

30th April 2021

Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete our school questionnaire. We are overwhelmed with the positive response - 132 responses is a record! We will consider the results very carefully in order to continue improving our school. We are not complacent and believe that your feedback and feedback from the pupils will help leaders and staff to strive to provide the best service we can to our community.

Overall 92% of parents who responded are happy with their child's experience at Christ the King School, 4% disagree that they receive a good education and 4 % are unsure. The majority of parents would like the focus on pupil wellbeing post lockdown to continue and are anxious about government expectations for catch up. In terms of strengths and areas for development of the school there are some common themes in the responses. Many parents view communication as a strength of the school whilst a few felt this could still be improved, specifically communication of their child's progress. Many parents also feel that the Catholic Life of the school is strong, whilst the most frequent area to develop is more access to after school activities. We are certainly planning next term to reintroduce visits to our church for masses and to start up the many clubs that have been absent due to the pandemic.

Judaism Visit

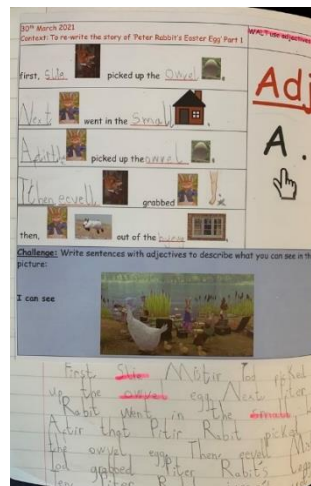
Thank you to PTFA for funding this virtual visit. The children have enjoyed learning about the Jewish faith and making comparisons with other world faiths, including Christianity.

Celebration of Learning

Ancient Greek Puppets- Maja with her creation of Perseus!



Year 1 have been using story maps to write a story about Peter Rabbit.



Year R went on an Easter egg hunt! We found patterned eggs and then afterwards, found ways to make repeating patterns.



Year 1 have been learning about plants this week. We have learnt what plants need to grow. We have also planted our own cress seeds. We will be looking after them in the coming weeks and making observations of them.



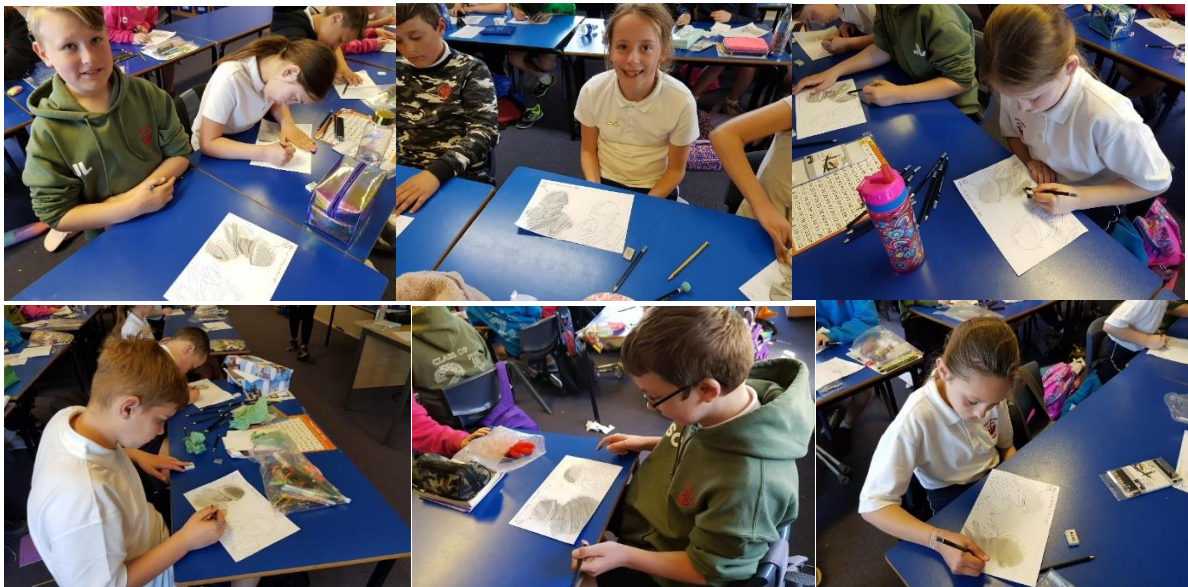
Year 1 used clay to make Easter Eggs this week and we decorated them using water colours 😊



It was lovely to have girls' football training starting up again today- thanks Mr Hancox!



Year 6 cross-curricular art linking to their topic of World war 2



Home Learning

The teachers in each year group will send home their half termly letter to parents and the topic maps which communicate the learning focus for this half term and also give important dates and a prompts about home learning. Please read these and perhaps print off the topic map so that you can provide support with the learning where you can.

Home learning is an integral part of school life and is an expectation for all pupils. Tapestry and Google Classroom will continue as platforms for home work along with IXL, Doodle maths, TT Rockstars and Bug Club, etc. The teachers will direct you to which programmes they wish the children to use. Reading must take place at home every day – please sign your child's reading log each time they read to you. Also please continue to read stories to your child at bedtime as this also supports their language development.

Applying for a place at Christ the King School

BCP continue to manage our admissions, however we still urge families to complete our school application forms which are available from our office or online. This year our new parents' presentation will be held virtually in June and followed up with opportunities for scheduled visits when the school is not in session. To find out more about our school and ethos please follow the link below and share with family and friends: <https://youtu.be/33ZmKW4ipS4>

National Walking Month

May is [National Walking Month](#) and will include our annual 'Walk to School' Week. (17-21 May 2021)



Walking is good for our minds, our bodies and our neighbourhoods. And this past year it has helped us stay active and connected. Why not keep going? Pledge to #WalkThisMay for @LivingStreets' #NationalWalkingMonth livingstreets.org.uk/WalkThisMay

Good Shepherd Sunday

Last Sunday was the 4th Sunday of Easter and 'Good Shepherd' Sunday. We reflect on Christ as a shepherd leading his flock (the faithful). We pray that we will follow Christ's call to love our neighbour and to give a voice to the disadvantaged.

St George

Last week on 23rd April we celebrated St George's day. St George is the patron saint of many countries, including England – we pray that he will inspire us to have courage and stand up for what is right and to say NO to discrimination and in justice.

St Joseph

St Joseph has two feast days. Tomorrow is the feast of St Joseph the worker – 1st May (also 19th March)

Joseph loved Jesus with a father's heart. He was a carpenter, hardworking, often in the background doing good. Pope Francis asks us to reflect on St Joseph this year. Especially during this pandemic. Pope Francis reminds us that it is the ordinary, often overlooked people who are shaping history. Pope Francis encourages us to take inspiration from St Joseph, a man who often went unnoticed, to become more prayerful and more supportive to those around us.

St Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.



Let Us Pray

We pray

Blessed St Joseph,
Be a father to us too
And guide us through life.
Pray for us to have grace
Mercy and courage
To defend us from evil.

Amen.

We give thanks for:

- The safe return of our pupils to school.
- The sunshine and plants representing growth and positivity.
- The words of thanks offered to others – it can make someone's day!

We pray for:

- The on-going health and protection of our UK community.
- Our brother and sisters in India and South America and Europe suffering the devastation of a second wave of Covid-19.
- Members of our community who are unwell, including Fr Chacko.
- The soul of the baby cousin of one of our pupils – Rest in peace.
- Fr Chacko and all of our priests and local clergy.

And finally, I wish you and your families a happy weekend.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher

faith
hope
love

