

Charlton Kings Infants' School

26th May 2023

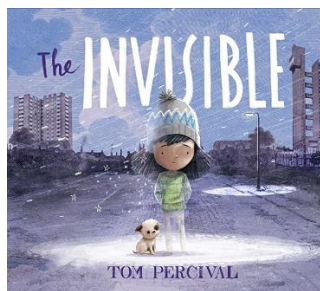


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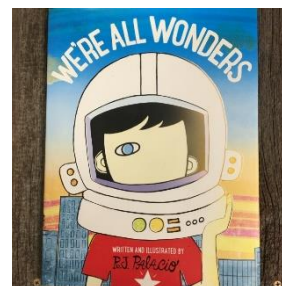
Dear families,

Well, it's been another busy term and at last the sun is shining! I can hardly believe that we are racing towards the end of this academic year! This term we have been investigating our whole school theme of 'Let's Explore', with YR exploring 'Pirates', Y1 'Oceans' and Y2 'Seasides now and then'. Our children have continued to excel in their learning and I have been delighted by the progress made by all children and pupils, testimony to the hard work and commitment of all involved in our children's learning journey – both staff and families.

This term we have been reflecting on our school theme of 'Kindness' and have particularly enjoyed exploring these two key texts.



We have been thinking about how we can work together to listen to and consider the needs of one another. We have focused particularly on how we can demonstrate kindness to others in our school family, our home families and our wider world.



Next term we will be exploring our school theme of 'Freedom' – exploring the importance of being able to share our own views and opinions and the concept of 'Democracy'.

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

- Encouraging our active listening skills.
- Taking turns when listening and speaking.
- Reflecting upon what others say, asking questions and clarifying our thinking.



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We have experienced a sense of awe and wonder as we cared for our 'Living eggs' and watched nine chicks hatch! We were all amazed to see how quickly the chicks grew and ensured that we took it in turns in year groups to provide food, water and care for our growing chicks on a daily basis!

We have also enjoyed finding out about King Charles III and celebrating his coronation together. We had a wonderful day celebrating this historic event with one another and thoroughly enjoyed our afternoon of continued celebrations at the Junior School.

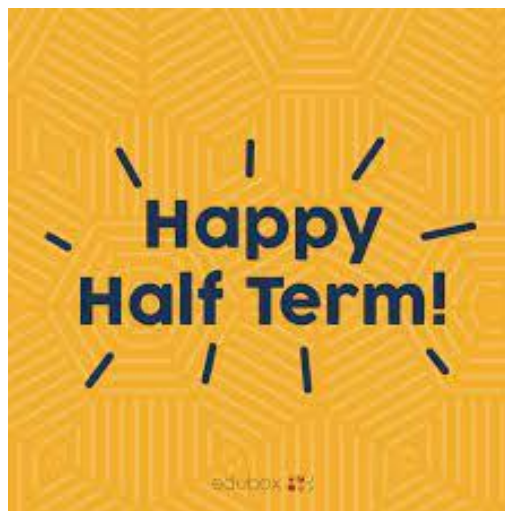


We are all looking forward to the summer term and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing and happy half term break!

Kind regards

Mrs James

Mrs James and the CKIS team



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Reception

There was great excitement in Reception on the first day of term as the children discovered a band of pirates had been shipwrecked in our outdoor area!! Our pirate theme has certainly sparked the children's imagination and they have really enjoyed treasure map making, singing sea shanties and creating pirate ship models.

Reception have been on an exciting adventure with The Snail and the Whale as they journeyed to Antarctica, Costa Rica and The Great Barrier Reef. The children imagined they were the characters from Julia Donaldson's wonderful story, writing postcards to their friends and family to tell them about their 'phenomenal', 'outstanding' and 'unbelievable' trip.

We have been working hard to improve the outdoor area and the children have been making the most of the lovely weather by taking their learning outside.



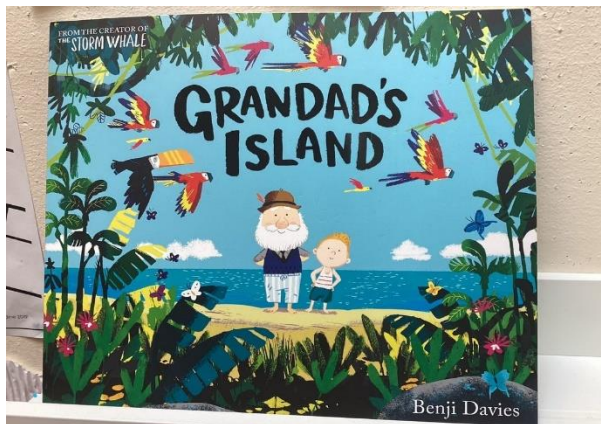
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Year 1



As scientists in year one this term, we have been looking at materials. We built a huge Carroll diagram in our outside area to help us look at their properties.

As geographers in year one this term, we have been looking at the oceans. There are lots of fun activities on purple mash for you to try at home!



This week we are writing our own stories! We have based them on the book 'Grandad's Island' that we have been looking at in class. We are excited to share our stories with you soon.

Reminder – Year 1 Trip to The Cotswold Wildlife Park is on Wednesday 7th June

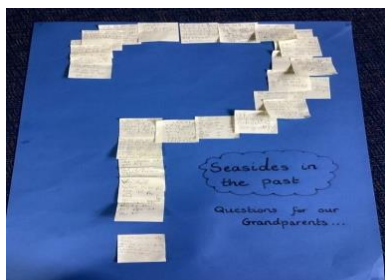
Year 2

As scientists, we have loved learning all about life cycles this term. We were so lucky to have the Living Eggs right outside our classrooms. We watched them hatch out of their shells and observed them growing as they started walking around and even growing feathers! We enjoyed holding them and trying to get them to sleep in our hands.



We now have caterpillars that we are hoping will grow into beautiful butterflies. Keep your eye on our Seesaw pages for their progress!

We have been learning to look after our bodies in PSHE. We talked about the importance of cleaning our teeth twice a day every day and how we can keep them healthy.



As historians, we are learning about seashores in the past. We have been thinking of questions we could ask our grandparents to see if things have changed since they were little. We will be sending out a questionnaire soon for them to answer over half term, so keep your eyes peeled!

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SCHOOL UNIFORM AND ACCESSORIES:

Our school uniform at CKIS is important in helping us to have a sense of identity and belonging as a school family.

Please can we remind all families of the following:

- Trainers should only be worn on PE days and not at other times of the week.
- Sun hats/caps should be worn during summer months (named school baseball caps are preferred).
- Children should not wear sunglasses at school (these often get lost, dropped or broken when worn outside on the playground or field).
- Long hair should be tied back and hair bands/slides should be plain.
- Please avoid attaching keyrings, clips and toys to children's book bags as they do not fit into our school drawers with these adornments.
- Our cloakrooms are small and overcrowded, please avoid sending your child/ren to school with large backpacks as these often cause a trip hazard in the corridors.



Cheltenham Children's Festival

The Cheltenham Children's Festival returns this summer with 'togetherness' as a theme. The one day event, on Saturday 24 June 10am - 3pm at Cheltenham Town Hall, will see over 25 exciting activities and performances, including the most inclusive and diverse range of activities to date. The festival will feature three zones: 'playing together', 'learning together' and 'growing together' all aimed at primary school-aged children with all ages welcome. For more information, please visit:

<https://nclbcheltenham.org.uk/childrens-festival>

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"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

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, Mrs Netting 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 20th June 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.



Dogs

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

26 th May	End of Term 5
5 th June	Start of Term 6
6 th June	All school NSPCC assembly 'Speak Out, Stay Safe'
7 th June	Y1 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
8 th June	Y2 trip to the Science Festival Science Open Day for all year groups (<i>parents are invited to come into school to join in with Science investigations 8.45-9.30am (all year groups) or 2.15-3.00pm (not Y2 as children will be returning from the Science festival)</i>)
13 th June	YR New Families Induction Evening (6.30pm)
16 th June	Yellow Class Assembly (9am)
19 th June	Fitness Fortnight – start of week 1
20 th June	KS1 Sports Afternoon (weather permitting) at CKJS
21 st June	Class photographs New library launch (more details to follow nearer the time!)
23 rd June	Red Class Assembly (9am)
24 th June	Summer Fete
26 th June	Fitness Fortnight – start of week 2
26 th June	YR Starting School Webinar (7pm)
28 th June	Y2 Dancers attending the Dance Festival (more details to follow)
29 th June	YR Sports Afternoon (weather permitting) at CKJS
30 th June	Blue Class Assembly (9am) Climbing Wall for Y2
5 th July	Transition Day (children visit new classes/Y2 to CKJS) followed by Wednesday Wander after school
6 th July	YR Sports Afternoon (reserve date)
7 th July	School reports to families Y2 trip to Weston Super Mare (more details to follow)
19 th July	Y2 leavers celebration (1.30pm)
20 th July	Y2 leavers celebration (9.30am) Kindergarten leavers celebration (2pm)
21 st July	End of Term 6