

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our first joint Mass of the year, trips for Year 2 and Year 5 and a visit from a truck mechanic have been the highlights of this week!

Thank you to Mrs Stone's class who performed two brilliant poems this afternoon: 'Please Mrs Butler' by Allan Ahlberg and 'The Eagle' by Alfred Lord Tennyson. The children performed with confidence and enthusiasm and worked really hard on projecting their voices. 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.

Catholic Mission

Young Leadership Programme

On Thursday, six of our chaplains in Year 5 and 6 visited St Paul's Secondary School in Leicester to join up with other schools across the St Thomas Aquinas Multi-Academy Trust. They engaged in a programme led by CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) which will help them become equipped with the skills and knowledge to make their Chaplaincy team and school as successful as possible in making an impact on their local community.

There will be two more such events across the year. We can't wait to see what initiatives they come up with! Watch this space!



Donations for Braunstone Foodshare

We will be supporting Braunstone Foodshare for our Harvest project. We are asking the children to bring in one or more food items by **Friday 13th October**. Our chaplains will be leading our Harvest Liturgy on Friday 13th October. We hope you can join us.

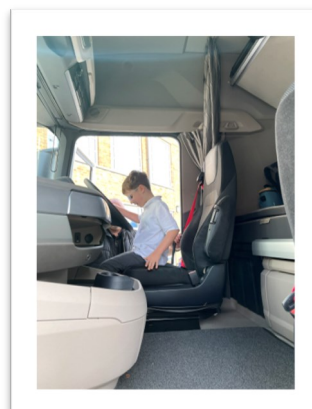
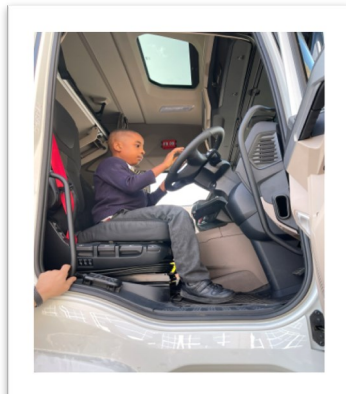
Faith in Action

Thank you to our wonderful group of Year 6 pupils - Sophie O, Oyiri, Tara and Eve who recently organised a juice and biscuit sale to raise money for the Rainforest Trust. They raised £120.81! We are very proud of them for putting their Faith into Action. They are true ambassadors of the school. *Thank you to our families who donated the biscuits and juice and to everyone for supporting them with their fundraising efforts.*

THE CTK EXPERIENCE

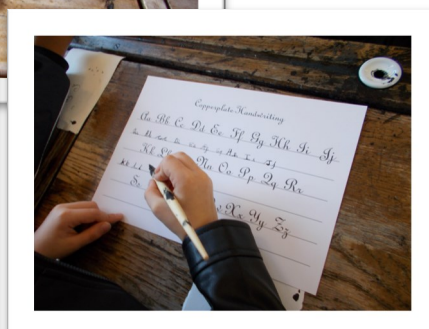
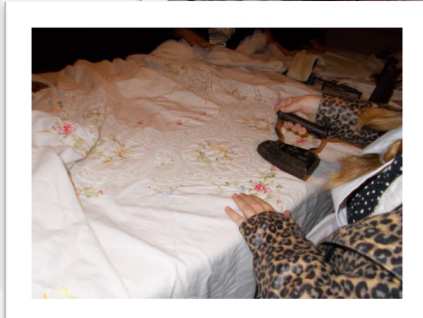
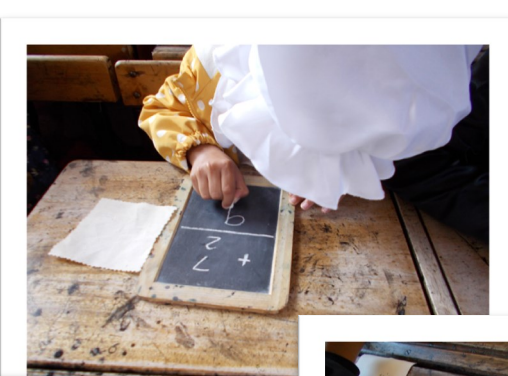
Year 3 Aspirations Visitor

On Wednesday, the children in Year 3 had the opportunity to meet Mr Hall, a truck mechanic, and learn all about his job as part of our aspirations curriculum. The children even had the chance to look inside the truck!



Year 2 visit Beaumanor Hall

The Year 2 children went on a Victorian-themed trip to Beaumanor Hall this week. They had the opportunity to experience what life was like in a Victorian classroom where they did some quick Maths and English lessons using slates and ink pens. They also completed chores that Victorian maids would do when working in a big house like Beaumanor Hall. This included doing washing and ironing. One of the highlights of the day was going inside Beaumanor Hall itself and seeing the beautiful stained glass window depicting the family tree of the original owner, William Perry Herrick. The children had a wonderful day and it really brought their History learning to life!



THE CTK EXPERIENCE continued

Year 5 visit University of Leicester Botanical Gardens

Year 5 had a great time on Monday at the University of Leicester Botanical Gardens! They learned about a variety of different habitats from ponds and deserts to woodlands. They also enjoyed searching for and identifying mini-beasts and pond dipping!



Our Best Book Award for Year 5

Our vision for reading at CTK is:

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



In support of this, children in Year 5 will be able to sample new and exciting books through our 'Best Book Award' this year. We ask the Year 5 children to read 12 books across the year and to vote for their favourite. We will have access to multiple copies of the books, resources, videos and virtual author visits to support the running of the award.



Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

R-AG	Kojo, Serenity, Elian, Charlie, Viktor
R-HM	Jayden, Sukhkaran, Quriaqos, Livia, Haizel
R-SL	Hanna, Ikemba, Chidie, Rosalia, Jeremiah
1TP	Evelyn R
1RH/SF	Callum
1ER	Ksenia
2EO	Kevin
2NT	Muna
2SN	Joanna

CTK Juniors

3KR	Dorian
3GH	David
3C/W	Dominika
4LM	Maya
4HB	Caolan
4GO	Zuzanna + Max
5MB	Alisha
5SJ	Erin
5VD	Ramayah
6DW	Nadia
6LS	Tegha
6EG	Oli C

Lunchtime Awards



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)	Ansima (2SN)	Bronagh (2NT)	Adela (2EO)

CTK Juniors

Roshanna (3KR)	Evelyn (4HB)	Adeline (3KR)	Denzel (3C-W)	Delaney (5MB)
Githika (5MB)				



Head of School Awards

Congratulations to Ellissia and Adam who received the Head of School awards this week from Mrs Marshall and Mrs Glassford.

Infant Site	Adam (1SF/RH)
Junior Site	Ellissia (5MB)

Welcome Parent Curriculum Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who have joined us for the Welcome Parent Curriculum meetings over the last month. We hope you have found them informative and useful. The staff have enjoyed meeting our families.

The PowerPoint slides have been shared on Class Dojo pages if you were 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>

Change of Weather

The weather is turning colder and wetter so please make sure that your child brings a waterproof coat to school every day. Children will still go outside in light rain and therefore will need to have the appropriate clothing.

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 Russell and Miss O'Brien's class with 100%

2nd Place: Miss Laycock, Mrs Morris and Mrs Pickwell's class with 99.7%

3rd Place: Mrs Francis/Mrs Hainsworth and Miss Busby's class with 99.3%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 98.4%. Well done, everyone! 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

We are incredibly excited for the redevelopment of our Reception Outdoor Area over the October half term. Two teams from 'Cool Canvas' will be completely transforming the area to incorporate a natural, purposeful space which will support the children's development in many ways and will be suitable for all weather use. There will be a large tree trunk to support with children's gross motor skills, artificial grass, sand and a dry river bed for children to explore different textures and, longer term, a new canopy to protect this new space. There will be some changes to pick-up and drop-off which we will inform you about after half term. In the meantime, please feel free to explore the company's Instagram page to get a flavour of what this new area will be like [@Cool Canvas](#)

TOP SECRET

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.

Online Safety - Roblox

Roblox is a very popular video game and we are aware that many children play it. Please click the [link](#) which provides advice and information for parents/carers. We hope you find this advice useful.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place on *Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October next week*. The target reports were sent home today. We really look forward to seeing you and having the opportunity to discuss your child's progress. You are welcome to bring your child with you to the meeting if you choose to.

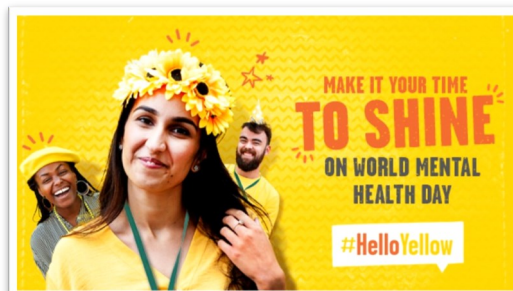
Our History Week

To celebrate the rich diversity of our school, we will be celebrating 'Our History' next week. The children will have the opportunity to discuss their family history and are invited to wear any traditional clothing that represents their family heritage on **Friday 13th October**. *Please contact your child's class teacher if you would like to come and share your culture, history and stories with your child's class next week.* We hope you can join us!



REMINDER.. 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.



National Teacher Day!

This week we celebrated National Teacher Day in recognition of our brilliant team of Teachers!

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 we thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Dates for your Diary

A reminder that CTK will be closed on **Friday 17th November** for staff training.

Thought for the Week

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible. "

St Francis of Assisi

God bless,


Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for next week

Week beginning 9th October	Our History Week @ CTK
Tuesday 10th October	World Mental Health Day 2023 - wear something yellow!
Tuesday 10th October Tuesday 24th October	Open Day for prospective Parents (For children starting school in August 2024) @ Infant Site Tuesday 10th October @13:30 Tuesday 24th October @10:00
Tuesday 10th October	Parents' Evening 3:10pm—7:00pm
Wednesday 11th October	Parents' Evening 3:10pm—5:00pm
Friday 13th October	Wear any traditional clothing that represents your family heritage. Parents welcome into school (pm) to speak to their child's class (please arrange this with your child's class teacher beforehand)
Friday 13th October CHANGE OF DATE	Harvest Liturgies— Parents Welcome Infants 9:00am Juniors 2:20pm All Harvest donations for Braunstone Foodshare to be donated by today, please
Friday 13th October	School finishes for the October Half Term <i>Normal school closure times</i>
Monday 23rd October	School reopens for Advent 2 term

The family Inclusion Team will be holding a 'Stay and Read' coffee event after half term on Thursday 26th October. We would love to see as many families there as possible. See below for more details:



Join the FIT team for a coffee


Stay and Read

Thursday 26th October
Infant hall: 8:45am – 10am
Junior dining hall: 2pm – 3pm

Join us for coffee, tea and cakes, and to find out more about reading opportunities.

- Play and reading opportunities for your pre-school children
- Recommended reads for your children
- Book swap for grown ups
- Chance to speak to the school reading leads.

... and, as always, you can chat to the Family Inclusion and SEND team.



Mrs Wheeldon
SENDCO



Miss Gilding
Deputy SENDCO



Mrs Hansrani
Learning Mentor



Ms Knight
Pupil Premium lead

Dates for your diary

Stay and Play Maths Games
Wednesday 6th December

Stay and Talk (language and wellbeing activities)
Lent term

Stay and Craft (transition activities)
Pentecost term

Times and locations remain unchanged

