



Dear Parents/Carers,

As the first half of the Lent term gets underway, we have lots to look forward to. Year 5 have a sleepover at the Space Centre where they will have the chance to sleep amongst the out-of-this-world galleries! We have Leicester Library visiting, fire safety talks, stranger danger talks, NSPCC online safety assemblies, E-Safety week, Year 1 poetry recitals and an expansion of our extra curricular clubs.

In accordance with instructions from the Department of Education, Mrs Marshall and Mrs Glassford have been teaching the children about British Values this week. British values are democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs. Our framework for understanding British values draws on the example of Jesus. They are central to Catholic education because British values have their origin in the Christian values of our nation.

Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall have set the children a challenge: Can you name the five British Values? Please ask your children to see if they can remember them!

### **Our Catholic Mission**

Thank you to the Year 5 children and Fr Cahill for leading our start of term Mass and to all those who were able to come and join us. It was a great success and wonderful to welcome our Year 1 children to the Junior Site to celebrate Mass together. We listened to the story of Jesus calling his first disciples and Fr Cahill spoke to the children about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

### **The Feast of St Thomas Aquinas**

Preparations are underway to celebrate our Trust Feast Day. The theme is: Ordinary people called to be Saints. Mr Shannon, the Trust Chaplain, visited Christ the King this week to video some of our children who showcased with confidence their exceptional knowledge on the cardinal and theological virtues. They shared the acronym we have to remind us of the Cardinal Virtues: Praying Just Feels Terrific! This will be shared with the other schools in our CMAT family. Our children never cease to amaze me and we are very proud of them.

### **Parish Links**

On Tuesday, Michael, a seminarian, currently working with Fr Cahill, visited our Year 3 children to speak to them about the liturgical seasons of the Church. The children learned about the different colour vestments and how we celebrate each liturgical season differently. This linked to the children's current topic in RE on Journeys. Thank you to Michael for teaching us so much about our faith!





## **Year 2 Reading Project: "Our Best Picture Book"**

Year Two are taking part in an exciting reading project called 'Our Best Picture Book'. At CTK we want to introduce our children to a variety of quality books that are fun, inspiring and encourage a love of reading from an early age. We also want to expose our children to wide range of d and exciting authors. We will be asking Parents, Children and Staff to vote for their favourite picture book from a selection of 6 over the next term. Ask your children how they are enjoying the books and look out for the videos of each new book on Class Dojo.

We will also share voting information for parents to vote for their favourite at home. Many thanks for your support.

## **Reception Parents - Come and join is for our Story Session on Monday 16th January**

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January we have a visitor from Leicester Library coming in to share a story with our children. All children after the session will receive a free copy of the book being read to them. **Parents and Carers, you are very welcome to come and join us for this story session** and have the opportunity to see your child in their classroom environment. The sessions will run as follows:

Mrs Gibson and Mrs Francis class- 9:00- 9:25

Miss Rawlings class - 9:30 - 9:55

Mrs Griffin's class - 10:00-10:25

We hope to see you there. Thank you in advance for your support.

## **Attendance**

Overall our attendance last week was **95.3%** Good effort, everyone. Our school target is always to have attendance above 97%.

Miss Laycock's class were the winners last week with 100%. This is a great achievement and we are very pleased.

2nd place: Miss Nokes' class with 98.9%.

3rd place: Miss Scott and Miss Rawlings classes with 97.7%

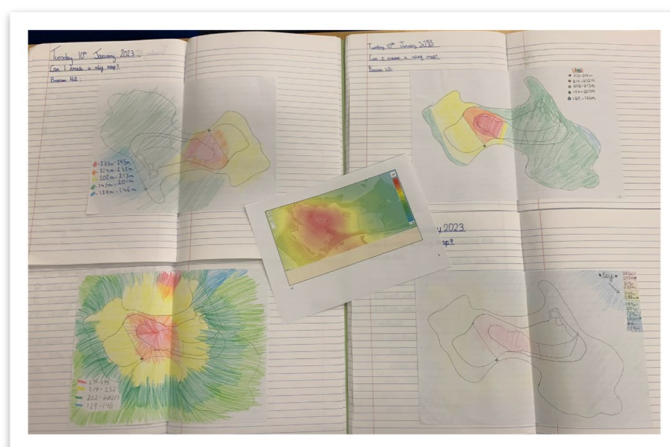
***It is really important that children are in school every day and on time so that they do not miss out on the learning and time with their friends.***

Holidays in term time will not be authorised and parents may receive a fixed term penalty notice from the Local Authority.

## CTK Experience

### Year 6 Trip to Beacon Hill

Year 6 had a great - albeit very wet - trip to Beacon Hill on Tuesday. Spirits were high, despite the rain, and we were incredibly impressed with the children's enthusiasm and positive attitudes. On the walk around the park, the children made estimates of the land elevation at different points then, when they returned to school, they created some fantastic relief maps! This got our Cartography unit off to a flying start!



### Year 2 African Drumming Workshop

On Monday the Year 2 children were visited by 'Joliba' who delivered a fantastic African drumming and dance workshop. The children dressed up in African inspired tunics and were introduced to a variety of African instruments. They were then given the opportunity to play the instruments and learn some African dance moves! The children found it very exciting and had great fun. (So did the teachers!) Here are some pictures:



### Architect visits Year 5

Last Friday, Laura Davison visited Year 5 and told us all about her job as an architect. She spoke about the length of training, which is seven years, as well as the types of skills that are useful for this job: drawing, measuring angles and the communication skills necessary to speak to the many different workers who bring her designs to life.

The pupils asked lots of interesting questions including what was her favourite building and who inspired her to become an architect.



## Stars of the Week

### Infant Site:

R-ER	Samara , Mylan , Malachi, Siraj, Ksenia
R-RG	Mia, Karen, Cillian, Kairon, John
R-AG/SF	Livia, Antoni, Jacob, David David
1SR	Franek
1SL	Damion
1RW	Janelle
2EO	Idris
2NT	Aiben
2SF	Amirah

### Junior Site:

3GH	Lidia
3AP	Elisse
3TP	Holly
4HB	Hector
4LM/LW	Kaja
4GO	Delaney
5SN	Anna
5VD	Amelia
5HS	Gabby
6EG	Raffi
6DM	Sophia
6LS	Stephy



## Head of School Award

Infant Site	Zane (2EO)
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Congratulations to Zane who have received the 'Head of School' Award this week. Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall nominate one pupil each week for something marvellous they have noticed throughout the week. Well done!

No Junior nomination due to the chaplaincy discipleship liturgy.



## **REMINDER..Primary School Applications.**

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2022 then don't forget to apply before the closing date which is **midnight Sunday 15th January 2023.** If you are applying to Christ the King, you have to apply directly to the school **and** complete the Local authority form online. The school form should be returned directly to the school by the closing date of Sunday 15th January 2023. You can view our admission policy on the website: [Christ The King Catholic Voluntary Academy - Admissions and Appeals \(ctkleicester.co.uk\)](http://ctkleicester.co.uk)

## **Blue Monday – support and advice.**

Blue Monday is considered to be the saddest day of the year. This is due to coming off the fresh high of Christmas and New Year into the bad January weather and long nights! Although 'Blue Monday' is specific to one day, on one day (Monday 16th January 2023 to be precise) these types of 'Blues' are felt by many throughout the Winter months. Please find a document [here](#) that offers some useful advice and resources to support any parents/carers who are struggling at the moment.

## **Parent Reading Volunteers Wanted!**

We need your help! We are looking for some adult volunteers to come into school to read with our wonderful children. All volunteers will be given guidance and training in school, so if you have never volunteered before - come and give it a try! We know how much both the adults and the children enjoy these sessions. If you are able to volunteer some of your time on a regular basis – even if it is just for one hour a week – please talk to your child's class teacher.

## **Thought for the week**

*"You are my beloved child" (Lk3:22)*

*Being God's children began on the day of our baptism, which immersed us in Christ and we became beloved children of the Father. (Pope Francis)*

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



## The half term ahead.....

### Lent Term 1 2023

#### Theme for Lent term: Discipleship

Monday 16th January	Year 1 and Year 5 Fire Safety Talk led by Fire Service
Monday 16th January	Leicester Library visiting Reception Classes - <b>Parents Welcome</b>
Wednesday 18th January	Years 5 & 6 Police talk: stranger danger
Friday 20th January	<b>Parent information session for pupils attending the Yr 5 sleepover @ 14:30 in the Junior hall.</b>
Friday 20th January	<b>1SR (Miss Ross' Class)</b> Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am Infant Site. <b>Parents Welcome</b>
Monday 23rd January	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Assemblies for KS1 and KS2 pupils
Friday 27th January	<b>Holocaust Memorial Junior Liturgy led by Junior Chaplains @14:25 Parents Welcome</b>
Friday 27th January	<b>1SL (Miss Laycock's Class)</b> Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am Infant Site. <b>Parents Welcome</b>
Friday 3rd February	<b>1RH (Mrs Hainsworth Class)</b> Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am Infant Site. <b>Parents Welcome</b>
Tuesday 31st January	Feast of St Thomas Aquinas (Patron Saint of our Trust) Theme: Ordinary people called to be Saints <b>Live-stream Trust celebration event and Mass for all pupils.</b>
Friday 3rd February	Monitoring Reports sent home ahead of Parents' Evening
Friday 3rd February	<b>Year 5 sleepover at the Space Centre in Leicester</b>
W/B Monday 6th February	E-Safety Week begins
W/B Monday 13th February	Fair Trade Week
Tuesday 14th February	<b>Parents' Evening</b> <b>Infants: 3.30pm –7.00pm Juniors: 3.10pm—7.00pm</b>
Wednesday 15th February	<b>Parents' Evening</b> <b>Infants: 3.30pm-5.00pm Juniors: 3.10pm—5.00pm</b>
Friday 17th February	<b>Ash Wednesday Liturgies: Parents Welcome</b> <b>Infant Site 9am</b> <b>Year 3 and Year 4: 13:35</b> <b>Year 5 and Year 6 : 14:25</b>
Friday 17th February	School closes for half term