



Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week in school has seen the first school trip of the year, an exciting assembly about The CTK Experience and news about new developments on the Infant Site!

A huge thank you to all the pupils in 6EG for a confident and impressive poetry recital today where they performed 'The Listeners' by Walter de la Mare and 'Dis Poetry' by Benjamin Zephaniah'. We really enjoyed the contrasting poems. The children have worked hard this week, not only to learn the poems off by heart, but they considered their voice, pitch, volume and inflection when performing to an audience. We are extremely proud of them.

## **Catholic Mission**

At CTK, part of our mission, is to provide children with extensive opportunities and experiences that support the development of the whole child - their character, their moral and spiritual development and their talents and interests. We do this through our extra-curricular activities offer and The CTK Experience. On Monday, Miss Orrill and Mrs Waldron spoke to the children in assembly about The CTK Experience and the wide range of extra curricular clubs that will be on offer for them this year. The children were very excited indeed!

To find out more about the CTK Experience please click [here](#)

## **Harvest**

We will be supporting Braunstone Foodshare again this year. It is a local organisation who collect and sort food donations and make food parcels for families in our local area. As part of our Harvest Festival collection, we are asking the children to bring in one or more dried or tinned food items for the Braunstone Foodshare. They do not collect out-of-date foods, damaged foods or fresh produce. Please could we ask for all food donations by Friday 13th October.

## **Parish Links**

### **First Holy Communion 2024**

Children in Year 3 or above, who live in the Parish of Blessed Sacrament and St. Peter's, are now eligible to apply to celebrate their First Holy Communion next year. Application forms are available by email from the Parish Office: [stpetersleicester@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersleicester@gmail.com)

*The deadline for returning application forms is Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 12-noon.*

## **Joint Mass**

We have our first joint Mass on Monday 2nd October with Fr Cahill, led by Year 6 and Year 2 on the Junior Site @ 14:15. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for Donna Brighton who has recently died. She is a local resident and past member of the CTK community. We ask for your prayers for her and her family. All parents are welcome to join us.



## Pupil Leadership

At CTK we give the children many opportunities to lead and take responsibility.

We would like to congratulate and welcome the pupils who have been successfully voted into their new role as Eco Warriors. They had their first meeting this week with Miss Orrill and discussed their plans and themes for the year ahead. Our work this year will be based on living Laudato Si, a letter written by Pope Francis, which asks us to work together to look after our 'common home.' The children chose the following paragraph from Laudato Si as the focus of their work this year:

*"Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another."* Paragraph 42, Laudato Si;

## Meet our Eco Warriors!

| CTK Infants |         | CTK Juniors |           |
|-------------|---------|-------------|-----------|
| 1RH/SF      | Cece    | 3GH         | Theo      |
| 1TP         | Reya    | 3KR         | Leo       |
| 1ER         | Masimba | 3C-W        | Romeo     |
| 2EO         | David   | 4LM         | Christina |
| 2NT         | Jasmine | 4GO         | Lola      |
| 2SN         | Alora   | 4HB         | Evelyn    |
|             |         | 5MB         | Kas       |
|             |         | 5SJ         | Chituru   |
|             |         | 5VD         | Bezalel   |
|             |         | 6LS         | Holeigh   |
|             |         | 6DW         | Lev       |
|             |         | 6EG         | Sophia    |

## 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. 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.

## THE CTK EXPERIENCE

### Year 4 visit New Walk Museum and Art Gallery

Year 4 had a fantastic trip to New Walk museum where they took part in an Egyptian workshop. They learned a lot about what life was like for the Ancient Egyptians, dressed up in Ancient Egyptian costume and had the chance to examine some artefacts from 3000 years ago. They also had the opportunity to explore the museum. The children really enjoyed their visit.



### National TA Day!

This week we celebrated National TA Day in recognition of our brilliant team of teaching assistants.

Our children benefit on a daily basis from the love, professionalism and guidance they provide to help them achieve their best.

We are very blessed as a school community to have them and, in recognition of all their hard work, we treated them to tea and cake!





## Stars of the Week



### CTK Infants

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| R-AG   | Anvidha, Dominic, Blaithin, Divine, Solana |
| R-HM   | Azari, Theo, Neso, Reign, Antonia          |
| R-SL   | Mia, Mila, Luis, Karol, Victoria           |
| 1TP    | Vrishank                                   |
| 1RH/SF | Carlo                                      |
| 1ER    | Johanan                                    |
| 2EO    | Sebastian                                  |
| 2NT    | Isabelle                                   |
| 2SN    | Savanna                                    |

### CTK Juniors

|      |            |
|------|------------|
| 3KR  | London     |
| 3GH  | Jesse K    |
| 3C/W | Jan P      |
| 4LM  | Ola        |
| 4HB  | Holly      |
| 4GO  | Rian       |
| 5MB  | Rita       |
| 5SJ  | Arnica     |
| 5VD  | Sara       |
| 6DW  | Shye       |
| 6LS  | Toni       |
| 6EG  | Alessandro |

## Lunchtime Awards



We are going to continue with our Happy Lunchtimes initiative this year.

I am delighted to report that hundreds of pom poms have been awarded to our children this week for excellent behaviour.

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

|               |               |                  |                |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| Tiana (F2 AG) | Tudor (F2 HM) | Indiana (F2 HM)  | Noah L (F2 SL) |
| Grace (1TP)   | Johanan (1ER) | Jovanna (1SF-RH) | Mia (F2 SL)    |
| Kezia (2EO)   | Ansimas (2SN) | Bronagh (2NT)    | Adela (2EO)    |

### CTK Juniors

|                |               |               |                 |            |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|
| Georgina (5SJ) | Caitlyn (6LS) | Katie D (3GH) | Hugo (3GH)      | Shye (6DW) |
| Jesse G (3GH)  | Holly (4HB)   | Emmett (5SJ)  | Charlotte (3GH) |            |



## Head of School Awards

Congratulations to Franek who received the Head of School award this week from Mrs Marshall.

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### **REMINDER... Welcome Parent Curriculum Meetings**

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- Find out how you can support your child at home with their learning
- Find out key information about school life at CTK

You will also have the chance to visit your child's classroom. We hope you can join us. Please see the dates and times at the end of the newsletter for your year group.

***The PowerPoint slides will be shared on Class Dojo pages if you are unable to attend.***

***We would love to hear your feedback on these sessions and how we can improve them further for our families. Please click on the link below to leave your feedback:***

<https://shorturl.at/EKMY6>

### **World Mental Health Day #HelloYellow**

We will be marking World Mental Health Day on **Tuesday 10th October** by inviting the children to come into school **wearing something yellow**. We will also be talking to the children about how we can stay mentally healthy.

Thanking others for their help does wonders for our mental health and we will be encouraging children to end the half term by practising our virtue of gratitude and 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. We would like to encourage the children to write a thank you notes to someone that they think has helped them during this half term – this may include their friends or an adult in school. The children can collect a thank you note template from their class teacher.





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### **Attendance**

We take pride in our attendance at CTK and want to share this with you. Our winning classes last week were:

**1st place: Mrs Connell's and Mrs Waldron's class with 99.3%**

**2nd Place: Miss Laycock's class with 98.8%**

**3rd Place: Mrs Russell class with 98.7%**

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 97.5%. Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements.



## Exciting EYFS Plans

Something very exciting will be happening to our EYFS provision over the coming months! Watch this space for details of what and when!



## Primary School Applications.

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2024, applications are now open. If you are applying to Christ the King, you have to apply directly to the school **and** complete the Local authority form online. The school form should be returned directly to the school by the closing date of Monday 15 January 2024. You can view our admission policy on the website [here](#)

We have two open days for prospective parents on Tuesday 10th October @ 13.30 and Tuesday 24th October @ 10.00am. Come and see our wonderful EYFS area and meet some of our staff and pupils.

## Parents' Evening October 2023

Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you to all those parents who have booked an appointment. The online bookings closed today. If you do not book an appointment, one will be issued to you and it will appear on the target report that you will receive next Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

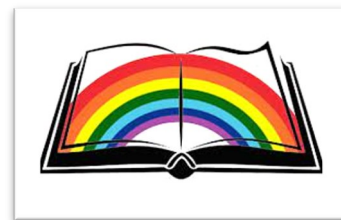
## Online Safety

Please click the following [link](#) which provides some top tips on adopting safe and healthy habits online. We hope you find this information and advice useful.

## Rainbow Reader

Our vision for reading at CTK is:

- ⇒ **Every child a reader by 7**
- ⇒ **Every child a life-long reader by 11.**



To achieve this, we are encouraging our children to read widely and often, at home and at school! We are introducing a new initiative called **Rainbow Readers** - If your child reads **four times or more every week**, and this is recorded in their reading records, they will receive a star sticker. For your child to receive a star sticker, please record clearly in their reading records each time they have read at home. At the end of every half term, if your child has received a star sticker every week, they have become a *Rainbow Reader* and will receive a certificate for their hard work. The class with the most amount of rainbow readers at the end of the half term will receive a class treat. We hope you can support us with this. Happy Reading!

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## **October half term food support offer**

Leicester City Council is working in partnership with Samworth Brothers to give eligible families the opportunity to shop for free food and groceries for use over the October half term holiday. Please see [here](#) for more information.

## **Thought for the Week**

*"Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another"*

St Vincent De Paul

God bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script.

Annie Carter and the CTK Team





## Term Dates Advent 1 2023.....

|  |  |
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| Monday 2nd October                           | Year 6 & Year 2 Joint Mass with Fr John—Junior Hall 2:15pm<br>Parents Welcome  |
| Monday 2nd October                           | Year 5 Trip to Botanical Gardens (5SJ/5MB)   |
| Tuesday 3rd October                          | Year 4 local area visit to Western Park 9:00-10:30am   |
| Tuesday 3rd October                          | Year 6 Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Hall 2:30pm  |
| Wednesday 4th October                        | Y2 Beaumanor Hall Trip—Victorians  |
| Thursday 5th October                         | Year 4 Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Hall 2:30pm  |
| Thursday 5th October                         | National Teacher Day!  |
| Thursday 5th October                         | National Poetry Day!   |
| Friday 6th October                           | 6LS Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall 2:20pm  |
| Friday 6th October                           | Monitoring Reports sent home ahead of Parents' Evening   |
| Week beginning 9th October                   | Our History Week : More details to follow!   |
| <b>Tuesday 10th October</b>                  | <b>World Mental Health Day 2023 - wear something yellow!</b>   |
| Tuesday 10th October<br>Tuesday 24th October | Open Day for prospective Parents (For children starting school in August 2024) @ Infant Site<br>Tuesday 10th October @13:30<br>Tuesday 24th October @10:00 |
| Tuesday 10th October                         | Harvest Liturgies— Parents Welcome<br>Juniors 9:30am Infants 11:30am   |
| Tuesday 10th October                         | Parents' Evening 3:10pm—7:00pm   |
| Wednesday 11th October                       | Parents' Evening 3:10pm—5:00pm   |
| Friday 13th October                          | All Harvest donations for Braunstone Foodshare to be donated by today, please  |
| Friday 13th October                          | School finishes for the October Half Term<br><i>Normal school closure times</i>  |
| Monday 23rd October                          | School reopens for Advent 2 term   |