

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy week marking Children's Mental Health Week, a trip to King Richard III in Year 3 and we enjoyed some live music played by some of our wonderfully talented parents.



This morning we enjoyed an excellent poetry recital assembly all about Children's Mental Health Week performed by Mrs Wooldridge's and Mrs Bayliss' class. Thank you to all the pupils in 1WB for all their hard work and preparation over the past few weeks.

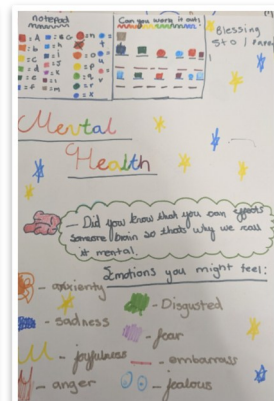
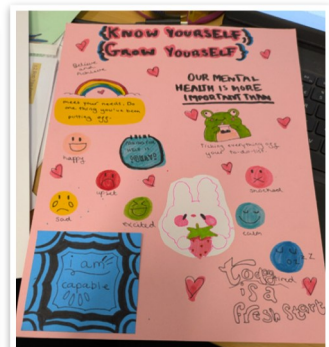
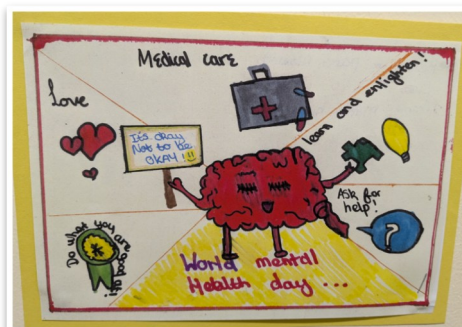
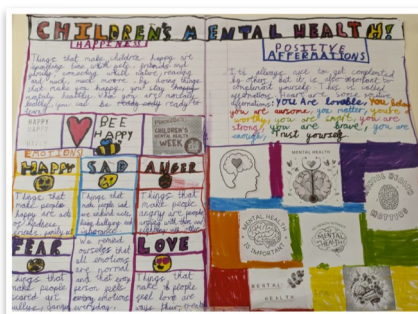
The children confidently performed 'On the Ning Nang Nong' by Spike Milligan and 'Morning Rush' by John Foster as well as the song 'She'll be coming around the mountain'. It was lovely to see the children not only learning these poems off by heart, but also to hear what they had learned about the poets and how they have thought about sounds and routines as part of Children's Mental Health Week.

Our Catholic Mission

On Monday, Natasha, our school nurse, visited the Junior Site to tell the children all about Children's Mental Health Week. She spoke about the different emotions that we might feel throughout the day and explained to the children that it is normal to feel these emotions.

Each morning the children have started their day with an activity to promote mental health. Below are some photographs of the work the children have completed.

Natasha will be visiting the school on Wednesday 12th February during Parents Evening to answer any parental questions or offer any support.





Fr Cahill's teaching on Who is Jesus?

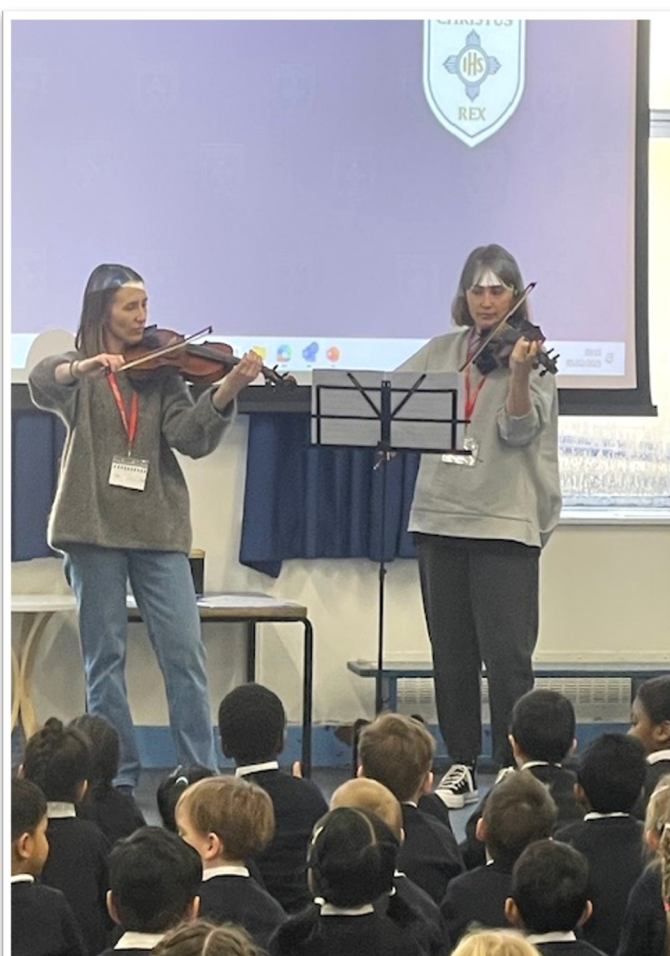
On Monday morning, Fr John Cahill came to teach the Year 4 children about the question Jesus posed 'Who do you say that I am?'

The children learnt all about Jesus, The Christ, The Messiah and The Anointed One, and how this means He is Priest, Prophet and King. The children reflected on the anointing of each of these and how we, through Baptism, are given the challenge in our lives to be like Christ here on Earth. Thank you, Fr John. Both children and staff learnt so much! They used all this knowledge in their R.E lessons this week to create some beautiful art work and write about how knowing about Jesus as the Christ impacts their own life.

Thank you to our wonderful talented parents!

We are very grateful to the talented mothers of Kasper and Adam this week. They introduced the infant children to the violin in our Wednesday morning assembly. They played two pieces of music and delighted the children with their musical talent and knowledge. Thank you, ladies.. It was a wonderful gift to the children.

If you play a musical instrument and think you would be able to share your talent with our children, please contact the office who will put you in touch with Mr Mason, our music coordinator. Thank you in advance for helping us to expand the experiences we can provide to our children.





Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

R-AG	Hannah, Adam A, Michaela, Nia, Adam O
R-HM	Jared, Stanislaw, Azriella, Oliver, Maya
R-SL	Caleb, Nau, Norah Mary, Michal, Jason
1RG/SF	Tymeck
1LW/KB	Joshua
1ER	Noah L
2KK/RH	Olivia O
2NT	Paris
2SN	Leo

CTK Juniors

3KR	Seb
3GH	Elohim
3HB	Bronagh
4HD	Manuel
4TP	Adrian
4GO	Patrick
5SF	Ola
5TO	Aiden
5AL	Emmanuel
6SB	Surina
6LS	Erin
6EA	Victor

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

Carissa (RAG)	Adonai (RHM)	Noah (RSL)	Indiana (1ER)	Rafael (1RG/SF)
Chimex (1LW/KB)	Ludwik (2NT)	Jovanna (2SN)	Yakub (2KK/RH)	

CTK Juniors

Anaiah (3HB)	Adeline (4HD)	Phillip (5TO)	Elana (6LS)	Gershom (6LS)
Camden (3HB)	Emily (5SF)	Maria (6LS)	Hannah (6LS)	
Agata (4HD)	Desmond (5SF)	Erin (6LS)	Isla (6EA)	

The CTK Experience

African Culture Visitor

This week, Year 2 were lucky enough to have a visit from Sia's mum who came in to school to speak about what life was like growing up in Africa and how Nelson Mandela changed the way they lived. They heard all about the clothes they wore, school life, the houses they lived in and some of the things they did in their spare time. They also got the opportunity to see some beautiful handmade beads that children often helped to make with their families and passed around some South African money. It was a lovely way to bring their Geography and History learning to life!



The CTK Experience

Year 3 Visit King Richard III Centre

This week, Year 3 visited the Richard III Visitors Centre and the Leicester Cathedral to complete their local history topic on Richard III. They visited the place where King Richard was discovered as well as his tomb and learnt more about his life as well as his discovery in order to consolidate their learning. Our favourite parts were finding out about how he protected himself in the Battle of Bosworth using medieval knight armour as well as finding out how he was discovered and identified in 2012 near Greyfriars!



Sporting Opportunities

Year 4 Inspire Festival

On Tuesday, Mrs Hansrani and Mr T took a group of 18 children to an *Inspire Together: Year 4 Development Event* held at Beaumont Leys School, Leicester. The aim of the event was to give our children the opportunity to try out a variety of new sports during the morning, and inspire them to take up one of these activities in the future. The activities included benchball, volleyball and orienteering - to name but a few!



The CTK Experience

Spors, clubs and Activities

Girls Football

Last Monday, our Year 5 & 6 girls football team began the second half of the season in style! It started with a photoshoot in our fantastic new kit, sponsored by 'The Motor Company', who generously donated the cost for a brand new home and away football kit for the girls. Thank you to Hannah Kuzinya's mother who worked tirelessly to find sponsorship to fund the new kit.. The girls and the whole school are very grateful.



In terms of football, we played 3 matches, winning two games and drawing one of them. The first game finished 0-0 against Alderman Richard Hallam, a hard-fought draw with both teams hitting the post! The second game finished with a 1-0 win to CTK with a stunning goal from Pola - a curling effort from outside the box! CTK won the third game 1-0 with the winning goal scored by Nachi with a neat and tidy finish. This leaves the girls in 1st place in Division 1. Well done, girls! We are very proud of you!

JuniorSTEM – Lego Robotics workshops for Year 6

On Monday, the Year 6 children enjoyed a fantastic CAD workshop with Junior STEM Robotics. Ian, who facilitated the workshop, was brilliant at explaining and modelling how the technology is used to create algorithms, make objects move, change colour and make sounds through Bluetooth. He also talked to the children about careers in technology, engineering and mechanics.

The children used Lego to build a drumming monkey then made it move using a coding app on iPads. They had lots of fun, learnt a lot about coding and Computer Aided Design and, best of all, worked brilliantly with their learning partners.



CTK are now on Instagram

We are excited to announce that we have created a school Instagram account so we can share all of the amazing learning experiences we provide for our children at CTK with you at home! Please follow us: [Christ The King Catholic Voluntary Academy \(@ctkleicester\)](#) • [Instagram photos and videos](#)

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place next Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February. The monitoring reports were sent home today. We really look forward to seeing you and having the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and targets. You are welcome to bring your child with you to the meeting if you choose to.

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.

Online Safety

This week's online safety guide will focus on **Social Media and Mental Health**. It highlights a number of tips such as how to hide content, setting daily limits and discussing what children have seen online. Please click [here](#) to access it.

New Classics Curriculum Years 3-6

We would like to remind you about the invite to join us to find out more about our new Classics curriculum in KS2. Parents and carers are welcome to join us for a parent forum discussing the new Classics and Latin curriculum at 8:30 in the junior hall on Wednesday 12th February. This will be followed by an assembly where the children will be introduced to their new learning. The assembly will be finished by 9:30. We look forward to seeing you.

Thought for the week

"The Lord has loved me so much: we must love everyone....we must be compassionate"

St Josephine Bakhita

God bless

Annie Carter and the CTK Team





Dates for the term ahead

Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 11th February	Parents' Evening Infants: 3:30pm-7:00pm Juniors: 3.10pm-7.00pm
Wednesday 12th February	Classics Forum for Parents @ 8:30am Junior Site followed by assembly for the Junior Children. Parents welcome to attend.
Wednesday 12th February	Parents' Evening Infants: 3:30pm-5:00pm Juniors: 3.10pm—5.00pm
Friday 14th February	School closes for half term
Lent 2 2025	
Monday 24th February	Children return to school
Thursday 27th February	Year 4 Severn Trent Sessions
Friday 28th February	CAFOD Assembly to launch Lenten Charity and Faith in Action
Friday 28th February	Year 5 Residential to National Space Centre
Tuesday 4th March	Year 6 Heights, Weights and Measures Programme
Wednesday 5th March	Reception Heights, Weights and Measures Programme
Wednesday 5th March	Ash Wednesday Liturgies - times to be confirmed. Parents Welcome
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Thursday 13th and Friday 14 March	Year 6 Trip to DMU
Friday 14th March	Miss Hall's Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 14:20 - Junior Site Parents welcome