

Charlton Kings Infants' School

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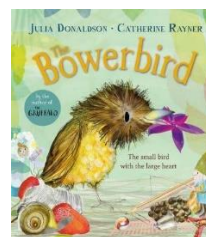
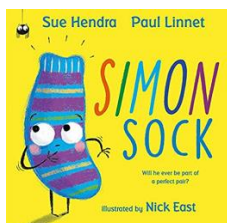


NEWSLETTER

Dear families

It has been wonderful to see the first signs of Spring and we are hoping to see a lot more sunshine and warmth over the weeks ahead! It has been a busy term again at CKIS with lots of 'gold' standard learning.

This term we have been exploring our school theme of 'Respect and Tolerance' and have particularly enjoyed exploring these key texts:



We have been thinking about how we can show respect and tolerance to others by:

- Looking at someone.
- Listening to them.
- Making positive comments about things they say – for example, 'I like your story about the dinosaurs'.
- Sharing and taking turns.
- Saying please and thank-you.
- Asking for permission – please can I play with you?, please can I borrow your...?

We have also thought about ways that we can show tolerance and an understanding that others might have different views, opinions and needs. When we celebrate together as a whole school, we often use something that we call a 'marshmallow clap' as we know that some children don't like it in the hall when there is too much noise!

Our focus RESPECT learning characteristic this term has been 'Excellence' and we have been exploring how we can be more like Elliot Excellence by:

- Knowing what I am good at and celebrating this!
- Listening to others when they help me to think about ways in which I can improve as a learner and make my work 'gold standard'.
- Understand that sometimes I will find things tricky as a learner, but I will 'keep trying'.



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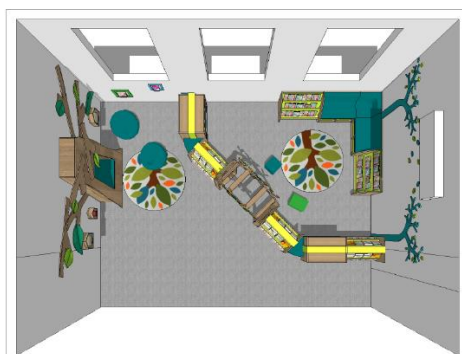
Weekly 'Golden learner'

To highlight our RESPECT learning characteristics and to celebrate those children and pupils who are demonstrating their golden learning, we will be having a weekly class 'Golden learner'. Each week, these children's golden learning will be celebrated in our celebration assembly on a Friday afternoon and the children will be invited to have lunch with Mrs James on the golden table on a Monday lunchtime. We are all very excited about the golden table, including Mrs James!!

We are delighted to be part of the national 'CAS' – Creating Active Schools Project. As an active school our curriculum is informed by our key drivers, one of which is physical development. All children receive two high quality PE lessons a week (Real PE, Dance or Gym) alongside many physical activities and opportunities across all areas of the curriculum. The children are continuing to enjoy completing their daily mile around the school track and we are lucky to have purchased new outdoor play equipment which the children are enjoying using at break and lunchtimes to encourage their active play. As part of the whole school project, we are continuing to explore additional opportunities for increased daily physical activity. Do keep an eye out for our travel to school survey next term to help inform the development of our whole school active travel plan.



Next term, we are delighted that our new library will be installed in Rainbow Room. The PFA are kindly supporting this and we are encouraging all children and families to get behind our 2023 challenge to help us to raise our target of £6,000 to complete this project.



Wishing you all a happy and relaxing Easter break.

We look forward to everyone returning to school and Kindergarten on Monday 17th April.

Mrs James and the CKIS team



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Reception

Year R have loved exploring our Hot Lands topic this term. We have learnt about hot land habitats and the animals that live there. The children enjoyed designing and creating their own animal made out of a toilet roll. We have also been enjoying looking for signs of spring in our Forest School sessions. We ended the term with a visit from some animals; we met a ball python snake, an Asian forest scorpion, a blue-tongued skink and a curly haired tarantula!



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Year 1

It has been a busy term in Year One!

We started the term by enjoying Reading Week. We loved mixing up with other classes to study an author and we welcomed special visitors in to our classrooms to read together.

We hope you enjoyed our class assemblies, we loved learning lots of new songs!

In Science we have enjoyed sorting animals according to what they eat. We've learnt lots of new vocabulary.

In Design Technology we have been working hard to build 3D habitats, containing moving parts. We love using our creative skills during challenge time!



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Year 2

We really enjoyed 'Book Week' at the beginning of this term. We spoke to a real author, called Gill Cunningham on our Teams call. She wrote a book called 'Where's Bill?' which we have read in school. We asked her lots of questions about her life as an author and she inspired some of us to want to be authors when we grow up. We also loved having our special visitors in to read with us in school and dress up day was so much fun. We visited different classes and read lots of books by the author Rachel Bright. We love her books!



We had a great 'Science Week' where we explored connections. We did many experiments, asked lots of questions and made lots of predictions.



We have been learning to play the recorder for the last 10 weeks with a teacher called Vicky. We performed a concert to the rest of the school and we were fantastic! Our teachers were so proud of us all.



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PFA Fundraising

As you all know, this year we are fundraising for a new library provision at the school. Come along to our next PFA meeting, we would love to listen your ideas and feedback about fundraising towards it.

Please see what Pippa in Yellow class has been up to below. This could be one of the fundraiser ideas that children could choose.

Pippa and Scrumpy

Pippa in Yellow class has been out and about Charlton Kings cleaning up with her dog Scrumpy.

Pippa was inspired by a children's song called The Bag Song by Nick Cope (about fish eating plastic and then us eating the fish).

She really wanted to go to a beach and help clean it up but managed to collect most of carrier bag worth of plastic in the space of a 30 minute walk after school one day which she then took home to recycle.

Well done Pippa!



"2023 CHALLENGE"



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**Please
sponsor me !!!**

Between 1st of April
and 10th of June

You could sponsor any activity...

- **Sports Activities:** run 23 laps, score 23 goals. 
- **Doing chores**, helping others e.g. Litter picking
- Pre-loved sales, **good for environment...** sell 23 pre-loved toys 
- 23 minutes of silence 
- Your own ideas 😊 

Can you help us
to fundraise
at least **£20.23**
for our new
School Library?



PRIZES



**IF WE COLLECTIVELY REACH
OUR TARGET**

£300 worth of new books for the school
Extra play time & Celebration lunch

You can create your own page or
create your team on **"Fundraise
for us"** option

Scan me with your
phone camera



Donate 

www.investmycommunity.com/campaigns/challenge2023

CKIS 2023 Challenge

Look Who's Talking Competition

We are so proud of Milly in Year 2 who represented CKIS this term in the Cheltenham heat of the Look Who's Talking competition. The heat took place in the Council rooms at the Cheltenham Ladies College and was attended by a number of children from schools across Cheltenham. Milly spoke for two minutes in front of an audience about her subject of interest; 'Honey Bees'. Milly spoke with confidence and passion, including lots of props - the honey that her honey bees have produced and the protective clothing she uses when tending to her honey bees. Well done Milly - you are a wonderful speaker and we look forward to further opportunities to hear you speak in public in the future!



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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 our primary 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.

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.



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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CKJS and CKIS Prayer Group

Prayer group for CKJS and CKIS: If you are interested in more information about the prayer group which meets to support the Junior school and Infant school, please let us know so that we can put you in touch with the group leaders. This group prays for our schools using Whatsapp and by meeting for prayer, with the next prayer meeting on 25th April from 7.30-8.30pm.

Contact Dan Lamb via danlamb@hotmail.co.uk



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).

Join the CKIS staff team! We're recruiting for a number of support staff to join the CKIS family – check our website www.ckis.org.uk/currentvacancies for more information!



CKJS *pre-loved* **Uniform Sale**

Thursday 20th April 8.30 - 9.15 am & 2.45 - 3.30 pm

Friday 21st April 8.30 - 9.15 am & 2.45 - 3.30 pm

Location: 5T classroom CKJS

Suggested minimum donation £1 per item

Cash only please

Please enter via gate at the back of the car park

All proceeds to CKJS PTA

Dates for your diary 2023

31 st March	End of Term 4
17 th April	Start of Term 5
20 th April	Final date to order Year 2 Leavers Hoodies and T shirts
25 th April	CKJS and CKIS Prayer Group Meeting 7.30pm
25 th -27 th April	KDG parents' evenings
1 st May	Bank Holiday
5 th May	CKJS Coronation Picnic followed by afternoon events at CKJS (more information to follow next term)
8 th May	Extra Bank Holiday (King Charles Coronation)
13 th May	CKIS PFA Race Night 7.30pm
26 th May	End of Term 5
5 th June	Start of Term 6
7 th June	Y1 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park (more details to follow next term)
8 th June	Science Open Morning/Afternoon
16 th June	Yellow Class Assembly 9am
21 st June	Class photographs
23 rd June	Red Class Assembly 9am
24 th June	Summer Fete
30 th June	Blue Class Assembly 9am
5 th July	Transition Day (children visit new classes/Y2 to CKJS) followed by Wednesday Wander after school
7 th July	School reports to families Y2 trip to Weston Super Mare (more details to follow next term)
21 st July	End of Term 6



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