



King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 21 – Friday 14th February 2025

Dear Families,

This week our spotlight has been on **Internet Safety**.

Assemblies this week have focused on internet safety and the children have completed a range of activities in class to support their understanding, too.

This is a very short half-term but always feels jam-packed and totally exhausting! We can see that the children are really ready for a rest.

Thank you for all your support and we hope you have a relaxing break. Next half-term there is a lot to look forward to: the KS2 Showcase, lots of trips, Y5 Bikeability and the PCSA Quiz Night.

Have a lovely week and see you all on Monday 24th February.

Emily Newton

Headteacher

**Safer
Internet
Day 2025** | **Tuesday
11 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

Kahlo Class Assembly

Kahlo Class presented an amazing and amusing assembly this week, when they invited their families in to the 'Kahlo Travel Agency'. They showcased all their learning in science, creative and descriptive writing, geography, art, more science and a wickedly funny song at the end. Their acting skills were spectacular! Well done, Kahlo.



Y5 Greek Day

The children had a great day where they learnt all about the history of the Olympics - as well as hosting their own mini Olympics outside. They tasted Greek food and explored creative ways to describe the textures, smell and taste. They also made wreaths and top trump cards of their very own Greek Mythological creatures, and all this whilst dressed as ancient Greek citizens!



Y3-6 Panathlon Event

Well done to the 8 children who took part in the Panathlon Festival at The Kingston Academy this week. The children participated in eight different games including boccia, kurling, ten pin topple and basketball. They all represented the school really well, and we are very proud of them. The team achieved a bronze medal, coming third out of 8. Congratulations to Stephen, Harry, Sophie-Rose, Asia, Abdulrahman, Nicholas, Micah and Rihannah on this remarkable achievement!



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Parent/Carer Consultations

Remember **parent/carers consultation meetings for Nursery-Year 6** are taking place on:

- Tuesday 25th February 3:30pm - 5:30pm **online only**
- Thursday 27th February 4:00pm - 6:30pm **in person only**

All meetings, whether online or in person, will be strictly 10 minutes long.

SEND Support Plan meetings this term will be held **in-person** to review your child's progress and the provision in place. Appointments will last **20 minutes** as this will be both your parent/carers consultation and SEN plan review. Appointments are on:

- Tuesday 4th March from 3.30-5.30pm - All classes
- Wednesday 5th March for 12.30-2.30pm - Little Klee AM and PM only
- Thursday 6th March from 3.30-5.30pm - All classes

Please ensure you book a meeting for each of your children here:

<https://kingathelstan.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

Toy Donations

We are looking for any donations in **good condition** of the following items. Please drop them into the school office. If items are larger, please email to double check we can use them before bringing. Thank you so much!

- Puzzles 6-8 years old
- Board games
- Playmobil sets/figures
- Vehicles & car parks
- Castles, airports, stations etc.
- Dolls and dressing clothes
- Puppets (finger/hand puppets)
- Comfy children's cushions
- Children's play rugs
- Lego and other construction materials (e.g. magnetic tiles, stickle bricks, blocks)



Helmets

Although it is not mandatory to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle in the UK at the moment, it is highly recommended, especially for children. There is a Private Members' Bill - the Child Safety (Cycle Helmets) Bill- currently going through Parliament and is at the second reading in the House of Commons. Whether you ensure your child wears a helmet is your own judgement and responsibility. However, evidence shows that helmets have been effective in reducing potential injury to a young cyclist's head/brain in the event of a fall or impact with an object. Helmets are best suited to providing protection during low speed impacts involving bikes or scooters; as a child is learning to ride, this is precisely the type of fall they are likely to have. **Brain injury is devastating and it is not worth leaving it to chance** - says the Bicycle Helmet Initiative Trust.



Thinker's Project

This term, the exhibition will take place in the large hall on **2nd April** from **3:20pm to 3:50pm** and again from **5:30pm to 6:00pm**. Please come along and help us celebrate your child's amazing contributions. More information about the Thinker's Project is on our [website here](#).

Y6 Royal Institution Event



Y6 have been invited to attend a science event run by the Royal Institution at Surbiton High School on Monday 3rd March 2025. If you have a DBS and would like to accompany the children, please complete the Google form [here](#). You will be needed from 9am until 11.45am approximately.

Gardening Club

Even during really cold, wet weather, Gardening Club have been persevering! They did some foraging, and made artwork using things they found in the school grounds.



SPARK! Book Awards

We are joining Spark Book Awards again this year and they have not disappointed by shortlisting some wonderful books that we will enjoy up to and including World Book Day (6th March). These events are fantastic and engaging ways of developing our children's love of reading which is of the utmost importance; establishing vital habits of reading which will sustain our pupils' development and understanding. They're also just fun! As with last year, we will be taking part in a Poetry Competition where children can win exciting prizes! Poems must be about a book on the shortlist and we will publish that list on Google Classroom. Children will be reading the books in class with their teachers so will get a flavour for what type of poems to create and can submit via the school or online at <https://www.sparkbookawards.co.uk/schools/pupil-competitions>. Good luck!



Pupil News



Nadia in Y4 recently underwent a dramatic transformation when she cut off her very long hair! She donated it to the charity The Little Princess Trust,



which provides free real hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. It costs on average £700 to provide one wig to a child or young person, which covers the making, fitting and styling of the wig. The Little Princess Trust covers all costs to ensure the service is completely free for wig recipients - and accepts donations of money as well as hair! They encourage supporters to keep growing their hair until they are ready to donate at least 12 inches (30cms) of hair, but the minimum length of hair they can accept is 7 inches (17cms). Well done to Nadia, and her new haircut looks great! <https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>



Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Jesse

O'Keeffe Y1 - Marcus

Hockney Y2 - Haadiya

Matisse Y2 - Ava

Cassatt Y3 - Poppy

Da Vinci Y3 - Jensen

Mehretu Y4 - Mustafa

Wiley Y4 - Alae Nor

Dali Y5 - Sam

Warhol Y5 - Rosa

Riley Y6 - Meryem K

Kahlo Y6 - Electra

KS1 PE Anisa in Matisse Class Y2

KS2 PE - the 8 Panathlon winners!

Good Citizen certificates and badges for this half term were awarded to:

Van Gogh Y1 - Fatima

O'Keeffe Y1 - Sharvika

Hockney Y2 - Haadiya

Matisse Y2 - Lorenzo

Cassatt Y3 - Sirine

Da Vinci Y3 - Daisy

Mehretu Y4 - Connor

Wiley Y4 - Molly

Dali Y5 - Eshaal

Warhol Y5 - Evie

Riley Y6 - Gracie Mae

Kahlo Y6 - Eabha



Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Ruth	Faid & Paula	Stephen	Daniel	Azra	Abdul
Teddy	Robin & Mila	Elif	Ruby	Robbie & Ziyad	Julia

House Points

This week in first place is **Yellow (Cambridge)** with 33 points. Green (Villiers) are second with 32, Red (Dawson) have 27 and Blue (Hawks) 26.



Amazon Wish List

We have an ongoing Amazon Wish List which contains items we frequently need to replace. There is no obligation to buy anything, but all purchases are very much appreciated. Have a look at the link here:



<https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>. We really need ice packs and white board pens! If you find any at home, please return them. We also have an ongoing item in ParentPay called *Donation to School Fund for Resources 2024-25*. Thank you for all donations.

ParentPay Reminder


During half-term, please check your ParentPay account online and book your child/ren's lunches for the next half-term. Please also check any outstanding consent and payments needed for trips and events, as there are several coming up in March. Thank you.



DATES FOR THE DIARY FEBRUARY

Mon 17-Fri 21	Half-Term
Tuesday 25	Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm online
Wednesday 26	Matisse Class Assembly 9am Revised date
Thursday 27	Y5-6 Cross Country Championships (rescheduled from Nov). Selected children
Thursday 27	Parent/Carer Consultations 4.00-6.30pm in person
Friday 28	Cake Sale Y3 3.15pm

MARCH

Monday 3	Y6 to Royal Institution Science event at Surbiton High School
Monday 3	Secondary School Offer Day
Tuesday 4	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm in person
Wednesday 5	Y3 trip to Kew Gardens - go to ParentPay
Wednesday 5	Y4 Mehretu Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 5	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations Little Klee AM and PM only 12.30-2.30pm
Thursday 6	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm in person
Thursday 6	World Book Day
Friday 7	Closing Date for Nursery Applications for September 2025
Wednesday 12	Y3 Cassatt Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 12	Parent/Carer Book Looks 3.30-4pm
Thursday 13	Y5 trip to the British Museum - go to ParentPay
Thursday 13	KS2 Spring Showcase
Tuesday 18	Y4 trip to Natural History Museum - details to follow
Tuesday 18	Lifting Young Voices Concert - go to ParentPay
Wednesday 19	Y5 Dali Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 20	Y6 trip to Kew Gardens - go to ParentPay
Friday 21	Comic Relief 

Monday 24	Clubs end this week
Mon 24-28	Y5 Bikeability courses this week - see letter & Google form
Wednesday 26	Y2 Hockney Class Assembly 9am
Friday 28	PCSA Easter Cake Sale
Friday 28	PCSA Quiz Night (adults only) School Hall
APRIL	
Wednesday 2	Thinker's Project Exhibition 3.20-3.50pm and again 5.30-6pm
Friday 4	Break up one hour earlier for Easter holiday
Wednesday 16	Primary School National Offer Day
Tuesday 22	Children return to school
Friday 25	Y4 Thames Young Mariners Trip - details to follow
Friday 25	Cake Sale Y2 3.15pm
MAY	
Monday 5	Bank Holiday - children not in school
Wednesday 7	Nursery, Reception & Y1 Mobile Farm visitors - go to ParentPay
Tues 12-15	Y6 SATs
Thursday 22	Cake Sale Reception 3.15pm
Mon 26-Fri 30	Half-Term
JUNE	
Wednesday 4	International Day - details to follow
Friday 6-Mon 9	Y6 PGL Trip
Tuesday 10	Rest day for Y6 children and staff who were at PGL
Tuesday 10	SEND Parent/Carer Support Plan Review Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person
Wednesday 11	Y6 Kids Out! At Chessington - Details to follow
Thursday 12	SEND Parent/Carer Support Plan Review Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person

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:

Junior Bake Off- Love Productions, the production company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down, are inviting applications for the 11th series of **Junior Bake Off**, a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. They are looking for young budding bakers between **9-14 years old**. Filming will take place from July 2025, but applications close on Sunday 23rd March 2025. Interested baking enthusiasts can apply online: www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk. Enquiries: applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk or call 0207 067 4833.



Swimming Crash Courses- Higgins Aquatics will be running a Swimming Crash Course this February half term, at Grand Avenue Primary School for children aged 4 - 12 years of age. See the flyer here, or email info@higginsaquatics.co.uk.



Light Up Kingston - an immersive light experience will be held in Kingston town centre from 14-23 February 2025, 4.30pm-9pm daily. Some local businesses will be having exclusive offers and discounts throughout the duration of the event, such as 25% off the total food bill, and Kids Eat Free! From beautiful light displays to unmissable deals, Light Up Kingston is a wonderful event to enjoy with the whole family this half term and to illuminate your cold February evenings. For more information visit: www.kingstonfirst.co.uk

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