



Dear Families,

This week we have had a big focus on New Year habits and how it takes 21 days to make a habit. We have been thinking about how little things we do each day add up. In assembly on Tuesday, the children came up with some great ideas on what habits they would like to work on this year including: recycling one thing every day, reading for 20 minutes and giving someone a compliment, as well as taking part in the daily mile by running around our running track 7 and a half times each lunchtime. We also reminded ourselves of our 'Butterfly Dreams' which we set back in September and evaluated how the small targets we set for ourselves to achieve these aspirations were going. The children then discussed in class what actions they needed to take this term to help them achieve these goals. To help with this, over the next few weeks, children in Year 2-6 will be having one-to-one conferencing with their teacher and will be discussing their work and next steps.

Cold temperatures are set to continue into next week. Please ensure your child is suitably dressed for the school day, particularly for outdoor playtimes: coats, hat & gloves are essential. Please also take care on our footpaths around school.

Amazingly we are already half way through January - do enjoy a safe and happy weekend.

Best wishes,

Lucy Mastrocola,

Acting Headteacher

Early Morning Reading/Maths

It is lovely to see so many children coming in for their early-morning reading or maths sessions. Please note that these additional sessions start at 8.15am sharp - the blue gate into the KS1 playground will be opened then. If a child is late it is disruptive to the others, and they may be asked to wait outside and come into school at the usual time instead. If your child has been invited to attend and you do not want to take up the offer, please let the office know on admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org so we can offer the space to another child.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please make sure that your child arrives on time at school every day. Timings are:

- Nursery AM 08.30am-11.30am
- Reception 8.35am-3.05pm
- Y1-Y6 arrival starts at 8.40am, with gates closing just before 8.55 am as children should be in class by this time. Pick up is between 3.10-3.20pm
- Nursery PM 12.30pm - 3.30pm

Children arriving late may miss essential information at the start of the day, and it disturbs the whole class. Please make sure you let the office know if your child is sick or is not attending school for any reason.

School Office

The school office remains officially 'closed' to try to limit the number of people on site. Families should, wherever possible, use the email address admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org or messages@kingathelstan.rbksch.org to pass on details about change of pick-up arrangements, notification of appointments (dentist etc.) or messages to teachers. The school phone number is: 020 8546 8210. Please ensure that school has correct contact numbers for parents and carers during the school day. We have recently had several occasions where numbers are out of date and we could not contact families. We need these details in case of emergency. Thank you.

Spotlight on Learning in Year 2

This week, Year 2 have started their topic 'Diary of a London Kid' which focuses on The Great Fire of London in 1666. A lot of us will remember the famous song 'London's Burning' from our time at school, and we continue this tradition in school today by singing to help us remember. We have delved into the amazing history of The Great Fire and discovered the first fire engines, dogs that look like kings and buried cheese (ask the children about that one). As our learning takes us to 17th century London, we uncover what it was like to live in such a bustling city; with no sewers, squashed houses and horses instead of cars - it could get quite smelly! We also discuss the Great Plague that occurred just before the fire and draw parallels with the pandemic we are living through today. In art, we are sketching out plans for London homes just like Sir Christopher Wren, while using these as plans for our future design technology lessons. This term's topic is 'on fire'!



Starting School

Children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 are due to start Reception class at primary school in September 2022. The closing date to submit primary school applications online is **Saturday 15th January 2022**. Please submit applications online by visiting: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>
See the Kingston Primary Guide attached for further information or visit: <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/schools-education/apply-infant-junior-primary-school-place-september-intake/1>

House Points

The first winner of the weekly House Competition this year is **Green House, Villiers**, on 32 points, Yellow are second on 26, followed by Red on 24 and Blue on 23.



Villiers (32)



Dawson (24)



Cambridge (26)



Hawks (23)

King Athelstan Wish List

The school Wish List is found here: <http://amzn.eu/iVtYjlt> for any families who wish to make a donation to the school. We regularly update the list with various items which would be useful across the school. If you do make a purchase, please add a note so we know who it is from and can thank you properly. Recent packages have included diverse items such as reading books, ice-packs and footballs. Thank you so much, we really appreciate it.



Volunteers in School

To promote the love of books and provide additional opportunities for children to share books and read with an adult, we would like to invite back our team of volunteers. Would you like to join our team of reading volunteers? Alternatively, we sometimes need an extra adult to assist us on school trips. If you would be interested in accompanying a trip, please let us know. We welcome applications from grandparents or others who may have some time to spare. Please email the school office if you are interested. All volunteers will need to apply for a full DBS check (if not already in place) and be willing to take regular lateral flow tests. Thank you.



Achievement Assembly

Well done to the following children who received their certificate of excellence this week:



Achievement Award

Friday 14th December 2021

Kusama Reception - Elvis

Van Gogh Y1 - Toby

Hockney Y2 - Ryan

Cassatt Y3 - Jay

Mehretu Y4 - Hudson

Dali Y5 - Olivia

Kahlo Y6 - Theo

PE KS1 - Frankie, O'Keeffe Y1

Nelson Reception - Oliver

O'Keeffe Y1 -Miqdaad

Matisse Y2 - (2 children next week)

Da Vinci Y3 - Dorothy

Wiley Y4 - Ayub

Warhol Y5 - Ayesha

Riley Y6 - Tommy

PE KS2 -Y6 Sapphire, Dali Y5

School Uniform

Please help us to keep standards of behaviour and pride in our school high by following these rules:

Shoes - these should be sensible, flat, completely black school shoes, not trainers or any other colour shoes (not canvas shoes, boots or heeled shoes etc.);

PE Uniform - children should wear PE uniform on their PE days which is a **plain white** t-shirt, **black** jogging bottoms or shorts with trainers and the purple school sweatshirt;

Jewellery - Jewellery is not generally permitted, however, stud earrings may be worn if your child is able to remove them or cover them independently for PE. Religious jewellery is permitted;

Watches - may be worn, but must be sensible, and not have any alarm, etc. 'Smart' watches are not allowed;

Nail Polish/Make Up - not to be worn in school. If a child has nail polish or make up on in school, they will be supported to remove it;

Hair -long hair (both girls and boys) should always be tied back with a plain hair band. No large JoJo bows or cats ears hairbands;

More information can be found here: <https://www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/for-parents-and-carers/school-uniform/>

After School Clubs

After school clubs start in the week beginning 17th January and will finish in the week of 21st March. All clubs finish at **4.10pm**, and children should be collected from the usual gates to the KS1 playground. If your child has a sports club on a day when they do not do PE, they can wear their PE uniform to school that day.

Job Vacancies

We advertise any job vacancies within school on eteach. We currently have advertisements out for: a Breakfast Club Assistant, Welfare and Attendance Officer, a Teaching Assistant in the main school, and a Teaching Assistant in our Specialist Resource Provision. Please see eteach here for more information and to apply: <https://www.eteach.com/jobs/royal-borough-of-kingston-upon-thames-jobs-6238/?oo=ag>.

Burlington Infants School in New Malden has asked us to advertise three vacancies they have:

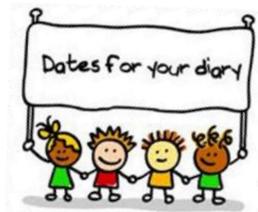
<https://www.eteach.com/job/nursery-teaching-assistant-1198713>

<https://www.eteach.com/job/send-teaching-assistant-1202710>

<https://www.eteach.com/job/lunchtime-supervisor-1182171>

Special Menu

Thursday 20th January is Census Day and we have a special menu which can be booked on ParentPay in the usual way. Please remember, you can pre-book children's meals right up to Easter.



Dates for the Diary

JANUARY	
Mon 17	After school clubs start
Weds 19	Warhol Class Assembly
Thurs 20	Census Day - special menu
Weds 26	Van Gogh Class Assembly
Thurs 27	Governor Visit Day

FEBRUARY	
Tues 1	Chinese New Year - Year of the Tiger
Weds 2	Mehretu Class Assembly
Tues 8	Year 6 trip Junior Citizen
Wed 9	Y5/Y6 Cross Country Competition
Half Term 14 th February - 18 th February	
Tues 22	Y4 virtual Multiplication Tables Check presentation to Parents 9.30am
Wed 23	Y6 trip to Kew Gardens
Mon 28	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations Mon - Thur

Class Assemblies 2022

All are at 9am. Two people may attend for each child, and must have taken a lateral flow test beforehand with a negative result. All must wear a face covering on site, unless medically exempt. Please wait by the main school office door after drop off. Thank you.

Wed 19 th January	Warhol Class Y5
Wed 26 th January	Van Gogh Class Y1
Wed 2 nd February	Mehretu Class Y4
Wed 9 th March	Kahlo Class Y6
Wed 16 th March	Matisse Class Y2
Wed 3 rd March	Cassatt Class Y3
Wed 27 th April	Nelson Class, Reception
Wed 18 th May	O'Keeffe Class Y1
Wed 15 th June	Kusama Class, Reception

Please remember that Monday 6th June 2022 has been designated as the additional bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.