

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another wonderful week in school, culminating in the sharing of appreciation notes from our amazing children...

Poetry Recital 4LM/LC

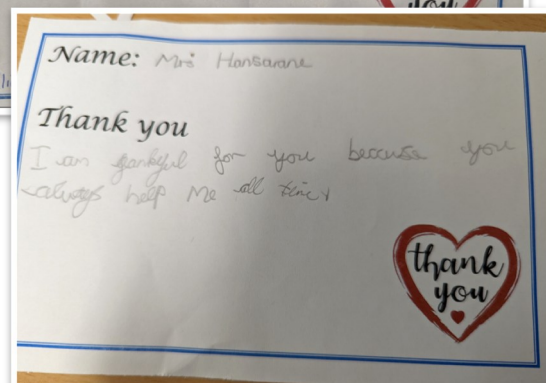
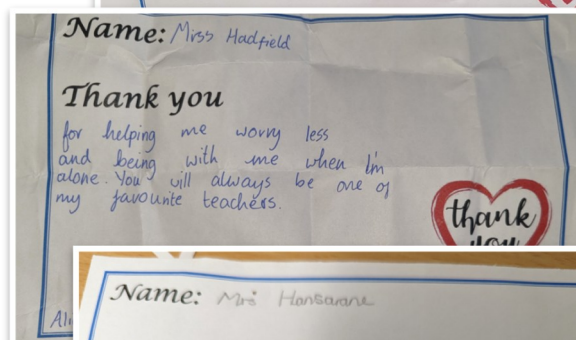
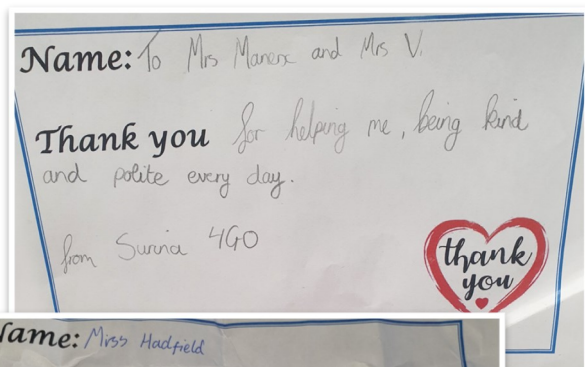
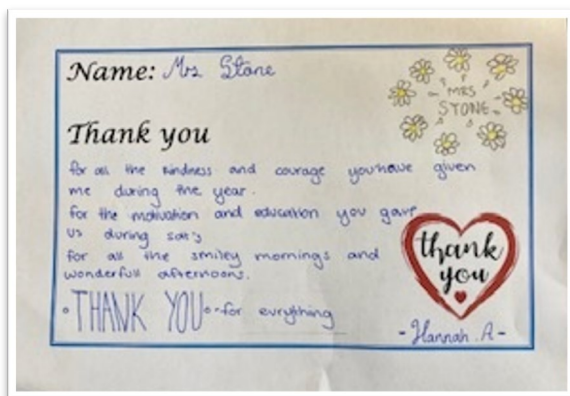
Thank you to Miss Orrill's class who performed two brilliant poems this afternoon, "The Witches Spell" from McBeth and "Daddy fell into the Pond" by Alfred Noyes. The children performed with confidence and enthusiasm and we are very proud of them! Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us today and for your continued support.

Our Catholic Mission

Mission Day Assemblies

This week our children have taken part in Mission Week. This started with a wonderful assembly by Mrs Carter on the theme of Virtues. The children thought about the good habits we practise at CTK and learned about the teachings of St Thomas Aquinas. The children have been taught a mnemonic to help them remember and practice the Cardinal Virtues. (*Praying. Just. Feels. Terrific*) Talk to your children and see if they can remember the Cardinal Virtues we should practice every day.

The children were given a mission to write a note appreciation to someone who has helped them this half term. The staff team have received a number of appreciations this week and it has been a privilege to read them...





Stars of the Week

CTK Infants

R-RG	Johanon, Kaden, Leon, Praise, Paris
R-ER	Kezia, Roel, Sophie S, Oliwia
R-AG/SF	Mariel, Memphys, Julia, Vrishank, Adam
1AG/KB	Tymon
1SR	Cyrus
1RH	Anjola
2EO	Winter
2NT	Ola
2SF	Noah

CTK Juniors

3GH	Rebekah
3TP	Jakub
3AP	Zachary
4LM/LW	Aiden
4HB	Isla'Rose
4GO	Surina
5VD	Kamsi
5HS	Misha
5SN	Jakub
6LS	Leyandre
6DM	Anaida
6EG	Sonia



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

Blathnaid (1SR)	Roel (ER)	Julia (2EO)	Tilly (2SF)
Kezia (1SR)	Maria (ER)	Winter (2EO)	

CTK Juniors

Emmanuel (3GH)	Philip (3AP)	Ivy (4GO)	Alexander (4GO)	Chituru (4HB)
Githikaa (4LM/LW)	Nachi (4LM/LW)	Max (4GO)	Tania (5VD)	Tegha (5SN)
Zuzanna R (5SN)	Tyler (6DM)	Alexa (6EG)	Harvey (4LM/LW)	



Parish Links:

We are entering the Holy Communion season next month and we are looking forward to celebrating this very special sacrament with the children. This is a very important milestone in their life and in their Catholic faith so please keep these children in your prayers.

The Shroud of Turin Exhibition a Blessed Sacrament

Year 6 had a fantastic time visiting the Shroud of Turin exhibit at Blessed Sacrament this week. The tour, led by Fr John, was very interesting and the children loved being able to explore the exhibit and fill out their workbooks. We learnt about The Shroud and its history and we were able to delve deeper into Jesus's Crucifixion and Resurrection. Thank you, Fr John, for hosting us.



Attendance

Overall our attendance last week was 97.5% Well done, everyone. Our school target is always to have attendance above 97% and we are improving week-on-week.

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

2nd place: Miss O'Brien and Mrs Pulsford' s classes with 99.2%

3rd place: Mrs Taylor's, Mrs Stone's and Mrs Darby's classes with 98.3%

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

Mental Health and Well being at CTK

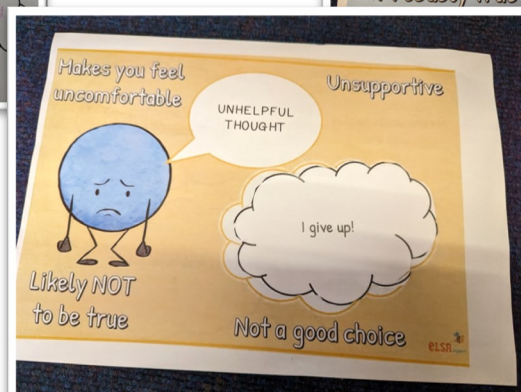
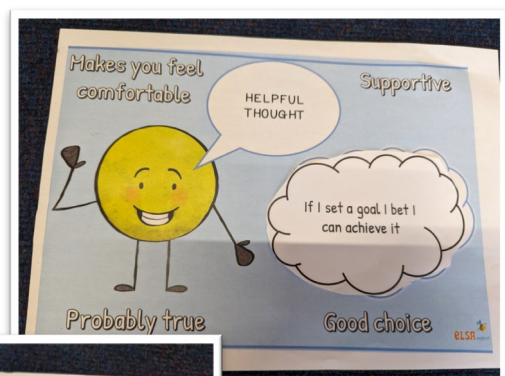
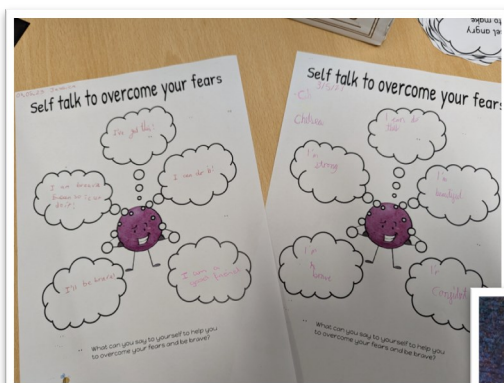
At Christ the King our children's mental health and wellbeing is very important to us. We have trained Mental Health First Aiders on both school sites and Mrs Hansrani, who is an **ELSA**. ELSA's are *Emotional Literacy Support Assistants*. They are a specialist teaching assistant with a wealth of experience working with children. ELSAs are trained and regularly supervised by Educational Psychologists. If you are worried or have concerns about your child's mental health then please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hansrani.

Here is some of the work Mrs Hansrani co-ordinates across the school:

The children learn about how to look after their mental health and well-being using our woodland area. This has included nature art and using their senses.



The children learn about self-talk and how they can overcome their fears. They also learn about helpful thoughts and unhelpful thoughts and how they can manage the unhelpful thoughts...





Green Flag Award

Thanks to the mighty efforts of our Eco Team, led by Miss Orrill and Mrs Thornton, we are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Eco Schools Green Flag Award - with Distinction! This is the highest possible award and we are extremely proud of the work that we continue to do to protect God's Creation.



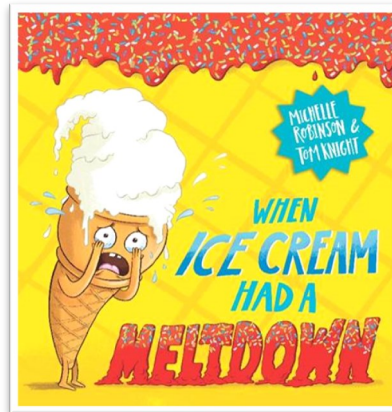
Our Eco Team will continue their efforts next academic year. What this space!

Year 4 Multiplication Check

Children in Year 4 will sit their statutory multiplication check during the week beginning the 12th June. Parents and carers can watch [this video](#) which details what the check is and how the children will sit it in school. Children can use the Soundcheck game on Times Tables Rockstars to practise.

Our Best Picture Book in Year 2

We are pleased to announce that as voted for by Year 2 pupils, families and staff the overall winner of Our Best Picture Book 2023 – Leicester Schools' Year 2 Book Award is:



An acceptance and thank you video from Michelle and Tom can be found here: <https://youtu.be/mqawsICdCi4>

A video from Cassie at Creative Learning Services announcing the winner can be found here: https://youtu.be/VFDTSRK6_k4

The winners in each category are as follows:

Pupil/families/teacher votes combined – **When Ice Cream had a Meltdown** by Michelle Robinson and Tom Knight

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Families Vote – **When Ice Cream had a Meltdown** by Michelle Robinson and Tom Knight

Teacher Vote – **Small's Big Dream** by Manjeet Mann

Overall, the winning books from school to school in each of the different voting categories were very different.

We are going to celebrate by treating all of our Year Two children to an ice lolly! We would like to say a huge thank you to our families for taking part this year. We hope you have enjoyed reading all the books together.



CTK Experience

Mental Health Awareness Week

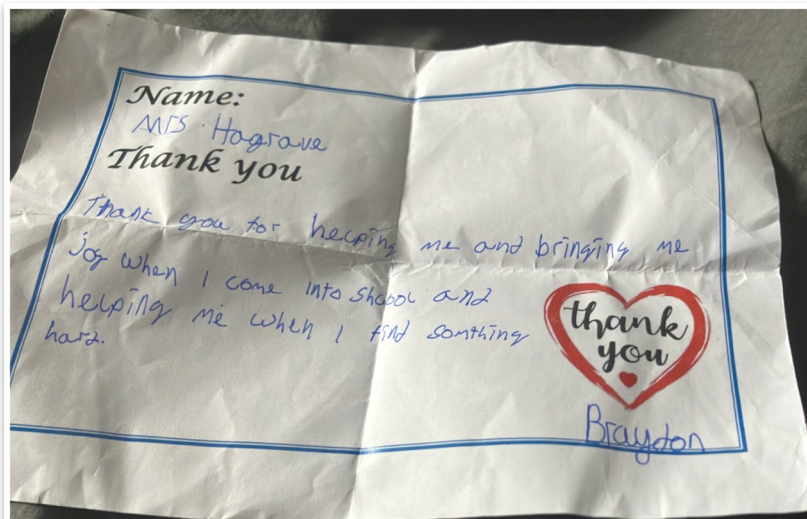
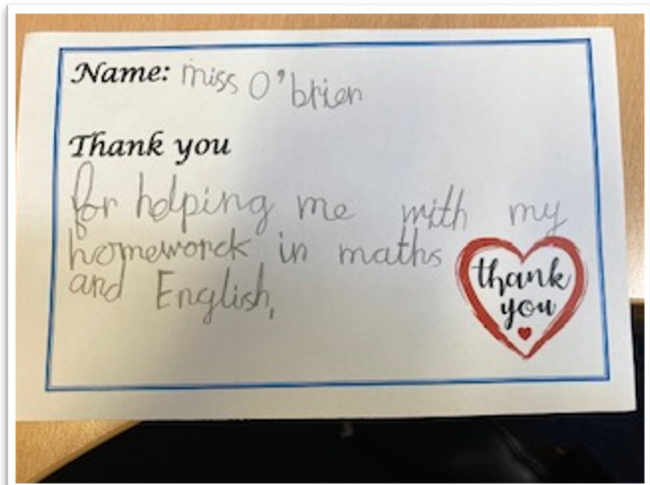
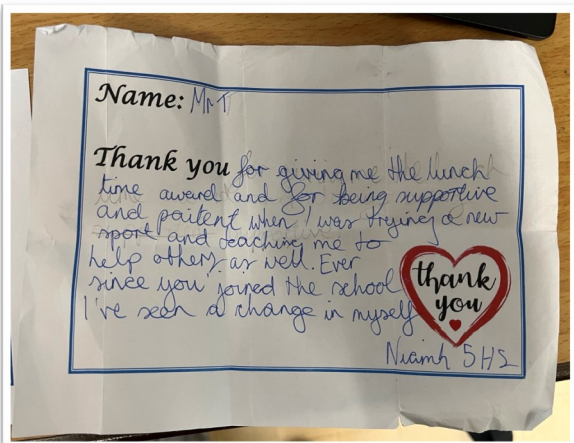
Next week we are marking Mental Health Awareness Week by holding an assembly on both sites on the theme of anxiety. This will be led by the NHS Nursing Team and will cover: why we worry, what to do when we worry, recognising early warning signs, safe people to talk to and some distraction/relaxation techniques.



You can find more information on Mental Health Awareness Week [here](#)

Appreciation Notes

This week we have revisited the virtue of gratitude with our children. Thanking others for their help does wonders for our mental health. We will be encouraging the children to end each half term by thanking those that have done things for them. A handwritten note is best because it encourages the children to think about how others have helped them. Hundreds of appreciation notes have been shared this week!





Visit from Mr Lockyer

We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Lockyer, CEO of the St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust, into school next Monday. Mr Lockyer is visiting as part of his latest tour around the schools in the CMAT. We are looking forward to showcasing the exemplary behaviour, teaching and learning of our pupils across both sites.



Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

The Parents' Association are preparing for our most important fundraising event of the year: The Summer BBQ on **Friday 7th July** and we are looking forward to a great party!

Our next meeting will be Monday 19th June @18:00 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.**

Ice Pole on Sales Every Friday

With the help of our Year 6 pupils, the Parents Association will be selling Ice Poles every Friday after school starting *this Friday 19th May* until the end of June. They will be 50p each and the money will be

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.



Thought for the week

“A joyful heart is more easily made perfect than a downcast one”

St Phillip Neri

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team

Dates for the half term ahead

Mon 22 - 26th May	Other Religions Week
Monday 22nd May	Year 5 Outdoor Pursuits Trip
Tuesday 23rd May	Worry Assemblies -NHS Nursing Team for all pupils
Wednesday 24th May	First Holy Communion Preparation Session
Thursday 25th May	5VD History Walking Trip
Thursday 25th May	EYFS Bus Trip
Thursday 25th May	Y4, 5 and 6 Athletics Event with Mr T
Friday 26th May	5SN History Walking Trip
Friday 26th May	4HB Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:20pm Junior Site Parents Welcome
Friday 26th May	Year 6 Bowling Trip to Lane 7
Week beginning 29th May	HALF TERM—SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 5th June	School reopens
Tuesday 6th June	Identity Theft and Fraud session or Year 5
Wednesday 7th June	Parent Information session for New Starters in Reception August 2023 @18:00 on the Infant Site
Friday 9th June	Non-uniform day in exchange for donations for the summer BBQ
Week Beginning 12th June	Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check