



Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to send a congratulatory message to all of our Year 6 children who have taken their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) this week alongside all other Year 6 pupils in the country. Their attitudes and application were exemplary. They demonstrated resilience and confidence. I am sure that our traditional SATs Breakfasts helped to ease any nerves and fuel their inspiration. Thank you to Mrs Dunbar for organising the breakfasts, the parents for helping and supporting their children, the staff for their encouragement and care and, most of all, to the children for their hard work and dedication.

The children enjoyed slushies and treats for their hard work and positive attitude on Friday afternoon and the Year 6 team are planning a special treat for them before half term.

### **Poetry Recital 4LM/LW**

Thank you to all of the children in 4LM/LW and Mrs Morris for their poetry recital assembly today. The children confidently performed "Adventures of Isabel" by Ogden Nash and "A Tiger Tale" by John Bennett. It was lovely to see the children not only learning these poems off by heart but also using their voice to enhance their performance and convey the story of the poem. Well done, 4LM/LW!

### **Our Catholic Mission**

#### **Mission Day –Monday 15th May**

Next Monday will be our annual CTK Mission Day where we learn more about our mission as Christians and explore the many ways that we can live a virtuous life. Pupils will learn about our Trust's patron saint, St Thomas Aquinas, and explore some of his teachings about how to live a life that is pleasing to God. We call this 'Catholic Character Education' where we help all pupils to nurture the virtues and develop their unique personalities. You can read more about Character Education on our [website](#). To mark the day, pupils are invited to wear the school colours of blue and/or yellow and make a voluntary contribution of £1 via the Arbor app. All funds will be used to support the new Happy Lunchtimes initiative by replenishing lunchtime equipment.

### **May the Month of Mary**

The month of May is especially dedicated to Mary, Our Blessed Lady, and it is the occasion in which Catholics from every part of the world pay a moving tribute of faith and love to Mary. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore our guide and inspiration for devotion to Jesus. The children will have the opportunity to pray the rosary on Tuesday lunchtime with Mrs Carter and Mrs Sparkes. They are welcome to bring their own rosary beads into school.



## Stars of the Week

### CTK Infants

R-RG	Kaiya, Dhruv, Lily, Carlo
R-ER	Mylan, Yakub, Seana, Malachi, Ozo
R-AG/SF	Reya, Ethan, Antoni, Bianka
1AG/KB	Anaiah
1SR	Alicja
1RH	Amelia
2EO	William
2NT	Kupa
2SF	Harida

### CTK Juniors

3GH	Aletheia
3TP	Rian
3AP	Zuzanna B
4LM/LW	Charlie M
4HB	Selena
4GO	Emily
5VD	Nozipho
5HS	Renell
5SN	Kingston
6LS	All Pupils in Year 6
6DM	All Pupils in Year 6
6EG	All Pupils in Year 6



## New Lunchtime Awards



Well done to all our children who have received the 'Lunchtime Award' this week. Each lunchtime teacher nominates one pupil each week for showing our school values and following our school rules at lunchtime.

### CTK Infants

Callum (RG)	Ludwik (ER)	Ethan (AG/SF)	Ansima (1SL)
Abbey (1SL)	Freddie (1RH)	Jacob (1SR)	Amelia (2NT)
Tamiya (2SF)	Finely (2SF)		

### CTK Juniors

Jessica (3TP)	Norah (3GH)	Julia (3TP)	Zofia T (4GO)	Isla' Rose (4HB)
Niamh (5HS)	Andrew (5SN)	David (6EG)	Angel (6LS)	Sofia (6LS)
Lizzy (6DM)	Alicja (6LS)	Callie (6EG)	Zuzanna (6LS)	



## Head of School Award

Congratulations to Owen, Niamh and Jade 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!

Infant Site	Owen (2SF)
Juniors Site	Niamh and Jade (5HS)

### **Parish Links:**

Blessed Sacrament Church is hosting the Shroud of Turin Exhibition between Friday 5th May and Sunday 21st May. The Year 6 children have been invited to visit the exhibition, guided by Fr Cahill, as well as attend Mass next week. This is a fantastic opportunity for our Year 6 pupils to learn more about the mysterious and miraculous shroud with Fr Cahill.

We are looking forward to celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion with some of our junior children during the month of June. We will also be holding a school Mass for these children at the end of this term so we can celebrate this important sacrament together.

<https://www.westleicesteratholic.org/>

<http://motherofgoddleicester.co.uk/>

### **Attendance**

Overall our attendance last week was 96.6% Well done, everyone. Our school target is always to have attendance above 97% and we are improving week-on-week.

Miss Gilding, Miss Mason and Mrs Featherstone classes were the joint winners last week with 100%. This is a great achievement and we are very pleased.

2nd place: Mrs Pickwell, Miss Hainsworth and Miss Laycock's classes with 99.2%

3rd place: Miss Ross and Mrs Orrill's classes with 98.8%

***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

Last Friday, Miss Hadfield and Mr T took 16 children from Year 5 to a Quidditch competition. Quidditch, a game first introduced in the Harry Potter books, is a new sport being introduced through our Leicester City Inspire Together school sports team. The children had a fantastic day experiencing and learning a new sport and look forward to trying out their new skills in the near future.



## New Parents Meeting Coffee Morning - Wednesday 17th May.

We are holding a coffee morning on Wednesday 17th May on the Infant Site between 9:30 –10:30am for any parents who have children starting in Reception at Christ the King in September 2023.

Mrs Marshall, our Head of School, will be sharing information to help you prepare your child for school and you will have the chance to have a tour of the Infant Site and ask questions.

Please spread the word. We look forward to meeting you and we hope this will be the start of a wonderful partnership.

### *What to expect ...*

- CTK F.I.T. team
- CTK office
- Tour of the infant site
- School readiness checklist
- Information from the school nurse
- Enjoy a chat over a cuppa





## REMINDER...School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 16th May (Infants) and Wednesday 17th May (Juniors) for class photographs.

## May Half Term Food Offer

Leicester city council is again working with Samworth Brothers to support families with food over the May half term. There will be six pop up venues across the city that will give **parents of free school meal children and those needing additional support**, the opportunity to collect food for the half term. **Parents need to register for a venue by Monday 15 May.** Places at the pop up pantries are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis. Full details to support school staff with sharing the information can be found on the link [here](#)

## Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

The Parents' Association will be meeting next week to prepare for our most important fundraising event of the year – The summer BBQ on **Friday 7th July**. They are meeting on Monday 15th May at 6pm on the Infant Site. It is open to ALL parents/carers of children at Christ The King. ***The Summer BBQ is always a happy occasion but needs a lot of volunteers to work together to make it happen.. Please try to attend the meeting and offer your time, talent and enthusiasm.***

The children are invited to come into school in **non-uniform** on **Friday 9th June**. In exchange, we would ask parents to consider making donations for the Summer BBQ prizes of chocolates, bottles etc.

As always, many thanks for your continued support.

## School Lottery

During lockdown, our wonderful Parents' Association set up a School Lottery to help raise funds for the school and make a difference for our children. One player from our school wins 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: [Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy - Support - Your School Lottery](#)

So far the PTA school lottery has raised over £3100 for the school! Thank you to our PTA for organising and to everybody who has taken part.

WIN!  
A MERLIN SILVER  
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£25,000 PRIZE • £1 PER TICKET

- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Win up to £25,000 every week
- Please help give our fundraising a boost
- Win free admission to dozens of UK attractions!

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Scan the QR code or go to  
[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)  
and search for  
**Christ the King**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for Terms & conditions. Ends by 29th April 2023.



## Thought for the week

*"I am clay, and You, Lord, the potter. Make of me what you will"*

St John of Avila

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team

## Dates for the half term ahead

Month of May	KS1 SATs Testing Period begins
Friday 12th May	4LMLW Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:20pm Junior Site <b>Parents Welcome</b>
Monday 15th May	CTK Mission Day- come in something blue or yellow
Tuesday 16th May	Infant Site Photo Day
Wednesday 17th May	<b>New Parents Coffee Morning—Infant Site @ 9:00-10:00am</b>
Wednesday 17th May	Junior Site Photo Day
Thurs 18th and Fri 19th May	Year 6 visit Blessed Sacrament Church for Shroud of Turin Exhibition
Friday 19th May	5HS History Walking Trip
Friday 19th May	4GO Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:20pm Junior Site <b>Parents Welcome</b>
Wednesday 24th May	First Holy Communion Preparation Session
Thursday 25th May	5VD History Walking Trip
Friday 26th May	5SN History Walking Trip
Friday 26th May	4HB Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:20pm Junior Site <b>Parents Welcome</b>
Week beginning 29th May	<b>HALF TERM—SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Monday 5th June	School reopens
Friday 9th June	<b>Non-uniform day in exchange for donations for the summer BBQ</b>