



Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy and successful week at CTK with visitors, ducklings hatching from eggs and another fantastic poetry recital!

This morning, we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly performed by Miss Hall's class. Thank you to all the pupils in 3GH for all their hard work and preparation over the last couple of weeks. The children confidently performed 'The Sound Collector' by Rodger McGough, and 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright. It was marvellous!

## Our Catholic Mission

Thank you to all the families and children who took part in the **community walk event on Western Park as part of CAFOD's Big Lent Walk**. You can still donate to our Lenten campaign up until Easter Sunday. Please click on the link here: [The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development \(CAFOD\): The Big Lent Walk \(enthuse.com\)](https://www.enthuse.com/the-catholic-agency-for-overseas-development-cafod-the-big-lent-walk) All donations are welcome, no matter how much or little. We thank you in advance for your support.

## WILE-Wombles in Litter Education

This week we were fortunate enough to have the Leicestershire Wombles pay us a visit for a fantastic assembly. We were shocked and saddened by some of the photographs of beautiful areas of Leicester that were covered with litter, which is harmful to us, the environment and wildlife. We were particularly shocked to learn that some types of plastic can last for up to 200 years in the environment without breaking down! Despite these worrying facts, we were left feeling hopeful that there are lots of things that we can do as stewards of God's creation. We can make sure we put our litter in the correct bin or we can join a safe litter picking group to help look after our environment and the animals. We can't wait to start up our very own CTK Wombles group very soon!





## Stars of the Week

### CTK Infants

R-RG	John, Paris, Jovannah, Olivia
R-ER	Alona, Angelee, Abel, Emmanuel, Roel
R-AG/SF	Alaina Maisey, Henry, Bianka
1SR	Savannah
1SL	Elisha
1RH	Kyria
2EO	Katie
2NT	Noah M
2SF	Tamiya Lily

### CTK Juniors

3GH	Caolán
3TP	Oskar
3AP	Zuzanna T
4LM/LW	Jeremiah
4GO	Nancy
4HB	Amahle
5SN	Tegha
5HS	Seb S
5VD	Praises
6LS	Javan
6DM	Nico
6EG	Leon



## Lunchtime Awards



The Junior children are really enjoying the changes we have made to lunchtime this term. I am delighted to report that hundreds of pom poms have been awarded to our children throughout the week for excellent behaviour. We look forward to welcoming Steve from Happy Lunchtimes to the Infant Site on Monday 27th March.

A particular well done to all our Junior children who have received the 'Lunchtime Award' this week. Each lunchtime teacher will nominate one pupil each week for showing our school values and following our school rules at lunchtime.

Kabina (3TP)	Emma (3TP)	Noah (4LM/LW)	Adrian (5HS)
Erin (4HB)	Evan (3TP)	John (3AP)	Niamh (5HS)
Jadoore (3AP)	Harry (3GH)	Nadia (5SN)	Max (5VD)



## **Park and Stride Poster Competition**

Thank you to all the children who took part in our Park and Stride poster competition! We have received many excellent posters encouraging our families to park away from the school grounds and use the New College car park



There will be a winner from both sites whose poster will be displayed around the school grounds, and you will win your very own 'Strider' plushie toy! The Eco Warriors will be judging the posters and the winners will be announced next week. Watch this space!

## **Sustrans BIG Walk and Wheel**

We're excited to be a part of this year's #BigWalkAndWheel, taking place this month. Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It aims to inspire hundreds of thousands of pupils to get active on the school run. Each day children will be asked to record if they walked, wheeled, scooted or cycled to school to contribute to our whole school score. We will be in competition with hundreds of other schools to win daily prizes!



Please encourage your children to take part on as many days as you can between **27th** and **31st March 2023**. If you find it tricky to walk, scoot or ride to school due to distance, you could park a little further away from school or try it for one or two days. It all counts!

## **Dr Bike is coming to CTK!**

Bring your bikes in for a free safety check on **Monday 27th March (juniors)** and **Tuesday 28th March (infants)**. Please leave your bikes in the Year 6 playground on the Junior Site (via the Y6 pedestrian entrance nearest to Brampton Ave) and by the trim trail on the infant site *at the start of the day*.

Dr Bike will make sure your brakes work, pump your tyres and oil your chain as well as any other minor repairs that can be made on the spot. Any repairs that can't be done will be written up on a check sheet so you can take your bike to your local shop for further maintenance.

Hopefully this will help us to increase our cycling numbers for the Big Walk and Wheel next week!

## **Top Tips for Online Wellbeing –NSPCC**

The NSPCC have launched 'Positive Online Habits' which details six tips to help your child manage their online well being - please click [here](#) for more information.



## **Attendance and Punctuality**

Overall our attendance last week was **95.9%** Good effort, everyone.

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

2nd place: Miss Mason's class with 99.7%

3rd place: Miss Laycock's class with 99.0%

Our target for attendance is for children across the school to be present for **97%** of the time. So far this academic year, our whole school attendance is at **95.6%** which is below our target.

If you have a child whose attendance is below 90%, you may receive a letter from the EWO inviting you to a telephone meeting to discuss how the school can support you to improve your child's attendance. We know that there are some extenuating circumstances, but we are obliged to make parents aware of their child's attendance and what could happen should their attendance not improve including fines.

***Finally, a reminder that term time holidays cannot and will not be authorised in line with government guidelines.***

## **The Science of Learning Workshop**

If you were unable to attend the Science of Learning parent workshop last week, there is now a video for you to watch which can be viewed here: [The science of learning parent workshop - YouTube](#)

We would appreciate any feedback you have about the workshop which can be given here: <https://forms.office.com/e/kVP0pgpFfw>

## **The End of Year Expectations Parent Sessions**

Thank you to all the Reception parents who joined us on Thursday for the End of Year Expectations session. We hope you found it useful. Mrs Koenig has shared the PowerPoint presentation with all parents across Dojo.

## **New School Website**

We have a new school website which has lots of new photos, videos and valuable information about our school. Please take a look! [Home - Christ The King Catholic Voluntary Academy - Leicester \(ctkleicester.co.uk\)](http://Home - Christ The King Catholic Voluntary Academy - Leicester (ctkleicester.co.uk))

## **The CTK Experience**

### **Year 4 Money Sense sessions with Natwest**

On Thursday, Year 4 pupils had a Money Sense workshop with Natwest. The pupils were introduced to the concepts of enterprise, buying, selling and budgeting in a series of group activities which involved them setting up their own Super Smoothie Shop. The Year 4 teachers were very impressed by the children's efforts and we look forward to watching our entrepreneurs start up their own businesses in the future!



## **Sports, Clubs and Activities**

Part of the CTK experience is providing our children opportunities to try new sports and activities and encouraging healthy competition for children of all sporting abilities.

### ***Inspire Together Gymnastics Competition***

Mr T and Mrs Cranston accompanied a group of young gymnasts from Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 to New College's Gymnastics Centre last week. The purpose was to participate in a school sports competition alongside several other schools in the local area. Despite it being CTK's inaugural gymnastics competition, our team performed exceptionally well on the day, finishing in very commendable positions overall. This was a remarkable feat, considering they had limited time beforehand to practice.

Great effort, CTK Gymnasts! We are very proud of you.

### ***Inspire Together Virtual Basketball Competition***

We have also recently participated in a 'Virtual' Basketball competition, organized by the Inspire Together (School Sports) team. Each year group was invited by our excellent Y5/5 Sports Leaders during lunchtimes to take part. It is my pleasure to announce that 119 pupils took part, which is another fantastic accomplishment for CTK. Well done, everyone.

Additionally, I'm thrilled to inform you that our Year 4 pupils received the Bronze position overall for their year group. I commend our Year 4 students for their excellent performance and dedication. And a big thank you to all our Sports Leaders who efficiently organised and ran this event, providing sporting opportunities for everyone who wanted to take part. Well done!



## The CTK Experience continued.....

### **Extracurricular Clubs for the Pentecost Term**

We are delighted that we are able to offer a wide range of enrichment clubs to our children. Most of them are run by staff from our school and are free! Miss Orrill shared the updated clubs programme for the Pentecost Term across Class Dojo last Friday. Please share this with your child if they have not attended an enrichment club this term. **We want every child to have the opportunity to participate in a club.**

### **Special visitors arrived at CTK Infant Site this week!**

The Infant site children have been given an exciting opportunity to experience first-hand duckling eggs hatch in an incubator this week! Watching two of the duckling eggs hatch has been the highlight of the week for pupils and staff alike. The children will be learning about the lifecycle of a duckling and they will be able to observe the ducklings in their classroom exploring water and hopefully learning to swim!





## **Parking**

We received a complaint this week from West Gate school about CTK parents parking cars in an obstructive way which is preventing access for West Gate pupils with complex physical needs. As a Catholic community, we are called to demonstrate love and respect for our neighbours. I therefore ask that ALL parents respect all our neighbours and avoid parking near the entry of West Gate School, on driveways, double yellow lines, or on the zig-zag lines outside of the school. Inconsiderate parking is a danger to our children. I believe West Gate School have informed the police and the city council and tickets may be issued if cars are parked illegally. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Friends of Christ the King Parents Association**

A couple of years ago, our fantastic PTA set up a School Lottery to help raise funds for the school and make a difference for our children. One player from our school will win a weekly prize and all players have the chance to win £25,000. The cost to enter each week is £1. Please click the following link if you are interested: [Support Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#)  
Thank you to everyone who already takes part!

## **Thought for the Week**

*"Prayer reconnects us to God, charity to our neighbour, fasting to ourselves".*

Pope Francis

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for the final week ahead....

<b>Monday 27th March - 31st March</b>	<b>Big Walk and Wheel Challenge Begins..</b>
<b>Monday 27th March</b> <b>Tuesday 28th March</b>	<b>Dr Bike is visiting CTK for Free Safety checks</b> <b>Junior Site - leave your bikes in the Year 6 yard at the start of the day. Please bring your bikes in through the Y6 entrance nearest to Brampton Avenue.</b> <b>Infant Site - leave your bikes by the trim trail at the start of the day</b>
<b>Monday 27th March</b>	<b>HAPPY LUNCHTIMES LAUNCH on the Infant Site</b>
<b>Monday 27th March</b>	Year 4 Easter Play Dress Rehearsal to school
<b>Tuesday 28th March</b>	<b>Year 4 Easter Play Performance to Parents 1:30pm Junior Hall</b> <b>Ticketed parent/carer event—doors open 1.15pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 29th March</b>	<b>Year 4 Easter Play Performance to Parents 6:00pm Junior Hall</b> <b>Ticketed parent/carer event—doors open 5:40pm</b>
<b>Thursday 30th March</b>	CTK Trophy Assemblies Juniors 2:15pm Infants 9:00pm Parents of winning children will be invited
<b>Friday 31st March</b>	<b>Holy Week Liturgies—led by our chaplaincy teams</b> Infants: 9:00am Juniors: Middle Phase: 1:35pm Upper Phase: 2:25pm <b>Parents welcome at any service</b>
<b>Friday 31st March</b>	School closes for half term
<b>Monday 17th April</b>	<b>School reopens for Pentecost Term</b>

## Advanced notice for the Pentecost Term

<b>Monday 8th May</b>	Bank Holiday for The King's Coronation— school closed
<b>Tuesday 9th—Friday 12th May</b>	KS2 SATs Week for all Year 6 pupils
<b>Tuesday 16th May</b>	Class Photo Day for Infant pupils
<b>Wednesday 17th May</b>	Class Photo Day for Junior pupils
<b>Monday 5th June—Friday 16th June</b>	Assessment Window for Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check
<b>Week beg 12th June</b>	Phonics Screening for Year 1 begins