



King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 6 - Friday 11th October 2024

Dear Families,

This week our school rule focus was "We are here to learn". Next week our focus will be on **perseverance** as we move away from the rules and on to our PRIDE values.

We had a fantastic World Mental Health Day yesterday. An enormous thank you to Mrs Ramkissoon and her team of organisers. The children enjoyed a Wake Up Shake Up session (left) in the Key Stage 1 playground, hosted by Y6 JLT members, or a Go Noodle (in EYFS/Y1) start to their day.



They completed activities in class around their wellbeing, including Generosity Jars and positive wellbeing cards which they shared with other children. It was great to see so many children wearing green accessories.



A huge thank you for the generosity of the whole King Athelstan community for all the donations between Harvest Festival and World Mental Health Day for the Kingston Foodbank. A full car load of food and hygiene products will be taken to the team at the Foodbank on Monday.



Thank you to families who kindly sent in treats/messages for staff to support their wellbeing on this day. This thoughtful and generous act meant a lot to the team.

Remember that next Thursday straight after school is the Oxford Owl RWI Parent/Carer Workshop for KS1. Staff will stay with children while parents/carers attend.

Don't forget it's **Book Looks** straight after school next Friday. This is particularly for those attending online parent/carers consultation appointments, but everyone is welcome. If you have in-person appointments you will be able to see your children's books then. Appointments bookings can still be made on: <https://kingathelstan.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

The weather is getting very chilly now. Please make sure children have warm coats in school every day. Finally, please support children at morning drop-off by giving them their book bags/water bottles/lunch boxes before you enter the school site. That way they are holding everything they need and can come straight in the gate. This helps your child separate from you more effectively and also allows the queue to flow. Please step away from the entrance as soon as you have dropped off to allow other parents/carers to do the same. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Author Visit for Y3-6

We are excited to announce that we have invited author Jack Meggitt-Phillips, bestselling author of 'The Beast and the Bethany' book series, in to school on **23rd October**. Book 5 in the series, 'The Final Feast' (right) has just been published and Jack will talk about this and what it's like to be an author. If families wish to purchase one or more of his books at £6 each, please do this on ParentPay by 14th October. Jack will be signing any books bought. Occasions like these are a wonderful opportunity to engage your child in reading and inspire early writers who may be authors themselves one day!



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. The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>. We also have the voluntary overpayments items in ParentPay. Thank you.

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Outdoor Learning Update

Last weekend a group of volunteers came into school to strim and weed the wildlife garden and finish constructing the pond. It is now all looking lovely and inviting for children and for wildlife! The pond is nearly ready for us to start using and we will give everyone an update on next steps soon.

This week we have been enjoying the harvest from the allotment. Caitlin, Pip and Brian, our volunteers, helped some of our Year 4s and the gardening club to harvest spinach, leeks, spring onions and rainbow chard. Some of the veg has been sold to make money to fund the continued work of the allotment. The leeks have been trimmed by Rory and Mrs Bradley ready for making leek and potato soup in the next few weeks (it made their eyes water!). Nursery have had a fantastic cooking session, using some of the spinach to make delicious green pasta! We are very excited to be using the produce from our very own allotment!



School Photos

The proofs of the school photographs taken last week have been sent home in book bags this week. Please check your children's bags. Sibling photos will normally be with the oldest child. The deadline to place orders will be **Friday 25th October**. Contact Miss O'Farrell in the office if you have any questions.

School Christmas Cards and Competition

Don't forget, school Christmas card designs are due in on **Monday 14th October**. One design will be chosen for the official King Athelstan school card this year, and will be on the PCSA poster for the Festive Fair and another will go on the Estate Agent boards sponsoring the Fair. There are also lots of other prizes, too.

The Mayor's Christmas Card Competition

The Mayor of Kingston, Councillor Liz Green, is running a competition for all primary school children in Kingston to design her official Christmas card for 2024. A letter and card template has been emailed to everyone, and there are paper copies of both in the school office if you prefer. The closing date for entries is **Tuesday 5th November**, and there are prizes to be won! Good luck to all our artists who choose to take part!



Achievement Assembly

Assembly was beautifully accompanied by James, Y6, on the piano.



Science Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Finn

O'Keeffe Y1 - Ruth

Matisse Y2 - Faïd

Hockney Y2 - Noah

Cassatt Y3 - Alannah

Da Vinci Y3 - Izabella

Mehretu Y4 - Lorelai

Wiley Y4 - Molly

Dali Y5 - Isaac

Warhol Y5 - Nancy

Riley Y6 - Nicholas

Kahlo Y6 - Melika

KS1 PE Yousra in Matisse class

KS2 PE Imogen in Da Vinci class

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| Ruth | Mila | Joe | Pedro | Ryan & Ayrat | Abdul |
| Teddy | Yousra | Shiloh | Jeremiah | Denys | Mariline |

| DATES FOR THE DIARY | |
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| OCTOBER 2024 | |
| Thursday 17 | KS1 RWI Parent/Carer Workshop 3.25pm |
| Friday 18 | Parent/Carer Book Looks 3.20pm - 3.50pm. Come and see your children's work before your Parent/Carer consultation meeting. From N-Y6 |
| Tuesday 22 | Whole school nasal flu immunisations |
| Tuesday 22 | Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-6.30pm in person (not Matisse) |
| Thursday 24 | Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 4-6.30pm online (not Matisse) |
| Wednesday 23 | Author visit in school for Y3-6 |
| Friday 25 | Cake Sale Y6 3.15pm |
| Thursday 31 | Y6 Secondary School Applications close |
| Mon 28-Fri 1 Nov | Half Term |
| NOVEMBER 2024 | |
| Tuesday 5 | Y4 Virtual 'trip' to the British Museum - go to ParentPay |
| Tuesday 5 | Little Klee Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 1-2.15pm in person |
| Tuesday 5 | SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person (not Van Gogh) |
| Wednesday 6 | SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person (Van Gogh Only) |
| Thursday 7 | SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person (all classes) |
| Thursday 7 | Little Klee Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 1-2.15pm in person |
| Monday 11 | Y2 trip to Bushy Park - details to follow |
| Tuesday 12 | Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-6.30pm in person (Matisse only) |
| Thursday 14 | Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 4-6.30pm online (Matisse only) |
| Friday 15 | Children in Need - wear spotty accessories |
| Wednesday 20 | Y5 Warhol Class Assembly 9am |
| Saturday 23 | PCSA Family Rave at St John's - for ticket link, see PCSA noticeboard |
| Wednesday 27 | Y4 Wiley Class Assembly 9am |
| Wednesday 27 | Y5 Trip to the Science Museum - go to ParentPay |
| Friday 29 | Cake Sale Y5 3.15pm |
| DECEMBER 2024 | |
| Tuesday 3 | Y4 MTC Parent/Carer Meeting 3.20pm |
| Wednesday 4 | Y6 Riley Class Assembly 9am |
| Monday 9 | Y2 Christmas Assemblies |
| Monday 9 | Last week of clubs |
| Saturday 7 | Festive Fair 12-3pm |
| Tuesday 10 | Reception Christmas Assemblies |
| Wednesday 11 | Y1 Christmas Assemblies |
| Thursday 12 | Nursery Christmas Singing |
| Friday 20 | Break up for Christmas one hour early |
| 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 | Matisse Class Assembly 9am |

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KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids are pleased to be operating their October Half Term Holiday Club at King Athelstan Primary School from 28th October to 1st November. Visit www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club for more information or call 01276 21884. For all children aged 4-13. Booking is open now.



PCSA

Contact: kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com

The children brought home Christmas card templates in book bags over the last week. The deadline to hand them in is **Monday 14th October**. One of the designs will be picked by the Senior Leadership Team to be used as the official King Athelstan School Christmas card! There will be prizes for the winner and runners up. The winner will also have their image used as the backdrop of the PCSA poster for the Festive Fair and the first runner up will go on the Estate Agent boards sponsoring the event!

If you would like to have an Estate agent's board outside your house to advertise the Festive Fair, [please do so here](#). We get £10 for every board up to 100. We currently have 57 which is a great £570 BUT if we could get another 43 houses then that's £1,000 for just having a board up for a few weeks!

How else might you help?.....

- We need a **registered accountant** to sign off the end of year accounts on behalf of the PCSA, please email kapcsatreasurer@gmail.com
- **Volunteers for the Family Rave**. Talk to your class rep who can sign you up! Maybe come to the slot before yours and run the bar, or stay on for the slot after!
- We're looking for a **Father Christmas for the Festive Fair**. Does anyone have a member of their family who would volunteer their time? Costume would be provided.
- We have secured some **stalls for the Festive Fair** but we're looking for more! If you happen to see any markets when you're out and about please grab cards from the sellers so we can contact them. Or if you know anyone who has a small business and would like to attend please let me know: kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com



Bloomin' Marvellous, a landscape gardening company in Surbiton, has kindly donated some flower bulbs again this year for our Gardening Club. Thank you so much!

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:

Regency Bookshop - This **Saturday 12th October** is Bookshop Day - the annual celebration of all high-street bookshops in the UK. To celebrate, Regency Bookshop in Surbiton is offering 25% discount OFF ALL BOOKS in-store and orders. (Not in conjunction with any other offer). Thank you for your continued support - customers new and old!

