



Dear Parents/Carers,

This morning we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly all about animals performed by Mrs Francis and Mrs Bayliss' class. Thank you to all the pupils in 1KB/SF for all their hard work and preparation over the past few weeks. The children confidently performed 'Cats Sleep Anywhere' by Eleanor Farjeon and the traditional nursery rhyme 'Hickory Dickory Dock', as well as the song 'The Animal Fair'. It was lovely to see the children not only learning these poems off by heart but also to hear what they had learned about the poets and how it linked with the learning so far this year.

## **Our Catholic Mission**

### **The Feast of St Thomas Aquinas**

This week, we celebrated the Feast Day of St Thomas Aquinas which brought all of the 23 schools in our Trust together! This started with an assembly on virtues and vices. The children learned about the 7 Catholic Virtues and how important they are to practise and demonstrate everyday so they can be successful at CTK and in their young Christian lives. Talk to your children and ask them to tell you the 7 Catholic Virtues!

Representatives from all 23 schools, including 10 children from Christ the King, gathered at English Martyrs' in Leicester for Mass. Five of our chaplains served on the altar with Fr David Cain and other children read the bidding prayers. It was a wonderful occasion!



## **Faith in Action**

Part of the CTK Experience is encouraging our children to use their gifts, enthusiasm and generosity to support their less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Thank you for all your generous donations to LOROS last week. We raised an incredible £499. This money will go directly to patient care to support terminally ill patients and their families.

We also received a letter this week from Toys on the Table thanking the school for their generous contributions before Christmas. Through Social Services, Health Visitors and Women's Refuges, Toys on the Table supplied 14,000 gifts to 3,600 children within Leicester City and the counties of Leicestershire and Rutland. They could not have achieved this without your help and generosity. Thank you very much.



## Stars of the Week



### CTK Infants

R-AG	Barney, Anvidha, Jordon, Daniel, Kojo
R-HM	Joseph, Oliver, Joshua, Jayden, Avayha
R-SL	Amarni, Senuli, Jacob, Ikemba, Noah W
1TP	Yakub
1KB/SF	Whole Class!
1ER	Roel
2EO	Kezia
2NT	Efren
2SN	Jacob

### CTK Juniors

3KR	Chris
3GH	Imogen
3C/V	Natasza
4LM	Alan
4HB	Troy
4GO	Hanna
5MB	Kaja
5SJ	Nathan
5VD	Harvey
6DW	Nella
6LS	Jess
6EG	Praises

## 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

Isla Rose (R-AG)	Ikemba (R-SL)	Maisey (1KB/SF)	Roel (1ER)
Oluwakemi (R-HM)	Ava-Zara (1TP)	Dhriya (1ER)	Freya (2EO)
Benji (2SN)	Aisha (2NT)	Gabby (2EO)	

### CTK Juniors

Agata (3KR)	Erin (4LM)	Ivy (5VD)	Dhiya (3GH)	Daian (6DW)
Albie (3GH)	Tegha (6LS)	Rian (4GO)	Alisha (5MB)	



## Head of School Awards

Junior Site	Jan (3C/V)
Infant Site	Mia (2SN)

Congratulations to Jan and Mia who have received the 'Head of School' Awards this week. Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall nominate one pupil each week for something marvellous they have noticed throughout the week. Well done!

### **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 Stone's class with 99.3%**

**2nd Place: Miss Laycock's class with 99.0%**

**3rd Place: Miss Rawlings, Miss Hall's and Miss Orrill's classes with 98.7%**

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 96.1%. Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements.

Here is some [advice](#) on whether you should send your child to school when they are ill

### **Key Stage 2 Reading Workshop for Parents**

Thank you to all the parents who joined us on Monday for the KS2 Reading workshop. We hope you found it useful. Please see [here](#) for the presentation. We will be running this workshop again for any parents who were unable to attend after Easter.

### **Reception Parent Meeting – Monday 5th February Infant Site**

On Monday 5th February at 9:00, we will be holding an 'End of Year Expectations' meeting in the Infant hall. During this meeting we will discuss how the children are assessed at the end of the Foundation Stage year and what we can do together to support your child in meeting the end-of-year national expectations. We will also discuss how we aim to successfully transition your child into Year 1. We hope that you can join us.

### **Multiplication Times Table Check workshop for Year 4 parents Junior Site**

In June, the children in Year 4 will need to take a short online test to assess whether their times tables knowledge is at the expected level. We will be holding a parent meeting on Wednesday 7th February at 14:30 to explain more about the check and answer any questions you may have. All Year 4 parents are welcome.

## CTK Experience

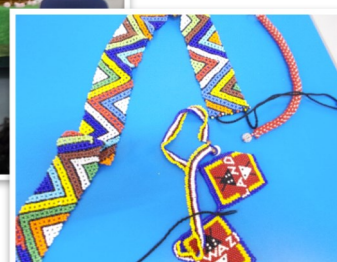
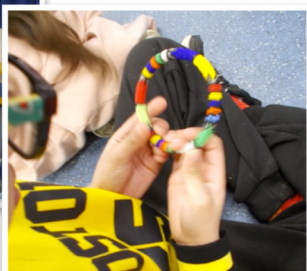
### **Year 3 Visit King Richard III Centre**

This week, Year 3 visited the Richard III Visitors Centre and the Leicester Guildhall to complete their local history topic on Richard III. They visited the place where King Richard was discovered and learnt more about his life as well as his discovery in order to consolidate their learning. Our favourite parts were finding out about the archaeological dig and debating about whether he was a good or a bad king!



## Culture in the Curriculum

Last week, Year 2 were lucky enough to have a visit from Emmanuel's mother who came in to school to speak about what life was like growing up in Johannesburg, South Africa, and how Nelson Mandela changed the way they lived. They learned all about the types of houses people live in, traditional clothing, school life and some of the different activities and hobbies people do in their spare time. The pupils also had the opportunity to pass around some beautiful handmade beads that children often help to make with their families. It was a lovely way to bring their Geography and History learning to life!







## **CTK Experience**

### **Sports, Clubs and Activities**

We know the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle and being active. Enabling pupils to find a sport or activity they enjoy makes it more likely they will continue to be active in their adult life. We want to encourage healthy competition for children of all sporting abilities.

Over the last two weeks, CTK have been competing in the Inspire Together: Division 1 Football League on Monday afterschool with both our Boys and Girls teams. It is a fantastic achievement to be competing at such a high level this term.

Last week, the boys played 3 fixtures, drawing the first 2 games and winning the final game 3-0! The opposition manager from Folville commented after the game saying how much he enjoyed playing against us and that our boys are "a very good team to test themselves against". Well done, boys!

This week, the girls also played 3 fixtures, drawing the first 2 games and winning the final game 1-0! Another brilliant achievement. One of our parent's reported how well our girls play together and how organised they looked. Well done, girls!



## **Year 6 Aspiration Visit**

### **Missions, Vocations and Futures.**

Part of the CTK Experience is to encourage the children to think about their future and how they can use their God-given gifts.

On Thursday, Year 6 had a visit from accountant, Simon Mayes, who spoke to them about the day-to-day of, training for and careers in accountancy. The children asked lots of great questions and enjoyed learning, first and foremost, about the salary of an accountant, as well as the best parts of the job, any difficulties they might face in a career as an accountant and whether it was compulsory to wear a suit to work!

Thank you to Simon for taking time out to come and speak to us. We may have some budding accountants in our midst now!

The CTK Experience details the provision that every pupil will experience at CTK beyond the formal educational Curriculum. You can read more about this [here](#)





## **Children's Mental Health Week**

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and the theme is '**My Voice Matters**'. My Voice Matters is about empowering young people to use their voices, share what matters to them, and encourage those around them to hear their voices.

To mark the week, we are inviting the **children to wear their own clothes on Monday 5th February** to celebrate our differences and to recognise the individuality of each child.

The week will begin with an assembly on both sites to raise awareness of how we can keep ourselves mentally healthy and we will look particularly at the power of kindness and prayer and how it can improve our physical and mental health. This will be followed up with daily activities in the classrooms about the Zones of Regulation which we introduced earlier in the year.

We will also be talking to the children about 'trusted adults' - the people they can turn to at times of worry, stress or crisis. We are looking forward to participating in this national project.

## **Parents' Evening**

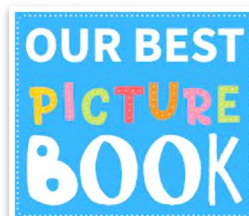
Parents' Evening A reminder that Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th February. Online bookings close on Friday 2nd February at 9:00am. If you did not book an appointment, a time will automatically be issued to you and it will appear on your child's target report which you will receive on Friday 9th February. If you would like to meet with the SEND (Special Education Needs and Disability) Lead, Mrs Wheeldon, please contact the school office to book an appointment.

## **REMINDER....Parent Reading Volunteers Wanted!**

We need your help! As in previous years, we are looking for some adult volunteers to come into school to read with our wonderful children. All volunteers will be given guidance 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 – then please talk to your child's class teacher.

## **Year 2 Reading Project: "Our Best Picture Book"**

Last week in Year 2 we launched our exciting reading project called 'Our Best Picture Book'. We will be asking parents, children and staff to vote for their favourite picture book from a selection of six books over the term. Please read and enjoy each book at home and look out for the videos of each new book on Dojo. Thank you for your continued support.





## **Toilet procedures**

The children may have informed you that we have new toilet procedures. Please be reassured that the new procedure will not prevent your child from going to the toilet when they need to. They are intended to allow effective supervision of children at lunchtime and breaktime.

## **Online Safety - iPads**

This week's online safety guide focusses on **iPads**, the world's most popular tablet computers. It highlights possible hazards including the risk of age inappropriate content and potential screen addiction. Please click [here](#) to access it.

## **Online Safety Advice and Workshop for Parents - Wednesday 7th February**

Please see the information poster [here](#) about a virtual online safety workshop about gaming for parents on *Wednesday 7th February @ 19:00 - 20:00 via Zoom*. This will help you to understand how young people game online and learn about tools and resources that support safe play. You will need to register for this event @ [NSPCC Game Safe Festival - Tickets \(emma-live.com\)](#)

## **Thought for the week**

*"There is nothing on this Earth more to be prized than true friendship."*

St Thomas Aquinas

God bless

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for the final two weeks of this half term...

<b>Week beginning Monday 5th February</b>	National Children's Mental Health Week 'My Voice Matters' theme NON uniform on Monday 5th Feb
<b>Monday 5th February</b>	End of Year Expectations session for Reception Parents @9:00am Infant hall. <b>All Reception parents welcome.</b>
<b>Tuesday 6th February</b>	Safer Internet Day
<b>Wednesday 7th February</b> <b>REPEAT SESSION</b>	<b>Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Parent Information Session</b> 2:30pm—3:00pm—Junior Site
<b>Thursday 8th February</b>	Young Leaders' Programme held at St Paul's Secondary School Year 5 & 6 Chaplains representing CTK
<b>Friday 9th February</b>	<b>1TP Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am— Infant Site</b> <b>Parents welcome</b>
<b>Friday 9th February</b>	Monitoring Reports sent to parent ahead of Parents' Evening
<b>Tuesday 13th February</b>	<b>Parents' Evening</b> <b>Infants: 3:30pm-7:00pm Juniors: 3.10pm—7.00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 14th February</b>	<b>Parents' Evening</b> <b>Infants: 3:30pm-5:00pm Juniors: 3.10pm—5.00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 14th February</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Liturgies - Parents Welcome</b> Times to be confirmed
<b>Thursday 15th February</b> <b>CHANGE OF DATE</b>	<b>Year 2 SATS Parent Information Session</b> 9:00am—9:30am—Infant Site
<b>Friday 16th February</b>	<b>School closes for half term</b>





## Dates for Lent 2 2024....

Monday 26th February	School reopens for Lent term 2
Friday 1st March	<b>3GH Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:15pm—Junior Site</b> <b>Parents welcome</b>
Friday 1st March	<b>Year 3 Sponsored Sleepover for CAFOD—</b> <i>*separate correspondence has been sent out to all Year 3 parents*</i> <i>Arrival no earlier than 8:30pm</i> <i>Pick up time: by 7:30am on Saturday 2nd March</i>
Thursday 7th March	<b>World Book Day</b>
Friday 8th March	<b>3KR Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:15pm—Junior Site</b> <b>Parents welcome</b>
Friday 15th March	<b>3C-V (Mrs Connell &amp; Mrs Valente) Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:15pm—Junior Site</b> <b>Parents welcome</b>
Friday 15th March	<b>Family Inclusion Team Coffee Morning - All Parents Welcome.</b> <b>times to be confirmed</b>
Tuesday 19th March	<b>Year 6 trip to Beacon Hill</b>
Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th March	<b>Year 4 Easter Story Performances to parents/carers</b> <b>*times to be confirmed—ticketed event*</b>
Thursday 21st March	<b>Year 6 Lego Computing Workshop</b>
Friday 22nd March	<b>Holy Week Liturgies—Parents Welcome</b> Infant site 9:00 Junior site 14:20
Friday 22nd March	School closes for Easter holidays (normal time)