

MARCH LETTER

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Dear Families,

As we step into Spring, it has been wonderful to notice the first signs of the new season appearing around us—longer days, lighter mornings and tiny shoots beginning to emerge in our outdoor spaces. The children are showing that same sense of freshness and energy, embracing their learning with curiosity, joy and growing confidence.

Just as spring brings new beginnings, we are delighted to see our children showing their 'wings to fly and the confidence to try' as they explore new ideas, support one another and continue to flourish across the school. It is always a joy to watch their enthusiasm bloom alongside the world awakening around them.

Please take a moment to read our newsletter carefully. Inside, you'll find lots of information about the exciting learning that has taken place this term, along with important messages from the school and the wider community.

Kind regards,

Mr Owens

Acting Head Teacher

Eco committee

ECO Council has been busy this month! We've been exploring creative ways to keep our air clean and relaunched Eddie the ECO Teddy in assembly to cheer on classes as they recycle and help keep the environment clean. Our bright new 'No Idling' posters are up around school to encourage families to switch off their engines at the school gates and we've also been spreading excitement about the [Big Walk and Wheel](#).

PFA Quiz Night

A huge thank you to the PFA for organising such a successful quiz night. I have heard from parents that took part that a great time was had by all. The next event will be with us soon with 'Family Bingo' taking place on the afternoon of Saturday 25th April. I am sure it will be just as popular. Find out about all the upcoming events on the PFA newsletter that can be found [here](#).

Library Visits

All of our CKIS children have been to visit the local library as part of our world book day celebrations. The children enjoyed looking at the books and were taught about respecting this wonderful shared community resource. The library staff were really impressed with our children's behaviour and the children loved being lost in the books.

Parking update - ROAD SAFETY

We have received distressing news of near misses taking place around our school. These incidents could have resulted in very different outcomes. We are stressing to the children that they should stay close to their grown up when they are travelling to and from school. *Please support our efforts by keeping your children close.*

Our neighbours have mentioned that their driveways have been blocked by inconsiderate parents at pick up and drop off. Please respect our neighbours and do not park across driveways.

Healthy Lunches

A reminder that we have to abide by school food regulations, even for food that is coming in, in lunch boxes. Whole grapes and cherry tomatoes present a very real choking hazard and we ask that they are cut up when added to lunch boxes.

Sickness and flu

To help keep everyone healthy, please remember to keep children at home for **48 hours** if they are unwell, including after the last episode of vomiting, diarrhea, or fever. This helps reduce the spread of illness and keeps our school community safe. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

If your child is unwell and will not be attending school, please ensure you notify Mrs Evans by SeeSaw or by telephone before 9:30am. If they remain absent, we would be grateful for a short message each day to let us know how they are feeling.

World Book Day

We had a great World Book Day! During the week we visited Charlton Kings Library and learnt about how to use this special place in our community. We also enjoyed a dance session with Sunshine Dance. Each year group focused on a different traditional tale and we were fantastic at acting out these stories through dance. On World Book Day we welcomed lots of visitors in to school to read with us. This included Year Four children from CKJS and we finished off our day by reading with our families in the sunshine! Well done to the winners of our competition who made some amazing pieces of artwork about their favourite book characters. We hope they enjoy spending their book voucher prizes. - **Mrs Parsons**

Science Week

Science week has been full of excitement across Kindergarten, Reception and KS1 with children enjoying hands-on experiments, real life science stories and discovery. We were delighted to welcome several parent visitors who shared their scientific expertise - a big thank you to Mr Mabbett, Mr Bateman, Mrs Crofts, Mrs Urbain and Mr Mountney for inspiring our young learners.

In Kindergarten and Reception, children explored the work of Tanesha Allen, grew cress, investigated how wax crayons change when heated, became forensic scientists at Forest School and created habitats for a clay dinosaur.

In KS1 children took part in a wide range of exciting investigations including, how birds build their nests, eco-systems, do the tallest children have the largest handspan? They also sorted and classified animals, looked at changes over time through a skittles experiment as well as plant observations.

We also loved welcoming families into school for our science open afternoon. The children were so proud to share their learning and the nature trail proved to be a real highlight. Science week has sparked a love of discovery through the whole school! - **Mrs Jones**

Feet First Dance Festival

This term our Year Two Sports and Dance Club delivered a fantastic dance performance at Cheltenham Town Hall to the song "Fireball." The children danced with incredible passion and enthusiasm, lighting up the stage with their energy. They worked brilliantly as a team to create and perform the routine, supporting one another and showing great confidence throughout. It was wonderful to see their hard work and teamwork come together in such an exciting and memorable performance. - **Mrs Mansfield**

Award-winning La Jolie Ronde French & Spanish classes at CKIS!

Please follow this [link](#) for information about summer term French and Spanish classes. Moira (The teacher) is a native Spanish speaker and fluent in French. She has a passion to help children learn and love to become French and Spanish speakers; she is teaching the multi-award winning La Jolie Ronde programmes. www.lajolieronde.co.uk

Learning across CKIS

Please look through the photo stacks below to see a sample of learning from across the school and kindergarten. Remember to check your SeeSaw notifications to keep up to date with the learning in each class.

News for Blue Class

Mrs Pergusey is returning to our school for more days after Easter and will be teaching in Blue Class on a Thursday and Friday. We are sad to be bidding farewell to Mrs Neate, whose fantastic work with Blue Class has made their first terms at CKIS such a positive and memorable experience. We are sure this will not be a long goodbye and look forward to welcoming Mrs Neate as supply over the summer terms.

CKIS Website

Please remember that our website contains detailed information regarding our CKIS curriculum, including the new Learning Leaves for next term. We are passionate about children reaching their true potential and we know how important working with parents and families is in achieving this. The 'Learning Leaves' on the curriculum pages provide a child friendly overview of the learning in each subject this term. These can be great for discussing learning at home.

If you have concerns regarding the progress of your child, please contact your class teacher/s as these are always best addressed by working together.