



## King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 13 - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Families,

Our school focus this week was on **being a good citizen**. Next week, we will be re-visiting **Self-regulation (Zones of Regulation)**.

Tomorrow is our Festive Fair 12-3pm. Do come along if you can, and bring friends and family. There will be lots of lovely stalls and activities to do alongside delicious food/refreshments. The Choir will be performing and I heard a rumour that Santa himself will be welcoming visitors to his grotto! There will also be a chance for children to buy and wrap presents for their parents/carers in the Secret Room.

In my KS2 assembly this week, we talked about the importance of using kind words. We listened to a story about someone who realised they could not take their unkind words back once they had been said, and the impact this had.

Have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing you at the Festive Fair!

**Emily Newton, Headteacher**



The main school tree in the Hall

### Christmas Post Box

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! You may have noticed the wonderful new post box outside the office. This was generously made and donated by Mr Chalas and his family (Xanthippi in Y1) so that we could run our usual Christmas card service. Thank you so much to the Chala family - we really appreciate this amazing addition to our school! Children should post any cards they want to send to friends in school into the box. Our Y6



Our new Christmas post box



prefects/elves are sorting and delivering post on Friday afternoons. Please remember you can see you child's class list in Google Classroom, if they want to see all their classmates' names. Around the school, there are many Christmas decorations and trees. In Nelson Class (Reception), an elf was up to no good and wrapped their tree up in Christmas wrapping paper overnight (left)! Elves have been around a number of the EYFS classrooms and have been up to all sorts of mischief!

### Mr Garside - Lollipop Man



As we reported last month, Andy Garside, our dedicated school crossing patrol man for 11 years, decided to hang up his lollipop. Thank you to all the families who generously contributed to a leaving collection for him. We managed to raise £185 to say thank you for helping to keep all the children safe. Max, Eabha, Alice, Elaie and Maia met with him to hand over the voucher, and other gifts and cards, this week. Mr Garside was very touched by all the pictures and messages. We wish him well in his next endeavours.

### Y5 Viking Day

Year 5 classes enhanced their learning all about the Vikings with Viking Day this week. There were some amazing Viking outfits, and the smell of wonderful Viking bread filled the whole school.



## Charity Carol Concert

Each year, members of the Rotary club and Inner Wheel help raise funds for local charities by hosting the Graham Childs Christmas Carol concert in New Malden Methodist Church. Eabha and Max, our Y6 Junior Leadership Team Co Chairs, represented King Athelstan at the concert on Wednesday evening. They read two poems: 'Blossoms' by Li-Young Lee and 'The Sound of Laughter' by Francis Duggan.

They read with confidence and great pace. Both children were captivating and the audience really enjoyed their poems. Twenty of the older members of our school Choir also performed three songs at the concert this year:

Carol of the Bells - Mykola Dmytrovych Leontovych

O Holy Night - Adolphe Adam

I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday - Roy Wood

The children performed so well; they used their voices in an expressive and creative way. The congregation really enjoyed it, and there was so much positive feedback about their singing. A special mention to Darren McLaughlin and Sam Thomas for preparing the children. It was clear to see all of the hard work that goes on behind the scenes. Thanks to all of the families who attended and supported on the night. All money raised will support Wildlife Aid.



## Y1 & Y2 Multi Skills Festival

The 12 children who attended this event at Chessington School had a wonderful time and took part in Skill-based stations including: speed bounce, target throw, balance beam, dishes & domes, bowling, shuttle runs, balance bean bag, dice game and an agility game. Mr McLaughlin was really impressed by their great participation and behaviour throughout, and they all received a medal at the end! Well done.



## Riley Class Assembly

Riley class stunned their families with a fantastic assembly, showcasing their work on 'The Unexplained' this term. The assembly culminated in a rousing rendition of David Bowie's 'Starman', wonderfully accompanied by James on the violin. Several children even had face paint to look like Ziggy Stardust!



## Y5 Triffids



Year 5 had a big surprise one day this week when they returned from lunch to find that some triffids had snuck into their classrooms and caused some disruption! Luckily, they knew all about it as they are



currently reading 'The Day of the Triffids' by John Wyndham.

## Amazon Wish List

We have an ongoing Amazon Wish List which was started after families wanted to contribute items to school. There is no obligation to buy anything, but any purchases are very much appreciated. Have a look at the link here: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz> . Thank you.





## Christmas Lunch



Christmas Lunch will be served on the last day of term  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Book on ParentPay as usual  
See your emails for details

Christmas lunch will be on the last day of term, **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**. Please see the menu, left. There will be no jacket potatoes on this day, and the usual Friday fish choice will be available on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December instead. Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper and/or Christmas accessories on this day if they wish, with the rest of their school uniform. Please remember, school will finish one hour earlier than usual, and there will be no KOOSA Kids on this day.

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	
Year Group	Pick up time
AM Nursery	11:30am as normal
Reception	2:10pm
Year 1-6	2:15pm
PM Nursery	2:30pm

## School Council



For the last four years, RBKares, a group of community volunteers within the council, has asked local school children to make Christmas cards for the residents of local care homes. These cards are extremely popular and the recipients really value receiving such a personal item, particularly at a time of year when a lack of local family or community can be very painful. Miss Gulliford and the School Council were very happy to assist with this project and here are just a few of the cards they have made.

## Achievement Assembly



## Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Sonny	O'Keeffe Y1 - Owen
Hockney Y2 - Liana	Matisse Y2 - Paula
Cassatt Y3 - Koshin	Da Vinci Y3 - Oscar
Mehretu Y4 - Yeva	Wiley Y4 - Pedro
Dali Y5 - Ziyad	Warhol Y5 - Freya
Riley Y6 - Agatha	Kahlo Y6 - Kayla

KS2 PE Souhila in Da Vinci Class Y3

Max P in Mehretu class accompanied KS2 assembly on the piano with Jingle Bells!

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kieran	Yousra	Elena	Pedro	Ben	Nicholas
Aicha	Haadiya	Aya	Ruby	Max F	Electra

## House Points

This week in first place are joint winners **Green (Villiers)** and **Yellow (Cambridge)** both on 32 points. Red (Dawson) have 31 and Blue (Hawks) 22.



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DATES FOR THE DIARY	
DECEMBER 2024	
Monday 9	Y2 Matisse Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Monday 9	Y2 Hockney Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 9	Last week of clubs
Tuesday 10	Reception Nelson Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Wednesday 11	Y5 and Y6 Ice Skating at Hampton Court - please go to ParentPay to pay and consent
Wednesday 11	Y1 Van Gogh Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 11	<del>Y1 O'Keeffe Christmas Assembly 2.30pm</del> POSTPONED to 17.12.24
Thursday 12	Reception Kusama Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Thursday 12	Nursery AM Christmas Singing & Crafts 11-11.30am
Thursday 12	Nursery PM Christmas Singing & Crafts 12.30-1pm
Tuesday 17	Y1 O'Keeffe Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Tuesday 17	Y4 trip to the Rose Theatre - pick up at Rose at 4.15pm
Friday 20	Break up for Christmas one hour early - No KOOSA Kids on this day
JANUARY 2025	
Monday 6	Inset Day - children not in school
Friday 10	Y5 first swimming lesson
Wednesday 15	Deadline for applications for Reception places in September 2025
Wednesday 29	Y2 Matisse Class Assembly 9am
Friday 31	Cake Sale Y4 3.15pm
Friday 31	PCSA Gig Night at the Fighting Cocks
FEBRUARY	
Wednesday 5	Y3 Da Vinci Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 6	EYFS Museum in school
Thursday 6	Author visit for Y3-6
Wednesday 12	Y6 Kahlo Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 13	Book Looks for parent/carers
Mon 17-Fri 21	Half-Term
Tuesday 25	Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm in person
Thursday 27	Parent/Carer Consultations 4-6.30pm online
MARCH	
Tuesday 4	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm in person
Wednesday 5	Y3 trip to Kew Gardens
Wednesday 5	Y4 Mehretu Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 6	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm in person
Thursday 6	World Book Day
Wednesday 12	Y3 Cassatt Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 13	Spring Showcase
Wednesday 19	Y5 Dali Class Assembly 9am
Friday 21	Comic Relief
Monday 24	Clubs end this week
Wednesday 26	Y2 Hockney Class Assembly 9am
Friday 28	PCSA Easter Cake Sale

## ECO Warriors

This week we have had a very useful Eco Warrior meeting. The team are focusing on saving electricity in their classrooms by turning the lights and white board off. They will be checking in on their class plants to make sure they are happy. We also talked about how to have an eco-friendly Christmas.

Here are their Ten Top Tips:

1. Use a fake Christmas tree and reuse it every year
2. Reuse wrapping paper
3. Recycle your Christmas cards
4. Recycle the Christmas hats from your crackers, or better still, buy or make reusable ones
5. Be careful with your new toys so they don't get broken
6. Buy toys which are made to last
7. Try not to eat too much meat
8. Switch off the fairy lights when you leave the room and use LED bulbs
9. Make origami decorations which you can reuse next year
10. Be good so that Santa comes to visit you! 😊

The Eco Warriors have a plan for recycling wrapping paper in the new year so please send in any (clean flattened) wrapping paper in to school in the New Year! Enjoy your festive break!



## PCSA

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PCSA is proud to announce that the recent Family Rave raised an amazing £690.



There have been loads of donations of good as new toys and unwanted gifts, as well as chocolates/sweets and bottles for the tombola stalls at the Festive Fair tomorrow from 12-3pm. Most of the Fair will take place inside the school, so won't be interrupted by Storm Darragh! There will be fairground rides, a photo booth, the Secret Room where children can buy and wrap presents secretly for family members, stalls to buy Christmas gifts and of course, Santa's Grotto. Our own school Choir will be performing at 1.30pm. There will also be lots of food stalls, including the Dough Shack and a new Indonesian offer. We hope to see many of you there.

