

# Charlton Kings Infants' School

17<sup>th</sup> February 2023



## NEWSLETTER

Dear families

We have had another busy term and it has been wonderful to enjoy the sunshine during the last few days, here's hoping that Spring is now just around the corner! This term we have all been busy exploring our Geography and Science focused school theme of 'Planet Earth's Great Lands'. Year R have loved exploring 'Hot and Cold Lands', considering their big question; 'Where in the world am I?' Year 1 have identified lots of facts and information about 'Rainforests' and have enjoyed responding to their big question; 'How can we look after our planet?' Year 2 have been actively researching their theme of 'Land and Beyond' and their big question; 'What's out there?' We hope that you've enjoyed receiving updates about the children's learning through 'Seesaw'.

Next term our school theme has a History focus with 'Let's Explore'. Children in YR will be exploring the topic of 'Pirates' and will be considering their big question; 'How are we all different?' Year 1 will be researching their topic of Oceans with their big question; 'Who explored the Oceans?'. Year 2 will be identifying 'The seaside now and then' and will be considering their big question; 'How have seashores changed?' Please do take a look at our regularly updated [Curriculum pages](#) to find out more about our curriculum plans for each year group.



This term over half of our children took part in the Gloucestershire 'Who's Talking?' competition where children could talk about their chosen subject for two minutes. We were amazed at the range of subjects that our children talked so passionately and confidently about. We are delighted to announce that Milly in Year 2 was selected by the whole school as our school 'Star Speaker' and will now represent CKIS at the next round (with star speakers from all Cheltenham Primary schools who have entered the competition). We are so proud of everyone who took part and wish Milly every success as she shares her talk about 'Bees' with other entrants across Cheltenham!

We have been exploring our school theme of 'Acceptance and Difference' and have been thinking about how we're all special and how important it is to recognise and celebrate our differences. Here are some of the stories we have enjoyed sharing during our assemblies:



We look forward to everyone returning to school and Kindergarten after the half term break on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**. If you have a child or children in YR, 1 or 2, please don't forget to sign up for your parents' evening slot (please see separate letter sent for details!)

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing half term break

Mrs James and the CKIS team

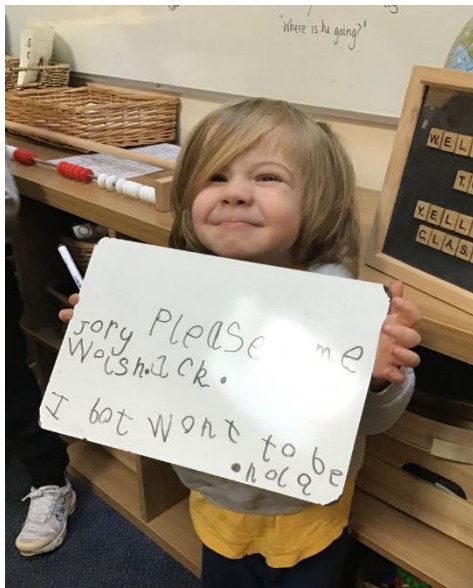
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## Reception

We received a letter from a polar explorer! His name is Explorer Eddie and he used to come to our school! He asked us to find out about the Polar regions. We have learnt about historic explorers, an Inuit's way of life and all the different animals that live in these habitats.

We have been writing sentences in Literacy based around our story 'Lost and found'. We have all written some great sentences using the boys or penguins thoughts and how they feel when the little boy left. We have made sure to structure our sentences correctly by using, capital letters, fingers spaces and full stops.

In our DT this term, we have been designing, making and evaluating! We've worked on our cutting skills and made an animal out of a recycled toilet roll.



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## Year 1

In Year One we have enjoyed a fun filled term learning all about our world. In Science we have learnt all about groups of animals. We even had a visitor from a real reptile!

Each week we have learnt about a different continent and thrown ourselves into learning about the cultures! We especially loved making our own Rio Carnival when we found out about South America!

We have been developing our DT skills using MakeDo to create our own aeroplanes! We look forward to learning about our remaining continents next term, with a special focus on rainforests.



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## Year 2

We have had such a busy term in Y2! We have had a yoga session Mrs Driscoll to help look after our minds and a visit from our local PCSOs to tell us all about keeping safe online. We have loved making fruit salads in DT, learning how to cut, grate and peel and we can now play 3 notes on the recorder. We are hoping to perform to you in a special concert later in the year which is ever so exciting for us all.



As part of our history and geography this term we are learning about our local area. We received a lovely letter from one of our local councillors who told us all about her role in the community so we decided to take a look for ourselves. We all went on a lovely winters walk around the village. We talked about what our village has to offer and what we like and dislike about it. We love Beeches Park, the cafes, the Ford and we enjoyed looking at all of the old photos on the wall of Smith and Mann. We disliked the litter and the graffiti that we saw. We are going to write back to Angie Boyes to let her know what we think we could do to improve our village.



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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. Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs James, and Mr Owens is deputy designated safeguarding lead.



Mrs James



Mr Owens

You could also speak to any of our other deputy designated safeguarding leads – Mrs Price, Mrs Koller, Mrs Tyler, Mrs Durant, Mrs Pritchard, or Mrs Ralph if you have any concerns.

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

#### A Message from Mrs Pritchard ....

The Pastoral Team have had a busy term, working with lots of children and families and have received some very positive feedback. Our Family Engagement Lead, Marijana Filipovic-Carter, has lead webinars entitled “How to Help Children Deal with Big Feelings”, held last term and this term, “Encouraging Good Sleep Habits for the Whole Family”. Both of these were well received. 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, along with other advice, in the Parents Advice Point on the school website, under Top Tips. Don't forget, if you would like to speak to Sarah Pritchard, our Family Support Worker, you can email her on [familyliaison@ckis.org.uk](mailto: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.

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## 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.

Please can we remind all families that dogs are not permitted on school premises at any time (including drop off and pick up times for school, and breakfast and after school club, and at drop off or collection for Gym Club or Ju Jitsu).

## Dates for your diary 2023

17 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>End of Term 3</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Start of Term 4</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>World Book Day</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>Bring your grandparent to read day</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Parents Evening</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Parents Evening</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Orange Class Assembly</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Green Class Assembly</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>Purple Class Assembly</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Wednesday Wander</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>End of Term 4</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Start of Term 5</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Extra Bank Holiday</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>End of Term 5</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Start of Term 6</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>End of Term 6</b>



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