



King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 32 - Friday 27th May 2022

Dear Families,

We have had a fantastic day today celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - a once in a lifetime event for all. There have been lovely red, white & blue outfits as well as very regal princes and princesses. We hope the children all enjoyed the day and the festivities. Take a look at the photos below.



Have a lovely, relaxing half-term and don't forget, children return to school on **Tuesday 7th June**.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Jubilee Super Learning Day

This week at King Athelstan, we have been getting excited about a very special historical event just on the horizon. The Queen's 70th year as monarch and Platinum Jubilee has inspired us to have all sorts of exciting activities this week including stone painting, cake baking, historical investigation and a dance through the ages!

Yes, that's right, in celebration of all the decades that the lady with the shiny, golden hat has been sitting on her throne we have been choreographing, stretching and dancing from the 1950's to the present day.

Further to this, we have been investigating changes in Kingston and nationwide across Her Majesty's reign and it has given us a wonderful perspective of how long 70 years is. Most importantly, we have been able to re-live our past childhoods; nothing has given me more happiness than teaching Spice Girls to my own class of children, or to see Year 6 doing the mashed potato!

Happy Jubilee everyone!

Mr Barson

Great King Athelstan Baking Off
Jubilee Baking

To celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, all the children from across the school have been baking delicious British Treats.

Throughout EYFS, the children made yummy apple and pear crumble. They cut their apples, then created their crumbly mix. Their crumble made the school corridors smell divine.

It was fun because we all got to roll, cut and mix. They tasted crispy.
Max P. Matisse

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 made scrumptious buttery shortbread biscuits.

It was exciting because baking is fun and we got to eat them afterwards.
Looney, De Vinci

The Year 3 & 4 children, measured their ingredients carefully to make scones fit for an afternoon tea with the Queen.

In Year 5, children made zesty lemon cupcakes.

It was interesting because we had to get the proportions correct.
Lucien, Ball

It was fun because we worked as a team and we got to learn how to measure the correct amounts.
Violet, Warhol

It was difficult because we had so many different ingredients.
Harry, Warhol

Year 6 enjoyed making classic cupcakes with cream and jam.

We enjoyed the whole experience: the mixing, stirring, cracking eggs and watching them bake.
Riley Class

All the recipes from the week can be found on your child's Google Classroom feed.

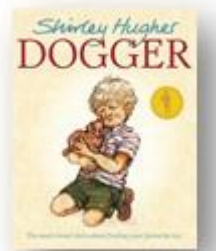
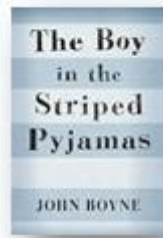
Half-Term at YMCA

YMCA still have some spaces on their Wild Play Days over half-term. However, they are only operating for these two days with no extended times offered: Monday 30th May 9am - 5pm and Tuesday 31st May 9am - 5pm. Please go to our [online booking system](#) to book a place.



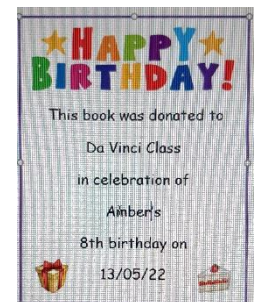
Book Donations

A HUGE thank you to the PCSA for donating £500 towards some whole class reading texts to support our children's love of reading. These texts will become part of our reading curriculum and allow all children to have access to high quality texts to support their picture inference, fluency and expression skills as well as develop a love of reading using rich, high quality texts. The PCSA has bought class sets of these books:



Each book has a special PCSA sticker to show how the book was funded. They are also in the process of donating more funds

to buy books that promote diversity, reflect representation and realities within our community and celebrate a range of cultures and heritages for our book corners. Please remember that we welcome Birthday Books, where children donate a book to their class on their birthday, as this is a lovely way for the children to enjoy something that will last, and will benefit the class for the rest of the year. When your child brings in a birthday book, we add a book plate at the front with their name and birthday and put on a protective cover before the book goes into their class reading corner. There is no requirement to donate a book - it is purely voluntary. Thank you.



International Day



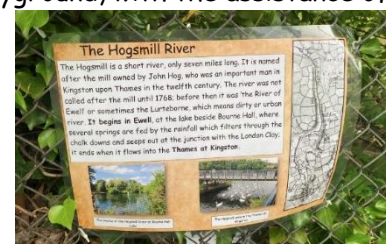
Tuesday 19th July will see the return of **International Day** at King Athelstan Primary School. We will once again be celebrating the rich diversity that makes this school such a special place. This event used to be one of the highlights of the calendar before Covid and we are really happy to be able to celebrate it once again. International Day will be a **mufti-day** and children are encouraged to wear clothes from their country of heritage or choose outfits from a country of their choice. We are also looking forward to celebrating our different cultures with diverse activities throughout the day. We will need volunteers to commit to making tasty food for the **"International Market"** that will take place after school in the Key Stage 1 playground. The time, effort and skill that went into the many dishes in the past was evident in the delicious food provided. Please note there can be no pork, nuts or hot dishes. All proceeds generated from the sale of your delicious food will be donated to the school playground fund. Anyone donating food will need to complete the ingredients list with their dish (as for the Jubilee Garden Party). We hope you will be able to join us for this celebration of the languages, cultures and food that make King Athelstan great. More information to follow nearer the date.

Hogsmill Viewing Station

Mrs Ahearn has been busy setting up a Hogsmill Viewing Station in the KS2 playground, with the assistance of Nishka, one of the JLT Co-Chairs. There is a great view of the Hogsmill River running along beside the playground and they have attached some binoculars



there so that any wildlife and plantlife can be examined more closely. There is also an information chart with details about the Hogsmill River and a 'wildlife detective' chart. Yesterday, there were some ducks swimming by which gave a great bird-watching opportunity!



House Points

Congratulations to **Yellow House, Cambridge**, who win this week with 30 points! Green, Red and Blue were really close, on 25, 24 and 23 each. Well done everyone!



Villers (25)



Dawson (24)



Cambridge (30)



Hawks (23)

PCSA News

Y6 Hoodies - As a memento of their time at King Athelstan, we are ordering leavers' hoodies for all Year 6 pupils. The final date for ordering is **Monday 30th May**. The cost of the hoodie this year is £12-13.50 depending on the size. Parents/carers are asked for a suggested donation of £8 and the Year 6 children will help to subsidise the cost by holding ice lolly sales every Friday from 17th June to 15th July after school. The donation is voluntary and every child in Year 6 will still receive a hoodie as we know how much they love them! [Y6 Leavers' Hoodies order form](#) and [Y6 Leavers' Hoodies contribution](#)



Jubilee Garden Party - Thank you to everyone who baked, ate and joined us on Saturday afternoon, we had a wonderful time celebrating in the sunshine. Thank you to everyone who helped run stalls, washed up and helped tidy up afterwards. A big thank you to the Junior Leadership team members (Chairs, Vice Chairs and House Captains) who ran the games area brilliantly! There was lots of positive feedback about them. They were very enthusiastic, hardworking and had a positive attitude. This was the 2nd event in one week as they had also supported at the Y1 Mini Olympics. Keep up the great work! In total we raised an amazing **£3.5k** for the Big Outdoor Project! Thank you everyone.

School Council - Houses of Parliament

The School Council had a wonderful time visiting The Palace of Westminster. They had a tour of the Houses of Parliament and saw democracy in action, as well as a close up view of Big Ben. They went into the public gallery and watched MPs in a live debate in the Chamber. Then they were given headsets and hosted their own debate about whether smoking should be banned. They all really enjoyed it and learned so much. The adults with them were so impressed by their behaviour and conduct throughout.



Kingston Libraries Events

Please [click here](#) to access the Digital Events Brochure for Kingston Library & Heritage Service for May and June 2022. This includes all of their half term activities and Jubilee celebrations as well as their regular sessions and one-off events for all ages, many of which are free.



Dates for the Diary

JUNE	
Mon 6	Jubilee Day - school closed
Tue 7	Return to school after half-term
Tue 7	R and Y6 height and weight checks
Tue 7	Parent/Carer Support Group - Anxiety
Wed 8	Y6 Kids Out to Chessington



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Klee AM Nursery



Hockney Class Y2



Wiley Class Y4



Nelson Class Reception



Kusama Class Reception



Matisse Class Y2



Mehretu Class Y4



O'Keefe Class Y1



Dali Class Y5



Da Vinci Class Y3



Van Gogh Class Y1



Riley Class Y6



Haring Staff



Lunch bags ready!



Kahlo Class Y6



Music Lesson



KS2 Assembly



Lunch outside



Platinum Jubilee Stones