

Charlton Kings Infants' School

16th December 2022

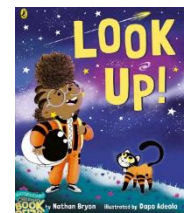


NEWSLETTER

Dear families

We have had another busy and exciting term at CKIS. It has ended in a magical few weeks full of Christmas celebrations! We are so proud of our children and their fantastic nativity performances, full of gold standard speaking, singing and dancing!!

This term we have been exploring our school theme of 'Responsibility'. We have been thinking about taking personal responsibility for our actions and how we can work together as members of our school/home families and wider communities. We have enjoyed exploring these texts during assembly time.



As an Eco school, we have been thinking about how we can help to reduce and not waste the energy we use as part of 'Switch off fortnight'. The children agreed to have the following five priorities across the school (and at home!):

1. Turn off the lights when we leave the room.
2. Make sure lights are turned off in an empty room.
3. Not leave anything on standby (television/games consoles at home, whiteboards at school etc).
4. Close windows and doors when it's cold.
5. Not leave anything charging when it is fully charged.



We have also been thinking about our **RESPECT** learning characteristics...of Responsibility and Teamwork!

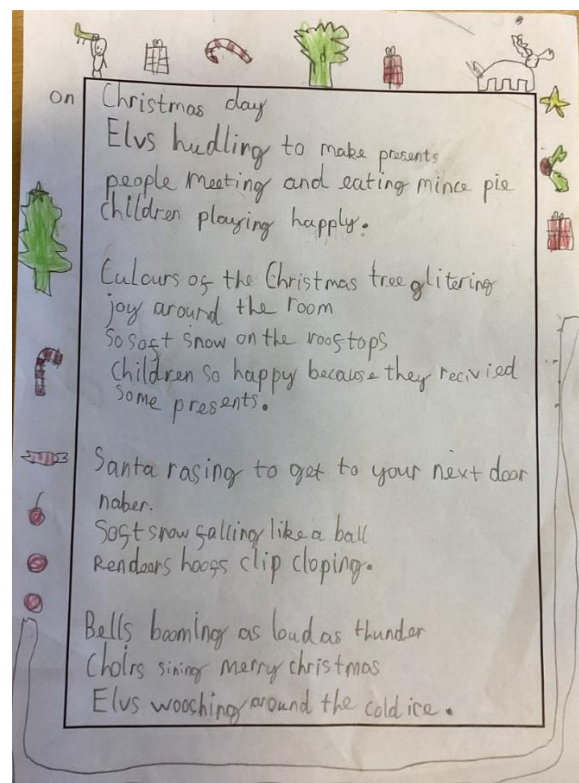
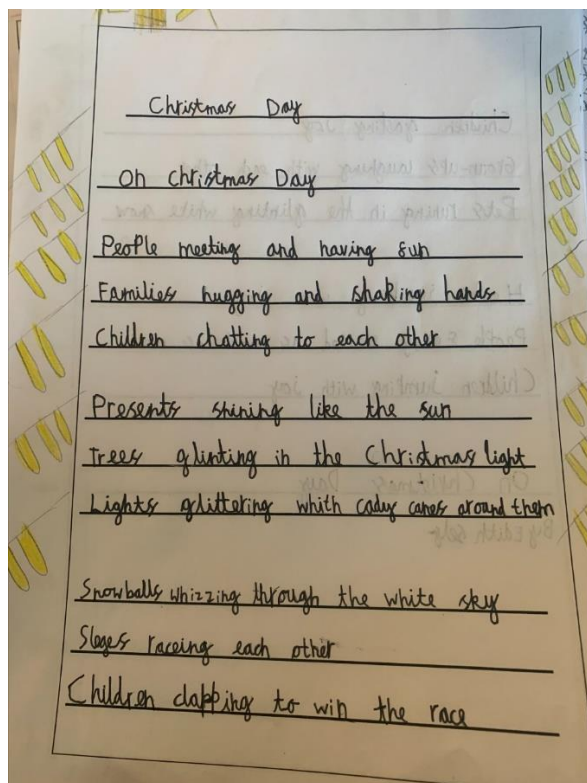


We have also explored national 'Anti-bullying' week this term. As a school community with lots of very young children, we work together to recognise and support co-regulation of big emotions with our children who are all learning to identify their own emotions, recognise the emotions of others and learn the important skills of playing and working together in harmony. As a school we do not tolerate any form of bullying and the children have demonstrated how they would ensure they 'stand up and speak out' if they or others are being hurt in any way.

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This term we have enjoyed working together in our classes and as a whole school to explore national 'Road Safety' week. As a school family, we have considered the importance of being safe and seen by others when we are walking, scooting or cycling around our local community. Please help us to ensure that our children and families remain safe and secure around our school by driving with due care and attention and making sure that you park safely in designated parking areas (not on yellow lines, on pavements or across local residents driveways). We have been visited by our local PCSOs who have been contacted by local residents again regarding fears over parking; and on occasions, people driving the wrong way up school road! Next term we will be carrying out our school travel survey to inform our active travel plan – please do look out for it!! We are also looking forward to welcoming the PCSOs back into school over the next few terms to support our curriculum work with our children on e-safety and developing safe and positive relationships.

This term, we have been continuing to embed our new approach to writing throughout the school. The quality of the vocabulary and handwriting being used by our pupils is wonderful to see. Do take a look for yourselves at some of our lovely Christmas poems from Year 2!



Wishing you all a happy and relaxing Christmas break. We look forward to everyone returning to school and Kindergarten on Wednesday 4th January (Please note: Tuesday 3rd January is an Inset day).

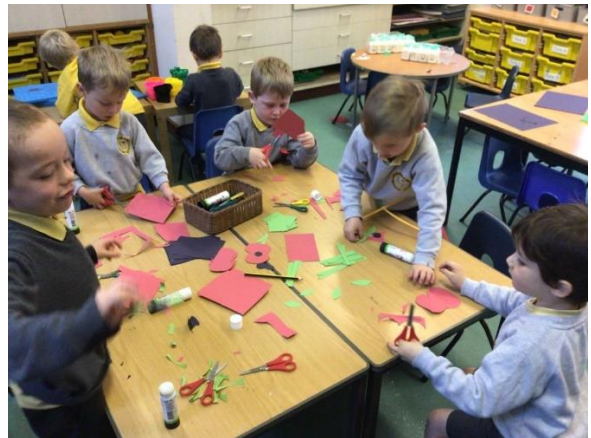
Mrs James and the CKIS team



Reception

We have had a very busy term in YR! The children met Harold from the Life Education Centre who taught us about the importance of looking after our bodies! We learnt all about Guy Fawkes, Diwali and Remembrance Day. We held a two-minute silence for those who lost their lives during the World Wars. We talked about remembrance and why we wear the poppy. The children also had so much fun raising money for charity on our Children in Need day.

Over the last few weeks, the children have been working so hard learning all the songs for the Christmas nativity. We are performing Humph and we can't wait to show it to our grown ups!



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Year 1

Year 1 have been working so hard this term!

As scientists we have loved learning about the senses. Our favourite part was tasting lots of different flavours!

As geographers we have been learning about each of the countries in the UK. It has been very interesting to learn about the different landmarks you can find in each country.

As artists we have really enjoyed developing our sketching skills. We love drawing during challenge time.



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Year 2

In Y2 we were lucky enough to start this term with a visit from the Cheltenham Fire Brigade who told us all about Fire Fighting today and how things changed following the Great Fire of London in 1666. We even got to explore the engine and squirt the hose!



We sold poppies to the rest of the school to help us remember all the soldiers who have died in wars in the past. We made Remembrance Day booklets and pictures to help us remember too.



We also had a visit from the Life Education Van. We learned all about our bodies and our feelings with Anita and Harold the Giraffe.



We are now busy preparing for Christmas and are looking forward to celebrating with you all at our Nativity Performance.

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PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING.

As the cost of living continues to rise, there may be families in our school community whose personal/financial circumstances have changed since their child/children started school in Reception.



All children at CKIS are entitled to **Universal Free School meals.**

In addition to this, as part of the **Pupil Premium Funding**, your children could be eligible to additional funding which includes free school meals post the age of 7.

Your child might be eligible if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

This benefits your family and your child/children in school. The **school receives funding** which is used to further enhance teaching and learning and improve outcomes for your child/ren and others across the school.

If you believe you are eligible, please follow the link below;

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

CKIS—A safer school community for all.....

We are committed to ensuring the safety, health and well-being of all within our school community

Supporting everyone in our school family – CKIS family engagement and support team

The Move More family engagement lead, Marijana Filipovic-Carter has continued to run webinars and workshops this term. To find out more about upcoming events or to view our 'top tips' page for practical strategies to support a range of everyday parenting challenges visit our dedicated [parents' advice point pages](#) on our website.



Message from Mrs Pritchard

The Pastoral Team have had a busy term, working with lots of children and families and receiving some very positive feedback. Earlier this term the Move More Family Engagement Lead, Marijana Filipovic-Carter, led a webinar entitled "How to Help Children Deal with Big Feelings", she was joined by eleven families. This was extremely interesting and helpful, which was confirmed by the feedback from several of the parents who attended. Marijana has also written a programme, including challenges, to help "Tame Your Worry Brain", for children and parents to work through together at home. This can be found in the Parents Advice Point on the school website, under Top Tips. Don't forget, if you would like to speak to myself, as our in-school Family Support Worker, you can email me on familyliaison@ckis.org.uk.

Please can we remind all parents to contact school directly if you have any concerns or queries regarding any behavioural incidents or similar that have taken place in school. It is important that we have oversight of such concerns and incidents, and we strongly discourage parents from approaching other parents to try to resolve these concerns outside of school.

Parking for school drop-off



With the ongoing concern over the volume of traffic on School Road, the owners of The Royal have kindly agreed that parents can use their car park when dropping their children off for school. The car park is available for us to use in the mornings only and all cars must have left by 9.15am. Please ensure that you only park in designated bays and nowhere else.

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Dates for your diary 2023

16 th December	End of Term 2
3 rd January	<i>Inset Day (school closed to all Kindergarten and school children)</i>
4 th January	Start of Term 3
17 th February	End of Term 3
27 th February	Start of Term 4
27 th Feb – 1 st March	Year Reception – height, weight, and vision checks
31 st March	End of Term 4
17 th April	Start of Term 5
1 st May	Bank Holiday
8 th May	Extra Bank Holiday
26 th May	End of Term 5
5 th June	Start of Term 6
21 st July	End of Term 6

