

The KET Newsletter

Spring 2024 Update

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Welcome from the CEO

Welcome to the inaugural KET termly newsletter.

In this issue we are highlighting just a few of the wonderful opportunities and achievements that children across the trust have enjoyed over the Spring Term.

The Key Educational Trust is entering an exciting phase as we prepare to welcome two new schools to membership over the summer. St. Peter's CE Primary School, Caverswall and St. Mary's CE (A) Primary, Mucklestone are planning to join our family of schools in May and July 2024 respectively.

Working together to help children achieve ever better outcomes in all aspects of school life is something all school leaders, governors and staff are passionate about and committed to.

If you are a school and are interested in joining us then we would love to hear from you. For an informal chat please call 01785 334900 or email c.wright@theket.uk.

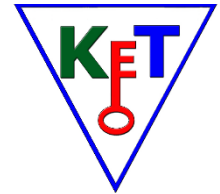
Enjoy reading!



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Christ Church Academy



CHRIST CHURCH ACADEMY
Excellence in Education

A group of Y7 and Y8 pupils were chosen to compete in THE INTERNATIONAL FIRST LEGO LEAGUE ROBOTICS TOURNAMENT at Newcastle College. The pupils had to build and program their robot and deliver a presentation for a STEM business idea. The pupils did amazingly well but sadly did not progress to the next stage at Harrogate.



March 2024 saw our very first HISTORY OF GAMING COMPUTER SCIENCE day with the Core Team. Year 7 pupils and staff had a lesson in the hall to play a huge variety of gaming machines from the past 50 years to study the technological advancements in this sector.



These ranged from Pong on a Binatone device from the early 70's to the latest VR race car simulators.

The pupils had an amazing day and we are currently arranging another visit for next year.



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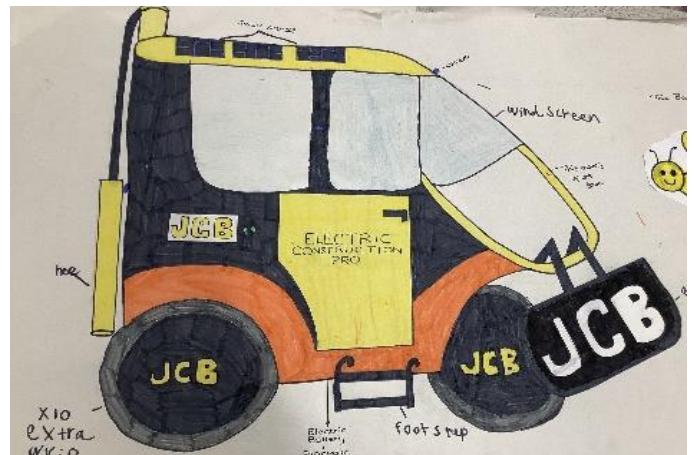


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A group of Y7 pupils travelled to LONDON to explore the Natural History Museum and the Science museum. After a long walk along the South Bank, they arrived at HMS Belfast in time for tea and their overnight stay!



Year 8 pupils took part in the NATIONAL CAREERS CHALLENGE, run by the Inspirational Learning Group in partnership with JCB and NatWest. Pupils looked closely at JCB's main production sectors, and then designed a machine of the future for their chosen sector. The facilitators were extremely impressed with the drive and ambition of our pupils. The winning teams will now battle it out for a place in the National Finals.



CCA held a movement day which involved performances from Kinetic Heights Collective and ex-pupil Thorben Carter who is now a professional dancer with Diversity.

The performances were absolutely incredible and both of the performers had very inspiring stories. The children got to perform the aerial skills and learnt a hip-hop dance. Our staff were also keen to get involved!



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Christ Church First



CHRIST CHURCH FIRST SCHOOL
Be the best you can be in God's beautiful world



As part of their ongoing work on the topic of "PEOPLE WHO HELP US", Reception class have welcomed a range of visitors who have come in to talk about their jobs. Pictured is a nurse who taught the children how to take blood pressure. The children have met a GP, a nurse, a health visitor, a postman, a fireman and a vet.

During our vet visit, the children got to listen to our school dog's heartbeat through a stethoscope which was very exciting. Rusty seemed to enjoy it too!



On 25th January, author, ILLUSTRATOR AND POET CHRIS WHITE spent the day in school. He worked with all year groups and the children had a great day. They created their own crazy animal illustration with Chris and then wrote poems about them. This was such a fun activity and the children produced some fabulous work from the day.



Children in Year 4 also went home and wrote their own poems which was wonderful to see (and hear!), Year 3 have written to Chris and sent him some lovely poems and artwork. They will be studying Chris's work during Spring Term 2 as part of their English lessons.



Pupils in Reception and Year 1 have been enjoying this term's MYSTERY READER SESSIONS. We invite parents, carers, grandparents and friends of the school into class to share a picture book with the children at the end of the day. This is a very popular initiative to get children enjoying books.

Oulton First School



OULTON FIRST SCHOOL
Hand in hand Learning together



MOTHER'S DAY AT OULTON FIRST SCHOOL

Children at Oulton First School have been celebrating Mothering Sunday in school. In Early Years, children invited their Mummy's or Nanny's to celebrate with them by having a special lunch in their classroom together. Children in KS1 and KS2 wrote special poems to perform to their Mums and sang a selection of Mother's Day songs. A lovely week was had by all.



OULTON FIRST SCHOOL YEAR 3 ACTIVITY DAYS KIBBLESTONE INTERNATIONAL SCOUT CAMP

On Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March, Year 3 children at Oulton First School went to Kibblestone International Scout Camp for two days of activities.

Children built natural dens, tarp shelters, learnt knots and fire safety. They were also involved with fire lighting and cooking over a fire. Instruction was given in archery and indoor caving, in the cave bus, and the children had great fun crate stacking. Bravery and perseverance was evident in abundance as was team work and resilience.

Thank you to Kibblestone International Scout Camp for providing us with a fantastic two days.



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St Mary's Mucklestone



Pupils at St Mary's have been busy focusing on WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH WEEK. We have been learning about emotions and regulating and feelings. We have enjoyed mindfulness colouring, yoga and sharing with others how we look after our own wellbeing. We even made worry boxes for our school library and the friendship group arranged playtime games, to ensure everyone was included and having fun. The PTFA asked the children to paint rocks with happy pictures and words. We sold them to raise funds for the school and children have been encouraged to place them where others can see them, to brighten their day!



Year 5 and 6 visited the SPACE MUSEUM in Leicester. We had a wonderful time learning all about astronauts and space, in a very interactive way. We watched a film on astronaut life in the Sir Patrick Moore planetarium.

It was fascinating. We even saw meteorite rocks, pieces of the moon and mars. The children were so inspired they returned to school to create a parent presentation, using a range of technology to share their experience. They recorded pieces on ipads, used the visualizer to show work and shared seesaw (digital evidence) with our audience.

We all had a fabulous day!



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St Peter's Caverswall



Y5/6 STANDON BOWERS

Our Y5/5 children attended Standon Bowers in February this half-term. Despite the rain, wind and mud a fabulous time was had by all. The children really challenged themselves in a number of ways. Firstly, the challenge was to stay away from home for the first time - in many cases this included the battle with the bed sheet as well as feeling homesick. Other challenges included climbing the climbing wall, riding bmx's round the race track, crawling through the caving tunnels. The theme of the half term has been perseverance and the children really showed that when tackling these challenges – no one gave up, everyone gave their all. We are really proud of our children the team work, the focus and the way in which they supported each other. They shared their highs, lows, and funny memories with their parents as part of a class assembly.



EYFS MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE



As is tradition at St Peter's Primary the Nursery and Reception children led our Mother's Day Service with the support of our worship committee. The children shared what their mums love doing and sang them a brilliant song. The worship committee taught us how to sign a prayer about mothers. Children gave their mums and family mini daffodils as a gift.

Y3 ROMAN ASSEMBLY

The Y3 children shared all their new knowledge about Romans when they put on a class assembly for the parents and children. We learnt about Boudicca, Julius and Claudia Caesar. They taught us a song about the Roman class system and demonstrated a fight between the Romans and Iceni tribe. We all loved learning the facts!

