



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy and exciting week with Fire safety visits in Year 1 and 5, a visit from Leicester Libraries in Reception, talks on Diversity, Inclusion and Tolerance from Leicestershire Police in Yr 4 and 5 and 6 and Stranger Danger talks in Year 5 and Year 6!

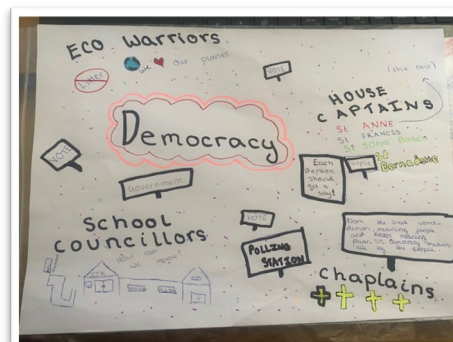
This afternoon we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly performed by Miss Ross' class. Thank you to all the pupils in 1SR for all their hard work and preparation over the past few weeks. The children confidently performed "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and "On The Ning Nang Nong". It was lovely to see the children not only learning these poems off by heart but also using their voice and actions to enhance their performance.

Our Catholic Mission

Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall led our Weekly Word assembly on the theme of 'Democracy.' as part of our work on British Values this half term. The children learned what democracy means ("Rule by the People") and we discussed how we promote this in our school community.

At CTK, we aim to instil the value of Democracy by: voting for school councillors, house captains, chaplains, eco-warriors etc; holding mock elections when there is a general election, learning about democracy in our history lessons; holding debates in our classes; completing pupil surveys and interviews and listening to the children's opinions and ideas.

As ever, the children were set a mission. Our mission this week: make a poster for your classroom about Democracy: what it is, where we see it and how we show this value in our school. Here is one of our amazing posters!



The Feast of St Thomas Aquinas

On Tuesday 31st January, we will celebrate our Trust's Feast Day - that of St Thomas Aquinas. This year, the focus will be "Ordinary People called to be Saints". The children will be joining the rest of the CMAT family online for an opening liturgy and we will be reviewing our previous work on virtues.

Parish Links

On Tuesday, Michael, a seminarian, currently working with Fr Cahill, visited our Year 2 children to speak to them about the books we use in Church as part of their Religious Education unit. The children learned about the books used in Church by the parish family: the Altar Missal, the Lectionary, Hymnal and the Book of Gospels. Thank you to Michael for teaching us so much about our faith!





Attendance

Overall our attendance last week was **96.8%** Good effort, everyone. Our school target is always to have attendance above 97%.

Mrs Hainsworth class were the winners last week with 100%. This is a great achievement and we are very pleased.

2nd place: Miss Nokes' class with 99.7%.

3rd place: Miss Laycock, Miss O'Brien, Miss Mason, Mrs Featherstone and Miss Orrill's classes were all joint 3rd last week with 99.3% Well done!

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.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th February. We will continue to use the online booking system on Arbor which will go live on Monday 23rd January at 9pm and close on Friday 3rd February at 9:00am. If you have children on both sites, please allow 30 minutes between appointments to enable you to attend both bookings.

Parent Questionnaire Summary

Thank you so much to everyone that completed the parent questionnaire last term - your feedback is so valuable in helping us to improve. Please find an overview of the feedback gathered and some of the things we have/will be putting in place to address concerns raised [here](#).

Year 5 sleepover at The National Space Centre - Parent Information Session

This year, we are very excited to be offering our Year 5 children a sleepover at The National Space Centre. We are looking forward to sleeping in the gallery around the exhibitions and having a tour of the night sky in the Sir Patrick Moore Planetarium!

On **Wednesday 25th January**, will be holding a **parents information meeting at 14:30 -14:55** in the **Junior Hall**.

The primary purpose of this meeting will be to provide further information for the parents who have already booked for their child to attend the trip. During the session, we will explain what the children will need to bring with them, the provisional itinerary for the evening, the sleeping arrangements and arrival and collection information.

The slides from this session will be sent out across Class Dojo for any parents/carers who are unable to attend.



Number Day

On Friday 3rd February, Christ the King will be joining schools and nurseries across the UK to mark the NSPCC's Number Day.

Number Day is a maths-inspired fundraising day where pupils will raise money to support NSPCC services such as *Speak out Stay safe* and *Childline*.

At Christ the King, we invite **all pupils to Dress Up for Digits**, making a £1 donation to **wear an item of clothing ideally with a number on it**. House points will be awarded for the most creative outfits! Please don't worry if you don't have any number-based clothing options, as all children are welcome make a donation to wear any non-school uniform they wish. Further information will be sent out via Class Dojo next week.



During the day, all children will take part in lots of number based activities and it will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our love of maths at CTK.

Thank you in advance for your support in raising money for this very worthwhile cause.

Below is a link to a video from the maths-tastic Jonny Ball with some number-based brain teasers for all the family: [BrainTeasers](#).



Personal Development Curriculum at CTK

Fire Safety Workshops in Year 1 and Year 5

The children in Year 1 and Year 5 were very excited this week to have a visit from Leicester and Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service. The children learned all about how quickly fire can spread and how important smoke alarms are in keeping us safe. They also learned about what they should do and how to stay safe in different situations.



Police Workshops on Diversity, Inclusion and Tolerance in Years 4, 5 and 6

On Monday, Leicestershire Police visited the Junior Site to teach the children about Diversity, Inclusion and Tolerance. Year 4's workshop was based on using kind words in person and when we are online. Year 5 and 6 covered a range of topics including: equality vs equity; the difference between banter and bullying; being responsible for our own actions; hate crimes; the age of criminal responsibility; and online safety and the language we use when we are online.

Stranger Danger Workshops in Year 5 and 6

The safety of our children is our number priority at CTK. Part of our personal development curriculum is teaching our children about how to stay safe in our local area. This week, PSCO Sam came into school to teach our pupils about how to stay safe in our local area. They learned all about safe strangers and safe buildings they can go to if they ever need help. They also learned what to do if a stranger talks to them.

NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe online Programme

Next week our school will be participating in the NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* online programme. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom based activities. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.



Stars of the Week

Infant Site:

R-ER	Ludwik, Maria, Ozo, Nia, Leo
R-RG	Martha, Leon, Peculiar, Masimba
R-AG/SF	Bianka, Kamali, Maisey, Kabilan, Julia
1SR	Whole Class
1SL	Elohim
1RW	Louie
2EO	Olivia
2NT	Aaryan
2SF	Clara

Junior Site:

3GH	Mark
3AP	David
3TP	Evelyn
4HB	Arale
4LM/LW	Sara
4GO	Finley
5SN	Ethan
5VD	Kenisha
5HS	Tommy S
6EG	David
6DM	Tyler
6LS	Sofia



Head of School Award

Infant Site	Olivia (R RG)
Junior Site	Nachi (4LM/LW) and Chloe (4LM/LW)

Congratulations to Nachi, Chloe and Olivia who have received the 'Head of School' Awards this week. Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall nominate one pupil each week for something marvellous they have noticed throughout the week. Well done!



The Family, Inclusion and Transition Team (FIT Team)

The Family Inclusion and Transition team (FIT team) provides advice and support to families and children to enable them to participate positively in all aspects of school life and reach their potential. This can include support academically, socially and emotionally. They can support with: advice on learning difficulties; concerns about your child's mental health; school nurse referrals; referrals to other agencies; applications for free school meals; information regarding Pupil Premium benefits and financial support; support with behaviour and routines; and advice regarding pastoral concerns.



Meet the Family Inclusion and Transition Team (FIT)





Mrs Wheeldon
SEND CO



Miss Gilding
Deputy SEND CO



Ms Knight
Pupil Premium Lead



Mrs Hansrani
Learning Mentor

We would like to invite you to a 'Coffee and Cake' morning on Wednesday 15th February at 09:00 on the Infant Site. The focus will be on Health and Wellbeing and this is for infant and junior parents. It will provide an opportunity for you to meet the team and other parents/carers. All are very welcome.





REMINDER...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.

Request for Grandparents to support in Reception

We would like to invite our children's grandparents into school every Tuesday afternoon as a way of connecting with our community

We are looking for grandparents who are able to commit to all or most Tuesday afternoons for the next couple of months to support our children in Reception.

We will provide some 'play partner' training for our grandparent volunteers so they can engage with the children in the reception class.

All volunteers will be supervised and under go the necessary safeguarding checks.

Please complete the online form below if you are interested. We thank you in advance for your continued support. <https://forms.office.com/e/7ry8958FBu>

Thought for the week

"Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey."

Pope Francis

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



The half term ahead.....

Lent Term 1 2023

Theme for Lent term: Discipleship

Monday 23rd January	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Assemblies for KS1 and KS2 pupils Information shared across Class Dojo this week.
Wednesday 25th January	Parent information session for pupils attending the Yr 5 sleepover @ 14:30 in the Junior hall.
Friday 27th January	Holocaust Memorial Junior Liturgy led by Junior Chaplains @14:25 Parents Welcome
Friday 27th January	1SL (Miss Laycock's Class) Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am Infant Site. Parents Welcome
Friday 3rd February	1RH (Mrs Hainsworth Class) Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am Infant Site. Parents Welcome
Tuesday 31st January	Feast of St Thomas Aquinas (Patron Saint of our Trust) Theme: Ordinary people called to be Saints Live-stream Trust celebration event and Mass for all pupils.
Friday 3rd February	Number Day 2023 - Number-themed non-uniform - £1 donations for NSPCC
Friday 3rd February	Target Reports sent home ahead of Parents' Evening
Friday 3rd February	Year 5 sleepover at the Space Centre in Leicester
W/B Monday 6th February	E-Safety Week begins
W/B Monday 13th February	Fair Trade Week
Tuesday 14th February	Parents' Evening Infants: 3.30pm –7.00pm Juniors: 3.10pm—7.00pm
Wednesday 15th February	Parents' Evening Infants: 3.30pm-5.00pm Juniors: 3.10pm—5.00pm
Friday 17th February	Ash Wednesday Liturgies: Parents Welcome Infant Site 9am Year 3 and Year 4: 13:35 Year 5 and Year 6 : 14:25
Friday 17th February	School closes for half term
Monday 27th February	Children return to school