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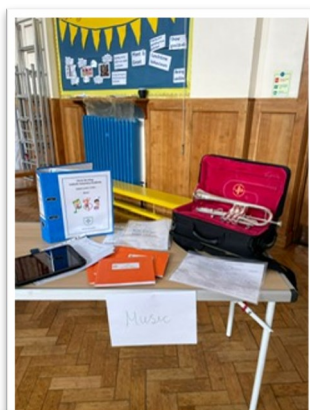
We have had a very busy but exciting end to this half term with trips, author workshops, visitors from PrimarySTEM, worry assemblies, cooking day in Year 3 and Governor visits.

Poetry Recital 4HB

Thank you to Miss Busby's class who performed two brilliant poems this afternoon: 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough and 'From a Railway Carriage' by Robert Louis Stevenson. The children performed with confidence and enthusiasm and worked really hard on projecting their voices. The children were full of ideas on how to bring the poetry to life, including making a train carriage and performing actions. We are very proud of all of them! Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us today, and for helping the children learn their lines and poems.

Governor Market Place

On Wednesday evening, we welcomed members of our Local Governing Body into school. We held an event called a Governor Marketplace whereby we set up in the hall a table or "stall" for each subject we teach, including Early Years Foundation Stage. The teaching team then shared with the governors how each subject is taught and showcased a range of pupil's work. It was a highly successful afternoon with governors who learned a lot more about our curriculum and enjoyed the opportunity to speak to the teaching team.



Personal Development

Worry Assembly

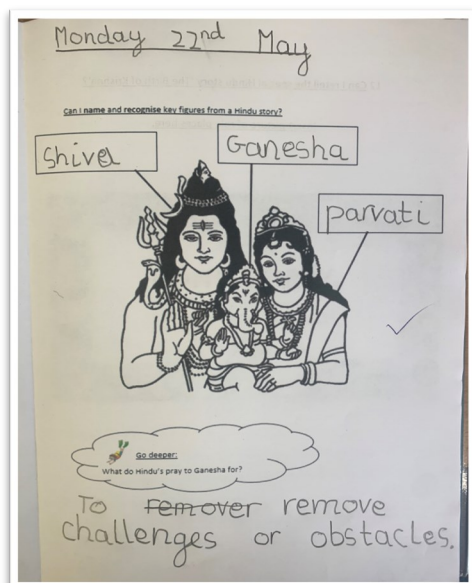
Just like adults, sometimes children can feel worried or anxious. In addition to our daily prayers and putting our faith into action, we arranged for the school nurse to come in to school and talk to the children about worries and their feelings. The children shared some of the things they worry about and the nurse talked about what they can do to help themselves and who they can talk to if they are feeling worried.



To ensure our children feel listened to, we have a physical 'Worry Monster' teddy in each classroom. The children write down any worries - or simply their name - if they want a chat with a trusted adult and post it in the Worry Monster. The classroom teachers check the Worry Monster regularly and address those worries in the best way for that individual child. This has had a very positive impact on our listening culture at CTK.

Studying other religions at CTK

At Christ the King, we teach our children to be understanding, respectful and tolerant of other people and their religions, beliefs, practices and customs. Our RE programme, 'Come and See', caters for the exploration of other religions and the children have all studied a different world religion this week. Here is some of our work...





Parish Links:

We are looking forward to celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion with our Year 3 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.westleicestercatholic.org/>

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

Attendance

Overall our attendance last week was 97.1% Well done, everyone. Our school target is always to have attendance above 97% and we are improving week-on-week.

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

2nd place: Miss Mason's class with 99.3%

3rd place: Mrs Pulsford and Mrs Stone's classes with 99.0%

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.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

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

Uniform

In line with our Behaviour Policy, we are asking all children to 'Dress to Impress!' Children should aim to look smart at all times. All children will be expected to wear full school uniform and to wear it well... shirts should be tucked in, school shoes must be worn, **no boots or trainers** etc. Nails should not be painted and hair should be tied back. On PE days, children should attend school wearing a white polo t-shirt, navy shorts, **a plain navy** tracksuit and trainers. Black leather school shoes should be worn on days when children do not have PE.

As the weather is getting warmer, the children can now wear their summer uniform. This includes a **white polo shirt** and grey shorts or trousers for boys and a blue checked summer dress or white polo shirt and skirt/shorts for girls. Please see the [website](#) detailing the requirements at CTK.



Stars of the Week

CTK Infants

R-RG	Victoria, Mikayla, Callum, Peculiar, Johanan
R-ER	Emmanuel, Kidston, Declan-Praise, Roel, Nia
R-AG/SF	Livia, Sia, Dominik, Kaiyannah, Alaina
1AG/KB	Norelse
1SR	Blathnaid
1RH	Emmanuel
2EO	Kasper
2NT	Alice
2SF	Whole Class

CTK Juniors

3GH	Kaira
3TP	Antoni
3AP	Evan T
4LM/LW	Noah
4HB	Keyshauna
4GO	Lena
5VD	Elsa
5HS	Jess
6LS	Harley
6DM	Olivia
6EG	Alex



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

Sophie T (F2 ER)	Mariel (F2 AG/SF)	Kyria (1RH)	Skye (2EO)
Romeo (2EO)	Albie (2SF)		

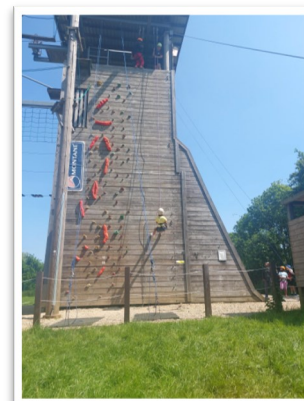
CTK Juniors

Anashe (3GH)	Maya (3TP)	Christina (3AP)	Hannah V (4HB)	Amahle (4HB)
Zofia T (4GO)	Lorenzo (5HS)	Thiago (5HS)	Oyiri (5SN)	Hannah (6LS)
Aayan-Ali (6LS)				

CTK Experience

Year 5 Trip to the Outdoor Pursuits Centre

Our Year 5 pupils had a fantastic experience at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre on Monday this week. They took part in a combination of canoeing, kayaking, abseiling and high ropes activities which saw the children making use of their teamwork and communication skills, as well as challenging themselves to try new and daring activities.



Year 5 History Visit

Over the last week, Year 5 have been walking around the city to find out how we commemorate the past and celebrate influential people. As part of a History unit investigating how people from Leicester have caused change, we have examined statues, buildings and historical sites around the city including the site of Leicester castle, the cathedral area and the marketplace. We've been really impressed with the children's curiosity and enthusiasm for finding out about the legacy of those from their city. After half term the Year 5 children will be learning about important figures, including; Alice Hawkins and Sir Alec Jeffreys and they will be thinking about who they could choose to commemorate for their impact on our lives.

Foundation Stage Bus Trip

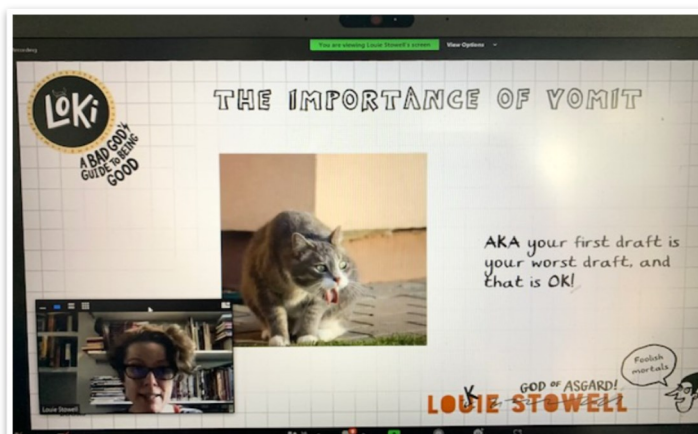
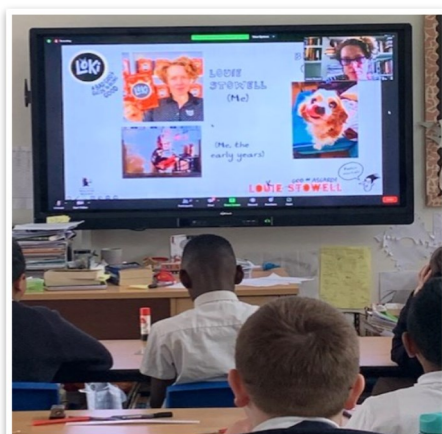
This week the Reception children went on their first school trip. As part of their understanding of the world unit they went on a bus tour of Leicester. The children have been studying the book 'All Aboard the Bobo Bus' a story all about the most beautiful road in Africa. The children have been thinking about the similarities and differences between Africa and Leicester. Unfortunately, we did not get to see any hippos or beautiful waterfalls, but the children were fantastic at spotting the train station, cafes, and restaurants!



Personal Development

Author workshops

Over the past two weeks, our KS2 children have enjoyed virtual workshops with several authors including Hannah Gold (author of *The Last Bear*) and Steve Camden (author of *My Big Mouth*). These have been brilliantly informative, not only about the books the authors were promoting, but also about how to write for particular genres as well as behind-the-scenes information about editors and publishers. They were very inspirational for our budding authors!



Parliament workshops

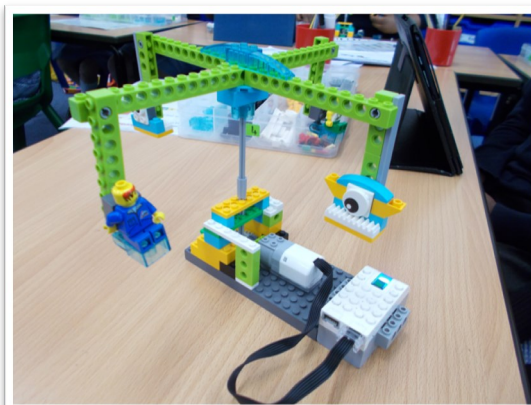
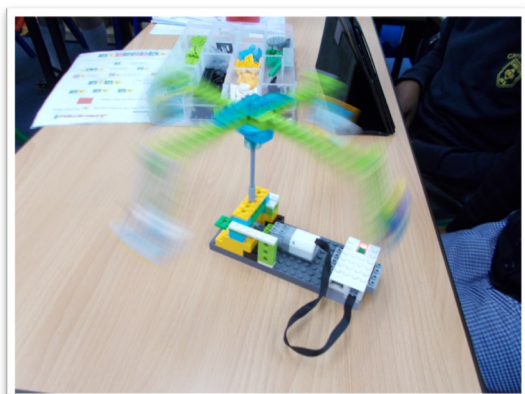
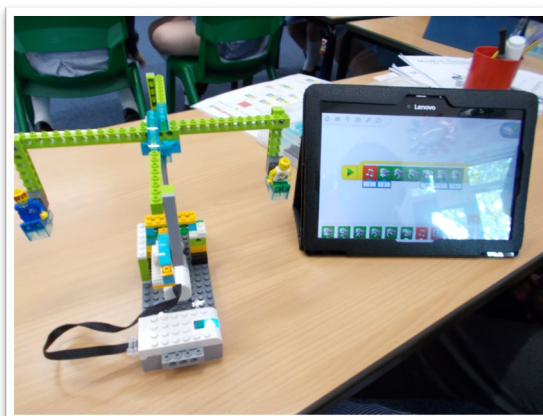
This week, the Year 6 children have been learning about the UK Parliament. They learnt about the House of Commons and the House of Lords, as well as why we need laws and what happens at elections. The children enjoyed a virtual tour of the chambers and learnt about who sits where and why. We found the information about the House of Lords most interesting as we realised it is not just Members of Parliament who make the decisions, it is the experts in a range of different fields who also have a say!



CTK Experience

JuniorSTEM – Lego Robotics workshops for Year 2

Year 2 have completed an exciting Lego workshop this week with a visit from Junior STEM Primary Robotics where they focused on the skills of programming, engineering and robotics. They built a fantastic Lego model of a merry go round and then brought it to life using software linked to motors and sensors using algorithms. They developed their problem solving skills, determination, resilience and team work. It was great fun!

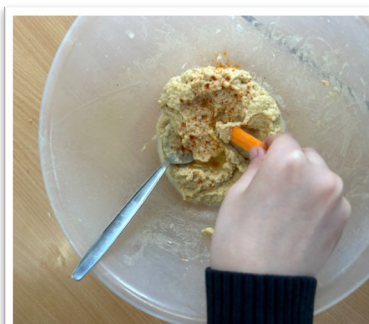


Year 3 Cooking Day

This week, Year 3 had their cooking day. They have been learning new skills which included the bridge and claw technique to chop vegetables and garlic. The children then made a hummus dip.

In addition they learned all about eating a balanced, healthy diet. This is part of our Design and Technology curriculum.

We certainly have some budding chefs in Year 3. Well done!





KS2 Cricket Competition

Last Friday, Mrs Crofts and Mr T took 20 children to a Cricket competition held by the Leicester City School Sports team along with another 12 schools from West Leicester. Our children have had the opportunity to play and practice over the past weeks as part of our Happy Lunchtimes on the Sports Area with Mr T.

Our two teams played fantastically on the day, showing great sportsmanship and determination throughout! Well done, children.



May Half term 2023 – Family Information Sheet

A family information sheet for the May half term has been shared across Class Dojo this week which details free or very low-cost activities in and around Leicestershire and places to eat where food is free/discounted for children. We hope you find it useful.

REMINDER...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.***

REMINDER ...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 profits will be used to buy new equipment for your children.

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.

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.



Faith in Action

On Friday 9th June, a group of Year 5 Pupils have volunteered to sell juice and biscuits on the junior playground at breaktime. All proceeds from the sale will go towards buying new equipment for our Happy Lunchtimes. They will be charging 20p for a biscuit and 50p for juice and a biscuit. Thank you to the Year 5 pupils and their families for their kind donations of juice and biscuits.

REMINDER...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](#)

Thought for the week

"The true way to advance in holy virtues is to persevere in a holy cheerfulness. "

St Phillip Neri

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for the half term ahead

Week beginning 29th May	HALF TERM—SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 5th June	School reopens
Tuesday 6th June	Identity Theft and Fraud session for 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 Juice and Biscuits Sale by Y5 pupils (Juniors Site) - 50p/20p
Week Beg 5th June	Multiplication Times Table Check for Year 4
Week beginning 12th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen Check
Wednesday 14th June	Transition Morning for all pupils
Thursday 15th June	Year 1 Seaside trip
Friday 16th June	F2 RG Mrs Griffin's Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am Infant Site Parents Welcome
Friday 23rd June	F2 ER Miss Rawling's Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am Infant Site Parents Welcome
Friday 30th June	F2 AG/SF Mrs Francis and Mrs Gibson's Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am Infant Site Parents Welcome