January!** If you have time please pop to one of the stores below and vote for the King Athelstan 'Grow, Eat, Thrive' programme. The project with the highest number of votes across the region will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000 and the third placed project £500. Here are the stores that you can currently vote in:

Hook Express KT9 1EL
Tolworth Express KT6 7DQ
Chessington Express KT9 1SG
New Malden High Street Express KT3 4DQ
Norbiton Express KT1 3RT
Kingston Thames Express KT2 5EB
Surbiton Express KT6 5AR
Worcester Park Express KT4 7NW



KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids are now taking bookings for their Merry & Magical Christmas holidays 21st-23rd December and Blast Off into Space for February Half Term 15th-19th February. Prices start from just £31.50 per child (Standard day 10.00am to 4.00pm; extended days available 8.15am-6.00pm). See here for more information. There will be free places via HAF Holiday Activities for children who receive Targeted Free School Meals. HAF booking codes are no longer needed.



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:



Bed Wetting Workshop – Your Healthcare is holding a Bed Wetting Workshop for parents/carers on **25th November** from 1-2.30pm with information and advice on how to support your child to be dry at night. Please book here or by using the QR code in the poster.



Easyfundraising – don't forget you can raise money for the school whilst doing your personal shopping! Please scan the QR code to sign up and select King Athelstan. Thank you.



ASD Parent/Carer Support Group – there is an ASD parent/carer support group meeting on 2nd December at Grand Avenue Primary and Nursery School. If you would like to come along, please register by following this link: https://forms.gle/McLWXffuk7ykEXWZA.

Safeguarding Details

Click here to find out about the school DSLS: Designated Safeguarding Leads at King Athelstan

