



King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 39 - Friday 19th July 2024

Dear Families,

What a week it has been! We have been busy with 2 Year 6 productions, a Year 4 ukulele concert and a re-creation of the Great Fire of London! We have also had our final transition session with the children's teachers for next year. (There is ongoing support with this for some children until the end of term and into next term, too).

As we approach the final days of term, please continue to support your children having sun cream applied before school, wearing a sun hat and having a refillable water bottle.

In preparation for the summer holidays, please join the library if you are not already members so that your children can participate in the Summer Reading Challenge - see below.

It was great to see new Nursery and Reception children today in their Stay & Play before they join us in September!

Have a lovely weekend,
Emily Newton,

Headteacher

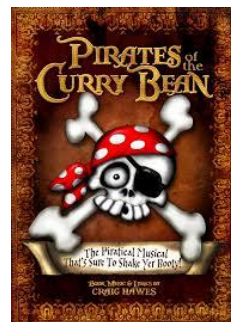


Y6 Production

This week, Y6 entertained the whole school and their families with their wonderful production of Pirates of the



Curry Bean! Solo singing and fabulous songs, swashbuckling Pirate action, long-lost treasure and an uncovered treasure map; this show had it all! Y6 did themselves proud in every aspect of the show - well done all!



Y1 trip to Littlehampton



Y1 are still talking about their trip to the seaside on 11th July. They were lucky to have some sunny weather and blue skies, although the sea was apparently quite cold! Everyone had an amazing time. Thank you to all parents/carers who accompanied the trip.



Y4 Movie Makers

Year 4 this week have been investigating, planning and designing their own moving picture books in DT. The children worked really hard to create fantastic interactive story pages for younger children. Year 1 came to share the books with us and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience!



Y4 Ukulele Concert

As you may be aware, Y4 have been learning to play the ukulele all year in their music lessons with Mr Thomas. Today, they invited their families to come to a mini concert and they showcased all they had learned. Y3 classes were also invited to watch so they could get a flavour of the ukulele lessons they will be having next year. They played 'Octopus's Garden' by The Beatles, 'Shotgun' by George Ezra, and 'Time of Your Life' by Green Day and they were amazing!



Y2 trip to Hampton Court Palace

Y2 went on a very exciting trip to Hampton Court Palace last Friday, arriving by boat just like King Henry VIII and the Tudors did. They have been learning all about the Tudors, and this trip really helped them imagine what it was like in Tudor times. They really enjoyed the boat trip, too.



Y2 Great Fire of London

Year 2 also re-enacted the Great Fire of London this week (from a safe distance!). They had made Tudor houses in their art lessons, and then we set these up in the car park and staged a 'burning'. The photos below show Tudor London before, during and after the fire. The children sang along to the fire with a rousing rendition of 'London's Burning'!



Eco Warrior News

Today the Eco Warriors met to show their classroom plants. These plants were introduced in the autumn term to help improve air quality in classrooms. All the children have looked after the plants really well throughout the year and the plants are thriving! The spider plants will move with the class up to their new class, with the Year 6 plants being given to the Year 1 classes. A big 'thank you' for our litter picker 'Clean up Crew' t-shirts, kindly donated for the Summer Fair. We will be able to continue to use these next year when we use our new litter pickers around the school grounds. Well done to all the

Eco Warriors for their enthusiasm and dedication this year! Keep being Green!



Bag2School

Thank you to everyone who dropped off a bag for last Monday. Bag2School is a **free eco-friendly fundraising scheme** that helps schools, businesses, community groups, local councils, and charities **raise funds through textile recycling** as well as spreading textile recycling awareness. They collected a huge 265kgs of unwanted items to recycle instead of it going into landfill. The PCSA will also receive some money from them, too. You can find out more here: <https://bag2school.com/>



Toy Request

If you are planning a clear out, perhaps over the summer, we would really appreciate donations of: Lego and Duplo; a wooden doll's house; 'home corner' role-play items; fire-safe beanbags. Thank you.



Summer Reading Challenge

Once again, all local libraries will be hosting a summer reading challenge for children. Sign



up and start reading to earn digital rewards! The theme this year is **Marvellous Makers**, and is running alongside the **Summer Arts Competition (left)**, which aims to encourage children to get creative and produce a piece of art inspired by 'a book that you love'. There are lots of creative ideas and activities associated with the characters above, and all of it is free! Find out more here: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Cassatt Y3 - Katarina

Da Vinci Y3 - Whole class

Wiley Y4 - Rosa

Mehretu Y4 - Whole class

Warhol Y5 - Lilia

Dali Y5 - Ryan

Kahlo Y6 - Violet & Eddie

Riley Y6 - Aletheia

KS2 PE - Katelyn Stagg in Riley Class Y6

Well done to the whole of Y6 for their fabulous end of year production.

Thank you to Kerem in Y6 for playing the piano at KS2 assembly.

Miss Meggitt gave a Diversity and Equality certificate to Willow in Warhol Y5.

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Ruby & Lorelai	Grace	Mariline
Pedro	Ben	Meryem

House Points

This week, **Green (Villiers)** are the winners with 25 points, **Red (Dawson)** are second with 23. **Yellow (Cambridge)** are in third place with 17 points and **Blue (Hawks)** have 16 points.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

JULY 2024	
Sunday 21	PCSA Dragon Boat Racing 10-6pm Kingston Riverside
Tuesday 23	Y6 Leavers' Assembly & Tea 2pm. Y6 Families invited
Wednesday 24	PCSA Whole school picnic in Athelstan Park from 2.10pm
Wednesday 24	School breaks up for the summer holidays one hour earlier than usual No KOOSA Kids on this day
SEPTEMBER 2024	
Monday 2	INSET Day - children not in school
Tuesday 3	INSET DAY - children not in school
Wednesday 4	First day of term for children

PCSA

The PCSA (Parent Carer Staff Association) brings together parents, carers and staff to support the school and to raise money. Don't forget they have a team entered for Dragon Boat racing on **Sunday 21st July** between 10:00 and 16:00. All supporters welcome! Drop in and cheer us on or just enjoy the event. There are stalls and entertainment for the family through the day. And if you'd like to sponsor the team, then [please do so here](#).



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:

Job Vacancies - A fantastic local charity, Man&Boy, has two job openings (Engagement coordinator and Admin officer). Please see here for more information: <https://www.manandboy.org/job-vacancies-and-volunteering-opportunities>

Hogsmill Community Garden Arts and Crafts Drop In Sessions - Children and their grown ups are welcome to visit this community space this summer holidays. There is a special kids zone including free arts and crafts activities. All materials are provided, and it is suitable for all ages. Supervision by parents/carers required. Access to the gardens is by Swan Path, the pedestrian path alongside the school car park - just past the KS2 playground. Dates: 30, 31 July, 1, 3 August Drop in anytime between 12-2. There may be more dates added throughout August if there is demand - the facebook page and noticeboard at the site entrance will be updated: facebook@hogsmillcommunitygarden





Kingston Borough Children's Centres would like to offer families the opportunity to reuse and recycle their children's winter coats. All items must be in good, usable and clean condition, think "would I offer this to my friend"?

Coats ages 0-11 years

If you have items you could donate, we will be grateful to receive them at:

Kingston Town Children's Centre, Villiers Road, Kingston, KT1 3AR
1st-24th July 2024
Monday-Friday 9am to 4pm. (Thursdays 9am to 12pm)

Dates for families to come along to view, and collect items will be offered in September 2024.

Contact: Kingston Town Children's Centre:
 020 8481 0640 or
 Charlotte Meanwell 07938 500479 or
 Ruzica Clancy 07732 405112



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OLYMPIC SPORTS DAY

Weir Archer Athletics and Fitness Centre, 422a Kingston Road, KT1 3PB

Join us to discover the exciting activities happening in your borough! We're bringing together local sports clubs, partners, and community groups in one place so you can explore all the amazing opportunities available for you and your family.



Dive into some thrilling taster sessions:

Skateboarding - Athletics - Wrestling - Football - Cycling - Martial Arts - Croquet - Aikido - Kettle Bell Training - Bowling - Table Tennis - Breakdancing - Park Play - AND MORE!

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MUSIC & CREATIVITY SUMMER COURSE 2024

29TH JULY - 1ST AUGUST 2024

This four day course for 6-11 year olds will involve music making in lots of different ways, as well as other exciting activities planned for the duration of the course.

Singing - Percussion - Keyboards and Composing - Lego and Arts & Crafts - Fun Physical Activity



KINGSTON music service

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Sat 27th July 2024, 2 pm - 4 pm
 Galsworthy House,
 177 Kingston Hill,
 Kingston upon Thames KT2 7LX

Join us today or find out more:
 Call: 0800 716 543,
 email: info@reengage.org.uk, or
 visit: www.reengage.org.uk

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