



Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge thank you to all the pupils in 6LS for a confident and impressive performance of 'Invictus' by William Ernest Henley, and 'The Owl and the Pussy cat' by Edward Lear. We really enjoyed the contrasting poems. The children have worked hard, not only to learn the poems off by heart, but to perform them as a class team. We are extremely proud of them. Thank you to all those parents who joined us. Please leave us a comment on our school blog and let us know what you think using the link here: [6LS class poetry recital – Truespirit](#)

Catholic Mission

Chaplaincy Team Training

Our chaplaincy team came together last Friday morning to learn more about their new role as class chaplains. Have a look at our school blog to find out more:

<https://truespirit.org.uk/2022/10/03/new-chaplains-training-morning/>

Harvest

We will be supporting Braunstone Foodshare for our Harvest project. We are asking the children to bring in one or more food items before/on Thursday 13th October. We will also be holding a Harvest Liturgy on both sites on Friday 14th October. If you are free to join us, you would be very welcome.

October Month of the Rosary

We hope you are enjoying the Travelling Rosary at home with your children. The lunchtime Rosary clubs started this week with Mrs Hainsworth and Mrs Sparkes/Miss Dodd and they were extremely popular! Miss Dodd gave everyone a Rosary Challenge tracker to help them complete their mission: to say a decade of the Rosary everyday.

We will be marking the Feast of the Holy Rosary in classes today by saying a decade of the Rosary together.

Parish Links

The Junior children were joined by Fr John Cahill this week to learn the chants used in the Mass taken from the Roman Missal.

Fr John explained to the children that the chants are sung responses at Mass, that draw us closer into a state of prayer. We hope this will prepare the children for when we come together to celebrate Mass. Please see our school blog here to find out what we learned we Fr John: <https://truespirit.org.uk/2022/10/03/learning-the-chants-from-the-roman-missal/>



Big Green Week

CTK took part in the Big Green Week! In Key Stage 1, the children made posters encouraging them to bring a reusable water bottle to school every day. In Key Stage 2, the children wrote '22 word' stories around the theme of climate change.



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Use the template below to write a story on the theme of climate change and its impact on our environment in the future – but you only have 22 words!

Think about:
- Where your story will be set – close to home, or far away?
- When your story will be set – now, or in the future?
- What is happening – does the situation look bright, or not?

"Help me" said the
Polar Bear, Climate Change
is hurting me. I
need your help! SAVE
ELECTRICITY, WALK NOT DRIVE,
Be kind!

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School/College: CTK

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you're just protesting, it's
the year 2050. Global
warming has gone so
fast so the the whole
entire population leaves earth
just now

Name: Poo
School/College:

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We also voted for this year's Eco Warriors and Miss Orrill and Mrs Thornton held the first meeting of the year. We started by conducting an Environmental Review of the school grounds so we know what we need to work on this year! Congratulations to our new Eco Warriors!

Meet our Eco Warriors!

CTK Infants

1SR	Isabelle O
1RH	Poppy
1SL	Anaiah
2EO	Gabriela
2NT	Aston
2SF	Rohan

CTK Juniors

3GH	Ollee W
3AP	Lily-Mae H
3TP	Jayden
4LM/LW	Lacey-Rey
4GO	Surina/Victor
4HB	Amelia H
5HS	Thomas O
5SN	Georgette
5VD	Caitlyn
6DM	Ronan M
6LS	Otto
6EG	Maya



This week we marked National Teacher Day in recognition of our incredible team of teachers. Our children benefit on a daily basis from their love, professionalism and guidance they provide to help the children reach their potential and achieve their best.

We are very blessed as a school community to have them and in recognition of their dedication, commitment and hard work, we awarded each of them a Star of the Week award.

Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

F RG	Mrs Griffin
F AG/SF	Mrs Francis and Mrs Gibson
F ER	Miss Rawlings
1SR	Miss Ross
1SL	Miss Laycock
1RH	Mrs Hainsworth
2EO	Miss O'Brien
2NT	Miss Taylor
2SF	Mrs Feathersone

CTK Juniors

3TP	Mrs Pickwell
3AP	Mrs Pulsford
3GH	Miss Hall
4LM/LW	Mrs Morris and Mrs Wooldridge
4HB	Miss Busby
4GO	Miss Orrill
5HS	Miss Scott
5SN	Miss Nokes
5VD	Mrs Darby
6LS	Mrs Stone
6DM	Miss Mason
6EG	Miss Gilding

Attendance

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 96.4% Our winning classes last week were:

1st place: Mrs Orrill and Miss Mason class with 100%

2nd Place: Miss Gilding with 99.7%

3rd Place: Miss Nokes and Miss Hall 99.3%

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.

CTK Experience - Trips Programme

Following the curriculum parent sessions, you may have noticed that some of the trips across the school have changed this year. We have reviewed the school's trips programme as part of the CTK Experience. We have planned a sequence of trips for our children and they have two purposes:

1. To directly support learning in the curriculum. The trips have been carefully planned to enhance the topics the children will study and to support them to know more and remember more about the content they are studying in school.
2. To provide a range of experiences that support the pupils to live and thrive in a culturally diverse society.

We have also looked at the cost implications for our families to ensure that the price of schools trips and residentials are spread across the year and key stage.

We do not expect that every pupil will want to take part in every trip but our aim is for every pupil to have one residential experience in Key Stage Two at CTK. If you are struggling to pay for a school trip or residential, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

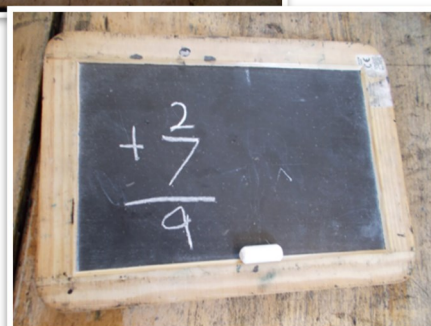
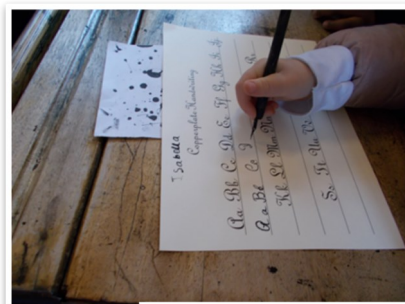
Year 3 visit Wollaton Hall

Last Friday, Year 3 had a wonderful time at Wollaton Hall as part of their history unit. They enjoyed learning all about the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Some of the activities included foraging and Stone Age art!



Year 2 visited Beaumanor Hall

Year 2 children visited Beaumanor Hall this week as part of their history unit to experience life as a Victorian child. They washed the clothes, attended a Victorian school and explored Beaumanor Hall's beautiful grounds.



Year 5 visited Botanical Gardens

Year 5 had a great time on Tuesday at the University of Leicester Botanical Gardens! They learned about a variety of different habitats from ponds and deserts to woodlands. They also enjoyed searching for and identifying mini-beasts in a variety of biomes.



The CTK Experience

Don't forget to view our newly published CTK Experience! The CTK Experience details the provision that every pupil will experience at CTK beyond the formal educational Curriculum.

https://issuu.com/ctkleicester/docs/the_ckt_experience_a97bac4d746493



Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

We are looking for volunteers! Our first meeting will take place on **Monday 10th October at 6.00pm on the Infant Site**. A particular invitation to our many new parents in Reception. Whilst coming together as a community for many occasions (the discos, cinema nights, BBQ) our PTA raises about £4,000 every year. This money helps to improve our school for your children.

The PTA will also be in the junior hall throughout both parents' evenings. They have lots of excellent quality second hand uniform which they will put out. This uniform will be free of charge to all our parents. Please do pop in and see if there is anything suitable for your child.

Primary School Applications.

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2023, applications are now open. 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 15 January 2023. You can view our admission policy on the St Thomas Aquinas [website](#).

We have two open days for prospective parents on Tuesday 1st November @ 1.30pm and Thursday 15th November @10.00am. Come and see our wonderful EYFS area and meet some of our staff and pupils.

Parents' Evening

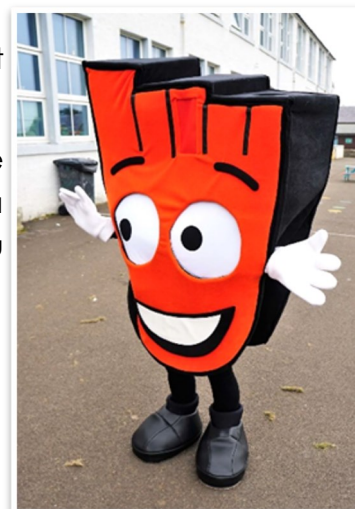
Parents' Evening will take place on *Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th October next week*. The target reports were sent home today. We really look forward to seeing you and having the opportunity to discuss your child's progress. You are welcome to bring your child with you to the meeting if you choose to.

Strider is visiting CTK - Wednesday 12th October

The school continues to work very hard to reduce congestion at and around the school gates.

We understand that not all children are able to walk the whole way to school due to distance, parental work commitments or a variety of other reasons. One way in which we hope to help you is through the **Park and Stride** scheme.

New College Leicester kindly offer a **Park and Stride** site for CTK and allow parents to use their guest car park, **Glenfield Rd, Leicester LE3 6DN** at school drop off and pick up times. Come and meet Strider in the New College car park on Wed 12th Oct from 8:15 –8:35 to wave you off on your walk to school.





Early Reading Parent Workshop for all Reception and Year One Parents

We would like to invite all our parents in Reception and Year 1 to an Early Reading session on Tuesday 8th November @9:15am in the Infant hall. You will find out how we teach our children to read, learn about the national phonics screening check in Year 1 and we will share some helpful advice to support your child to be a confident and fluent reader. We hope that you can join us.

Thought for the Week

'Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.'

St Francis of Assisi

God bless,

Mrs Carter and the CTK Team

Dates for your diary...

Monday 10th October	Y2 & Y6 Joint Mass— Junior Site 2:00pm Parents Welcome
<u>Monday 10th October</u>	Parents' Association Meeting @6:00pm - Infant Site Parents Welcome
Tuesday 11th October	Parents' Evening 3:20pm—7:00pm
Wednesday 12th October	Parents' Evening 3:20pm—5:00pm
Thursday 13th October	Last day to bring in food donations for the Braunstone Foodshare (our Harvest charity)
<u>Thursday 13th October</u>	<u>Year 4 Parent Meeting— Beaumanor Activities Residential @2:10pm— Junior Site - Parents Welcome</u>
Friday 14th October	Harvest Liturgies— Parents Welcome Infants 9:00am Juniors 2:25pm
Friday 14th October	School finishes for the October Half Term <i>Normal school closure times</i>
Week beginning 17th October	School closed for half term
Monday 24th October	School Reopens