

Dear Parents/Carers,

This morning, we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly performed by Mrs Koenig and Mrs Hainsworth's class. Thank you to all the pupils in 2KK/RH for all their hard work and preparation over the past few weeks. The children confidently performed 'The Engine Driver' by Clive Sansom and 'The Owl and the Pussycat' by Edward Lear. We particularly enjoyed hearing them sing together 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars and the hymn 'Love is Something if You Give it Away' - two fitting songs for Anti-Bullying Week.

Catholic Mission

Remembrance Celebration of the Word

On Monday we marked Remembrance Day. A huge thank you to our school Chaplains who planned and delivered our Celebration of the Word with confidence and reverence. We learned about Armistice Day and how important it is to remember the past. We prayed for those who lost their lives and held a two-minute silence.



All Souls in November

Please send into school the names of any family members or friends who you would like us to pray for during November and we will pray for them. Please remember the faithful departed in your prayers this November and pray for all of the families of our CTK community.

Parish Links - The CTK Family Mass

There will be a family Mass on **Sunday 24th November** to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church and will be at 9.30am. The Mass will be led by our children and we hope to get as many of our children involved as possible.

Advent Fundraiser - Toys on the Table

During Advent, we will be supporting the charity 'Toys on the Table'. We invite you to support our Advent project by bringing in **one new toy or gift** for boy or girl between the age of 5-7 years old. We have been asked **not to wrap** the toys because they will be used to create a present parcel containing up to 5 gifts.

Please bring in any donations by **Friday 6th December**.



Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

R-AG	Oliver, Connelle, Jayden, Christopher, Hannah
R-HM	Alvaro, Jan, Imona, Izhaaq, Aarya
R-SL	Caleb, Louie, Grace, Rosa, Efeoghene
1KB/LW	Cairo
1RG/SF	Frankie
1ER	Jeremiah
2KK/RH	Henry
2NT	Maria
2SN	Masimba

CTK Juniors

3KR	Kyria
3GH	David
3HB	Franek
4TP	Julia
4HD	Tobias
4GO	Skye
5AL	Evelyn
5SE	Noah
5SF	Iga
6SB	Alaine
6LS	Zofia
6EA	Jacob

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

Hannah (R-AG)	Arinze (1ER)	Paris (2NT)	Marley (R-SL)
Amaiya (R-HM)	Kartik (1RG/SF)	Declan (2SN)	Praise (2KK/RH)
Elizabeth (R-SL)	Viktor (1KB/LW)	Evelyn (2KK/RH)	

CTK Juniors

Christina (5SF)	Charlie (6EA)	Gabriela (4TP)
Hector (6LS)	Nathan G (6LS)	Yosan (3GH)



Head of School Award

Congratulations to Surina and Kaya who received the Head of School awards this week from Mrs Glassford.

Junior Site	Surina (6SB) and Kaya (6SB)
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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 Taylor's class with 99.7%

2nd Place: Mrs Hainsworth/Mrs Koenig and Mrs Russell's classes with 99%

3rd Place: Mrs Griffin/Mrs Francis, Miss Nokes and Mrs Featherstone's classes with 98.7%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 96.7%. 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.

Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check Workshop for Parents

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 running a parent workshop on **Monday 25th November @ 2:30pm on the Junior Site**. The purpose of this session will be to explain more about the check and answer any questions you may have. **All Year 4 parents are welcome**. Please see [here](#) for more information about the statutory check.

Come to the Book Fair

The Scholastics Book Fair arrived today. It will be held in the library on the Infant Site and in the hall on the Junior Site. A reminder that it will be here until next **Thursday 21st November** and it will be open before and after school on both sites. Please come and buy a book. Every book you buy will gain a free book for our school which will be put in your child's class or in the school library. Thank you for your continued support.



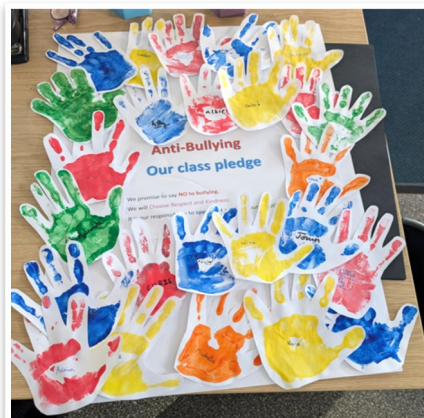
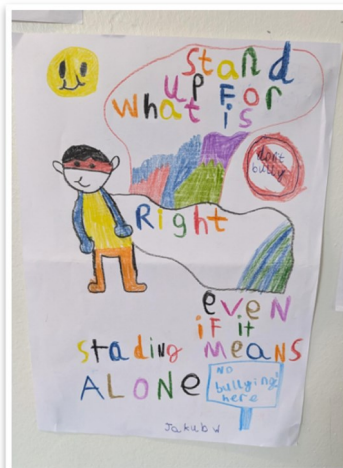
Anti Bullying Week

This week, the children have joined in with Anti-bullying Week, a national event. It began with an assembly on the theme of 'Choose Respect.' On Tuesday we celebrated Odd Socks Day to recognise how God has made us brothers and sisters but also unique.

Meet our Anti Bullying Ambassadors!



The children have taken part in lots of other activities within their classes. You can see some of this work in the pictures below:

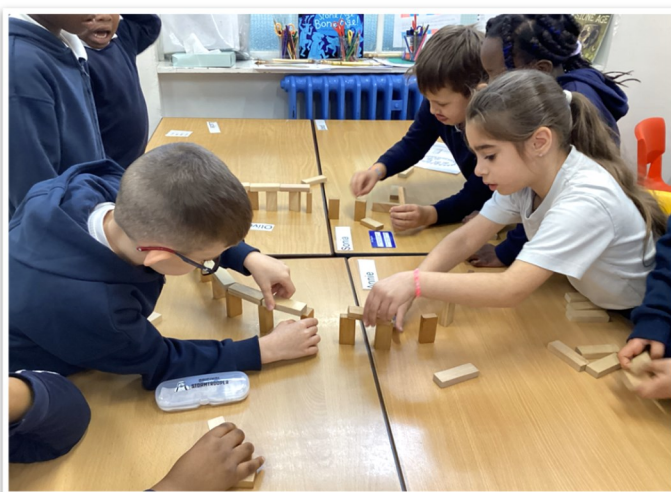


THE CTK EXPERIENCE

Stone Age Day Year 3

Year 3 had an exciting hands-on experience during their Stone, Bronze, and Iron Age workshop on Monday. Guided by a specialist, they explored real Neolithic weapons and tools, before crafting their own Neolithic arrows complete with flint arrowheads and feather decorations. They then took part in three immersive sessions: archery, a hunt for wild boar and wild bear, and a fascinating look at the Iron Age, including the art of fire-making with sparks. We really do seem to have some fantastic hunter-gatherers among us.

Year 3 also took part in a Bronze Age artefact session, where they constructed their own model of Stonehenge, before delving into Stone Age games, designing their own slate and rock-based board creations—just like children in prehistoric times! The day wrapped up with an engaging Celtic storytelling session, leaving everyone with a deeper connection to the ancient past.





Extracurricular clubs

Over a third of our children at CTK have accessed an extracurricular club already this year. Our mission is for *all* of our children to find something to participate in that they love so they can develop their God-given talents and interests.

PlayPals Club

This half term, Mrs Koenig and Mrs Hainsworth have been running 'PlayPal' club on the Infant Site for the Year 2 children. They have enjoyed learning traditional playground games to teach their friends at breaktime and lunchtime. So far they have learned a selection of clapping games and how to play hopscotch.



REMINDER ...Primary School Applications.

If you have a child who is due to start school in *September 2025*, applications are now open. If you are applying to Christ the King, please 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 *Wednesday 15 January 2025*. You can view our admission policy on the website [here](#)

Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association Notices:

PTA Secretary

We are looking for a PTA Secretary, who will be responsible for ensuring effective communication links between committee members as well as between the PTA and the school. The secretary helps the chair ensure that the committee meetings run smoothly and deals with the correspondence that the PTA receives. Ideally we would have one secretary for each site. Please contact the school office at school.office@ctk.leicester.sch.uk if you can help.



PTA Christmas Events

The PTA are holding a Christmas Fair on **Saturday 7th December** between **11am-2pm** and they are organising Christmas discos for all our children. If you can support or help with the preparations of either event, please come along to the next PTA meeting on **Monday 2nd December** at **6.00pm** on the **Infant Site**.

Non-Uniform Day - Friday 22nd November

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 22nd November in exchange for donations of chocolate and bottles of alcohol for the Christmas Fair Tombola. If you are able to donate, please send your contributions to the school office before Thursday 28th November. Thank you for your support.

PTA School Lottery at CTK

In 2020, the CTK PTA 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. It is only a £1 a week and the more people who take part, the higher the prizes will be. Please click the link if you are interested in taking part: <http://bit.ly/ctk-pta>

Online Safety

Please click the following [link](#) which provides information for parents about creating family rules for using devices. We hope you find this information and advice useful.

Dates for your Diary

A reminder that CTK will be closed on **Friday 29th November** for staff training.

Thought for the Week

"I am a Soldier of Christ"

St Martin of Tours

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for the term ahead.....

Monday 18th November	Worry Assemblies on both sites
Friday 22nd November	Non-Uniform Day: donations of chocolate/bottles of alcohol for the Christmas Fair
Friday 22nd November	2SN Class Poetry Recital—Infant Hall @ 9:00am Parents welcome
Sunday 24th November	Feast of Christ the King Family Mass Blessed Sacrament @ 9:30am Children to attend in school uniform
Tuesday 26th November	Pantomime trips for Year 3 - 6 @ Loughborough Town Hall - arrival back to school at approximately 4:30pm
Thursday 28th November	5SE Class Poetry Recital— Junior Hall @ 2:15pm Parents welcome
<u>Friday 29th November</u>	<u>TRUST-WIDE INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED</u>
Tues 3rd and Wed 4th December	Year 1 & Year 2 trip - Christmas Performance at the Curve: Pirates Love Underpants
Wednesday 4th December	Junior Advent Celebration of the word @ 2:15pm
Thursday 5th December	Infant Advent Celebration of the word @ 9:00am
Friday 6th December	5SF Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall @ 2:15pm Parents welcome
Friday 6th December	Menphys Carol Concert (evening)
Saturday 7th December	PTA Christmas Fair 11:00 –14:00 All Families welcome. If you are able to help please contact the school office.
11th—13th December	Y6 Residential Trip to Alton Castle
Tuesday 10th December	Reception Christmas Carols @9:15am Parents welcome
Wed 11th December	Reception Christmas Carols @ 2:15pm Parents welcome
Tuesday 10th December	Year 1 Christmas Performance @ 1:30pm Parents welcome
Wed 11th December	Year 1 Christmas Performance @ 9:15am Parents welcome
Tuesday 10th December	Year 1 Workshops with the School Nurse - Healthy Lifestyles



Dates for the term ahead continued...

Friday 13th December	EYFS trip - Christmas Performance at the Curve
Friday 13th December	5AL Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall @ 2:15pm Parents welcome
Monday 16th December	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Junior Hall @ 2:00pm Parents welcome. Christian Meditation at Infant Site
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 3 and 4 @ 12:45– 1:45pm Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 5 and 6 @ 2:00 – 3:00pm
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 3 and 4 @ 9:00 - 10:00am Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 5 and 6 @ 10:15 –11:15am
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day Infant Christmas Parties
Thursday 19th December	PTA Junior Christmas Discos Year 3 and Year 4 @ 5:00-6:00pm Year 5 and Year 6 @ 6:15-7:15pm
Friday 20th December	End of day—school closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 6th January 2025	School reopens