



Dear Families,

This week has been Diversity Week at King Athelstan. It started with an assembly lead by Miss Laura Meggitt, our Equality and Diversity Lead. The aim of the week was to celebrate our differences.

We also enjoyed a wonderful assembly about 'People Who Help Us' from Kusama Class.

The senior Leadership Team has spent a lot of time interviewing this week and we look forward to updating you more about this soon.

Next week is a slightly unusual week. Please note:

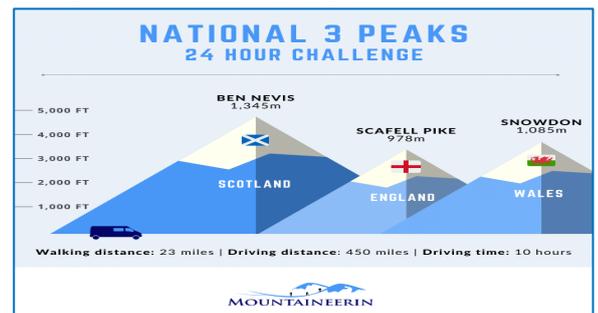
- Monday - wear bright colours for Festival Day
- Tuesday - 'normal' day
- Wednesday - Strike day: **school closed for children**
- Thursday - Sports Day, weather permitting. Wear house colour t-shirt
- Friday - Strike day: **school closed for children**

Enjoy the weekend.

Emily Newton, Headteacher

### National Three Peaks Challenge

Last weekend, as you know, five staff members (Kayleigh Lee, Barbara Favretti, Ceris Heath, Roz Coelho and Darren Mc Laughlin) took on the National Three Peaks Challenge, walking up and down the highest mountains in Scotland, England and Wales within 24 hours. They returned home on Sunday evening, and were all back in school on Monday, aching legs and all! It was a massive achievement and so far this year £335 has been raised on the [Givey page](#), in addition to the more than £6000 that was raised last year when the attempt was cancelled by the company. All money raised will go towards the Big Outdoors Project to renovate the KS1 playground. If you would like to contribute this year, any amount, however small, that would be much appreciated. We are so proud of the team! Thank you so much.



### Sports Day

Sports Day unfortunately had to be cancelled this week due to the heavy rain overnight. **However, we are all set to go next Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July instead. All timings and arrangements remain the same.** Please remember that all lunches booked on the day will be either a cheese or chicken sandwich packed lunch. There will be no hot food or jacket potatoes on this day - children booked in for jacket potato will be given the cheese sandwich option. Alternatively, you can provide a packed lunch from home for your child, and remember to cancel any hot meal previously booked. The timings of the day are as follows:

#### Timings for EYFS on the King Athelstan site

8:40-9:00am - Klee (morning nursery)  
9:00-9:30am - Reception (Nelson and Kusama)  
12:45-1:05pm - Klee (afternoon nursery)

\*Before and after school clubs will run on this day

#### Timings at the Athelstan Recreation Ground

9:50am-11:00am - Key Stage 1 (Y1-Y2)  
11:00am-12:45pm - Key Stage 2 (Y3-Y6)

### Kusama Class Assembly

Kusama Class presented a fantastic assembly this week, all about people who help us in our community. They sang a fabulous song, all about brushing your teeth, and were word-perfect in every way. Well done Kusama!



## Amazon Wish List



Thank you so much to those who continue to purchase items from our Wish List. All items purchased are very much appreciated. **There is no obligation to buy anything, but if you would like to make a purchase the link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>**

## Festivals Day

King Athelstan's first ever Festivals Day is fast approaching on Monday 3rd July. Many thanks to the families who have been in touch and offered ideas and support with festivals from different cultures. On the day we plan to immerse ourselves in the festival that our year group has chosen, including making a flag, hat or mask to wear in our "Festival of Festivals" parade around the school. On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, the children can come into school in mufti - just brightly coloured clothes to add a splash of colour to the parade. We are looking forward to celebrating a diverse range of festivals from many different cultures.

## 'Dragon's Den' Challenge

On Monday, six Year 5 pupils were invited to Tiffin Girls' School to participate in a Dragon's Den event. Their challenge was to create a new perfume. They had to write a business plan with costings, devise the perfume by trialling different scent combinations, create the packaging, make and record an advert for it complete with jingle, and then do a presentation of the final product to a panel of judges. Their scent, called 'Lavender Heaven' was made with lavender, cinnamon and mint. The intrepid crew of Alan, Ayla-Grace, Kaif, Nataniel, Rayyan and Roanna and came 3<sup>rd</sup>! Well done to our future entrepreneurs - we bet they smell lovely, too!



## Y6

This year, Year 6 once again worked with Audley Travel Agents to devise their own travel leaflets. Each child received tailored feedback from a real travel writer about their work. There was an online awards ceremony to celebrate all the Year 6 travel leaflets. Audley then picked winners in various categories (pictured right) and 2 overall winners, Frances and Owen, who also received a prize. We are really proud of Year 6 - they researched their travel destinations well and wrote beautiful descriptions for their leaflets.



## Achievement Assembly

Today, KS2's achievement assembly was accompanied on the piano by Kerem in Warhol Y5 and Sam in Wiley Y4.



## Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Jacob

O'Keeffe Y1 - Precious

Matisse Y2 - Dunia & Lillie

Hockney Y2 - Aida

Cassatt Y3 - Augustyn

Da Vinci - Jasper

Mehretu Y4 - Martha

Wiley Y4 - Sam

Y5 Dragon's Den stars - Alan, Ayla-Grace, Kaif, Rayyan, Roanna, Nataniel

Kahlo - Monica & Sam

Riley Y6 - Josie & Frances

KS2 PE - Lula in Warhol Y5

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Amina		Ben	Max	Ethan
Oscar	AJ	Rowen	Arran	---

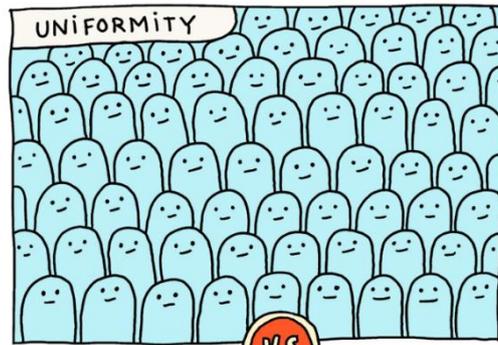


### Diversity Week

Congratulations to the children who won Equality and Diversity awards in Diversity Week: Mei in Wiley Y4, Ava in Wiley Y4, Karyn in Warhol Y5, Katie in Mehretu Y4, Violet in Dali Y5, and Nicole Barrett-Francis in Riley Y6. Well done to all!

We celebrate your differences!

- Different abilities
- Different cultures
- Different religions
- Different hobbies
- Different ideas
- Different mindsets
- Different preferences
- Different genders



### Dates for the Diary

JULY 2023

Mon 3-7	Clubs end this week
Mon 3	Festivals Day -wear bright colours
Tue 4	Y3 Country Dancing event
Wed 5	Strike day - school closed
Thur 6	Sports Day
Fri 7	Strike day - school closed
Tue 11	Y2 trip to Hampton Court
Wed 12	EYFS Beach Day
Wed 12	Y6 Production 'Star Warts - The Umpire Strikes Back' 2pm. Ticket only.
Thur 13	Y6 Production 'Star Warts - The Umpire Strikes Back' 7pm. Ticket only.
Fri 14	Y4 Ukulele Concert
Fri 14	Y6 Lolly sale
Fri 14	PCSA Second-hand uniform sale after school
Fri 14	Y6 Leavers' Disco 6-8pm
Mon 17	Y1 trip to Littlehampton
Tue 18	Y5 trip to Holly Lodge
Wed 19	Haring Tea Party 2pm
Fri 21	School breaks up for summer <b>ONE HOUR</b> earlier
Fri 21	There will be <b>NO KOOSA Kids</b> on this day

### Summer Reading Challenge



The Reading Agency is launching this summer's Reading Challenge along with local libraries. Children can take part online or at a local library. Find out more here: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

Also, please see the poster at the end of the Digest about the benefits and importance of children reading and being read to every day.



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## PCSA

The PCSA would like to thank everyone who attended and helped organise the Summer Fair. It was a brilliant event, with delicious food, drinks, games for everyone and even a fire engine (to look around, no fire!). We hope everyone had lots of fun and we look forward to planning the next event for you to enjoy. The event raised a brilliant **£3,060** that will be used solely for the benefit of the children at the school. Keep an eye out for the after-school lolly sales to help Y6 raise funds. Take a look at the PCSA [website here](#) for lots more information, upcoming events and fundraising results.

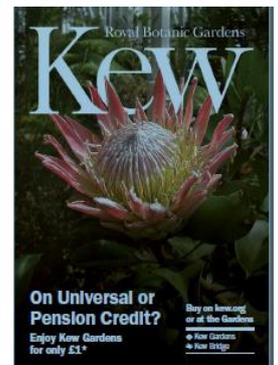


## Community News

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

### £1 Entrance to Kew Gardens

A new low-cost entry is being introduced for a visit to Kew Gardens for people in receipt of Universal Credit, aimed to make both gardens more accessible to people of all ages and all incomes to enjoy a great day out in nature. The new ticket will allow anyone who is in receipt of Universal credit to pre-book online at [www.kew.org](http://www.kew.org) or to walk up and pay their £1 on the gate.



### FUEL: Summer 2023 Holiday Activity and Food programme - bookings open!

Bookings have opened for the Summer 2023 FUEL Holiday Activity and Food programme!



FUEL provides free activities and food for children whose parents are eligible for benefits- related Free School Meals during the Easter, Summer and Winter school holidays. If your child is eligible, you should have a 17 digit FUEL code. If you think your child may be eligible but you haven't got a code, email the FUEL team

at: [fuel@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:fuel@achievingforchildren.org.uk) or ask at the school office.

If you have your code, you can book on to sessions

now: <https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information/information-and-advice/fuel-holiday-activities-and-food-programme>

There are also still spaces available for the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (FUEL) with KOOSA Kids here on site at King Athelstan Primary. These spaces are for eligible children aged 4-13 who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals, as above.



### Take part in The SEND Futures Survey

Kingston Council, the Integrated Care Board and Achieving for Children are collecting information to improve support provided to children and young people with SEND. In the autumn term the Kingston SEND Futures plan will be updated. To inform this, your feedback on local services would be greatly appreciated, and your views on support across all of education, health and social care for children and young people from birth (for example, from health visitors) up to 25 years (for example from employers and supported housing providers). You are welcome to fill in the survey using the links below if: [you are a parent or carer of a young person with SEND](#). Thank you for taking part, your answers will help to shape future support in Kingston.

