



School Newsletter

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Learning to Love, loving to learn

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loving hopeful
attentive curious
faith-filled wise
generous learned
eloquent prophetic
intentional compassionate
truthful active



Catholic Social Teaching Spring Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers, Welcome to our first Catholic Social Teaching Newsletter. Hopefully by now, you will have heard the children referring to Catholic Social Teaching and the different principles, if not please do ask them!

At Christ the King, Catholic Social Teaching (CST) forms a vital part of our educational ethos and mission. CST guides our commitment to fostering a just, compassionate and caring community. We try to integrate these teachings into every aspect of school life, encouraging our children to live out their faith through action and service.

Each term we will choose a different CST principle to focus on which will enable us to fully explore with the children and the wider school community how we can work together to put our faith into action.

Autumn Term 1	Human Dignity and Subsidiarity
Autumn Term 2	Solidarity
Spring Term 1	The Common Good and Distributive Justice
Spring Term 2	Preferential Option for the Poor
Summer term 1	Stewardship and promoting Peace
Summer Term 2	Participation

Each of the nine principles is depicted by an animal character which helps the children to remember them-see the image below.



Please talk to your child at home about the CST principles and which ones they have been learning about in class.

Instagram—Each class will be 'instagramming' at least once a week about some of the things that they have been doing in class. You can 'follow' the school [Ctkprimaryschool](https://www.instagram.com/ctkprimaryschool)



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Human Dignity

Our common humanity requires that we respect and uphold the

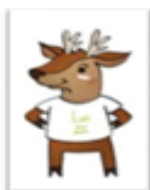
The Common Good

The common good is about respecting the rights and

Participation

We live in community with others, growing together. We

dignity of each and every individual. Everything else flows from this dignity.



responsibilities of all people and leaving no one behind.



are called to be active participants in all that we do. We have a responsibility to be inclusive so that we allow all people to participate.



Subsidiarity

Everyone has important ideas and knows what is best for their families and communities. They need to have a say and the chance to influence outcomes.



Stewardship

All living things are connected so we must use God's gifts responsibly to meet the needs of everyone, now and in the future.



Solidarity

Being in solidarity is recognising others as our brothers and sisters and actively working for their good.



Preferential option for the Poor

A preferential option for the poor means that we think first about the needs of those who are the most vulnerable.



Distributive Justice

God's plan was for all people to share in the goods of this world. This means that no person should struggle to have the basic necessities of life such as food, shelter and clothing. Distributive justice is all about fair allocation of resources (including income, goods and services).



Promoting Peace

Peace is not just the absence of war. It is part of God's nature, and a value we should all seek to live out in our daily lives. Peace comes from both justice and love and is dependent upon people understanding one another.



Catholic Social Teaching

This half term we are focusing on the principles of **Stewardship** and **Promoting Peace**
For each principle the pupils are learning a new prayer.



*"Holy Spirit,
Fill our hearts with peace.
Help us use gentle words,
calm voices and forgiving hearts,
so that our school becomes a
place of love.
Amen."*

Promoting Peace – *"Blessed are the peacemakers."*

We can be God's instruments of Peace

"Our common bonds of humanity demand that we live in harmony and that we promote what is good for one another." St John Paul II

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At Christ the King we show we are people of peace by:

- treating each other kindly

Caring for
God's gifts



Stewardship *"The Earth is God's gift — we must care for it."*

At Christ the King we understand the earth is a gift from God, ensuring its resources are shared and protected for future generations.

*" Creator God,
Thank You for the beautiful world You
made.
Teach us to protect it,
to care for plants, animals and oceans,
and to be good stewards of Your gifts.
Amen."*

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Fundraising for City Hospice

This year we have been fundraising for our chosen charity, which is City Hospice. Your generosity in supporting our Reindeer Run and Bunny Hop has already raised over £2300 to help both the patient and their families. City Hospice provides support and care so that each person in their care can live their lives to the fullest for as long as possible. They can live their life in their place of choice with dignity and in comfort, close to loved ones. Our CST principles teach us about the importance of solidarity and human dignity.



*"God our Father,
thank you for
making each of
us in Your image.
Help us to see
the beauty in
every person,
to use kind
words, gentle
hands,
and to treat
everyone with
love and respect.
Amen."*

How can we show each other and those in our wider community that we care.

*"Lord Jesus,
You teach us to love our neighbour
near and far.
Help us stand side-by-side with
others,
especially those who feel sad,
lonely or afraid.
Make our school a family of
kindness.
Amen"*





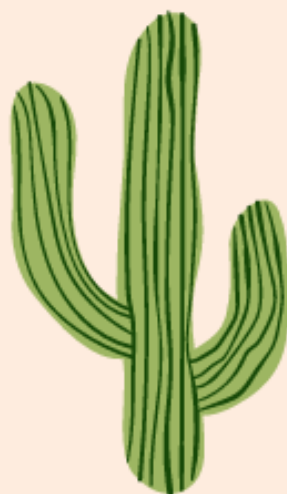
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Llanishen Village Preschool Playgroup

ready
set grow

Lets get
creative

We are a term time playgroup for children age 2-5 years offering morning sessions and wrap around care for children attending afternoon nursery at Coed Glas and Christ the King Primary School. We provide high quality care to enhance and enrich the development of your child in a nurturing, safe environment. We offer a mid-morning snack and hold a gold standard healthy snack award. We have an outdoor area for children to enjoy play in nature.

Learning
through
play

Book a free trial session!
Contact Natalie: 07989711201
Llanishenplaygroup@outlook.com
www.llanishenplaygroup.co.uk

Open weekdays 9-12:30 term time

We accept the childcare offer



Llanishen Methodist Church Hall,
Melbourne Road,
Llanishen, Cardiff
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Walk over service available for children
attending afternoon nursery at Coed Glas
and Christ the King Primary School

Next Week

Sunday—Children's Liturgy CTK 9:30am , St Pauls 9am , St Brigid's 10:30am

Next week is half term, **Monday 1st June is an INSET Day**, all pupils return to school on Tuesday 2nd June.

Reminder—**Thursday 4th June**—New Parents Meeting for Reception intake Sep 26 and Nursery Sep 26—6pm. Parishioners Afternoon Tea 2pm and Y4 begin kayaking

Pupils Pre-booked absence and Daily Absence Reporting

May we remind parents/carers to let the Office know if you are collecting your children early from School or for an appointment or need to advise of any holidays. Please can you email the Office -christthekingprm@cardiff.gov.uk or phone the Office if this is a last minute arrangement. This does help the teachers with planning and getting children organised as when they are teaching during the day, they are not always checking their messages and the School Office need to record all absences and pick ups. If your child is poorly and is not coming to School, please can you phone the absence line before 9.30am to notify us.

School Trip Contributions

When organising school visits that enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school asks parents to **contribute to the full cost of the trip**. All contributions are voluntary but if the school does not receive sufficient voluntary contributions that cover the cost, either the school will be required to make up the shortfall which means taking money from other budget headings, or the trip will be cancelled. If there are any problems parents are asked to please talk to the school.

Junior Club

Please note there is no Junior club until Friday 5th June.

Children's Liturgy Sessions at St Brigid's

Children's liturgy sessions are now running at St Brigid's at the 10.30am mass on a Sunday morning. The sessions run on the same basis as at the other two churches, i.e. Sundays during term time.



Prescribing to SPW

Single Parents Wellbeing is a peer led organisation for single parents by single parents. Our vision is to empower single parent families to thrive emotionally and socially in a connected community. We do that through workshops, events and socials and by providing resources and getting involved with campaigning. We are a social and nature prescribing organisation.

There are many different ways that you can prescribe Single Parents Wellbeing to individuals.

Community Introduction

Specific Workshops

Outdoor Meet Ups

Volunteering

Contact: Rachel@singleparentswellbeing.com



This Week's Attendance

Parents are reminded that any type of absence from school must first be requested by email to Mrs Miles at christthekingprm@cardiff.gov.uk.

For safeguarding reasons any child arriving late at school must be accompanied to the KS2 playground gate and handed over to a member of staff by an adult.

If your child is unwell, a telephone absence message or email should be left before 9.30am giving the nature of the illness/reason for absence.

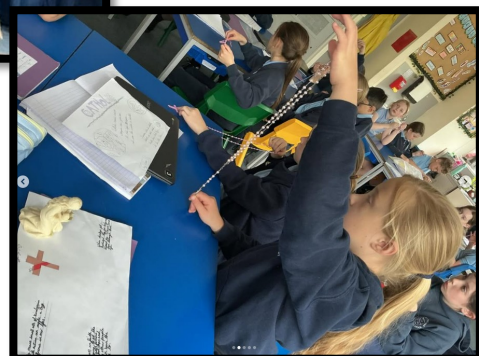
Class	Attendance	Minutes Late
Reception	91.57%	0 mins
Year 1	98.21%	37 mins
Year 2	92.41%	13 mins
Year 3	98.15%	3 mins
Year 4	90.69%	17 mins
Year 5	85.33%	34 mins
Year 6	94.52%	26 mins

Catholic Life of the School

This week, our school has been focusing on the Rosary, helping pupils to understand the importance of Mary and how she intercedes for us in prayer. Through this, children are developing a deeper appreciation of prayer as a way to grow closer to God.

We were delighted to welcome Steve from Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), who spent time visiting each class across the school. He shared the Rosary with the children and spoke about the importance of prayer in our daily lives, as well as the work of ACN in supporting Christians around the world.

The visit provided a valuable opportunity for reflection, allowing pupils to engage meaningfully with the Rosary and consider how prayer can support others as well as themselves.



Celebrating Good Work

Nursery

Nursery have had a very special visitor! Our friend from Year 2 brought in his pet tortoise called Stan to come and see us. We were very excited to meet him! We learnt that Stan comes from Afghanistan and that he loves to munch on tasty lettuce and broccoli. Stan also likes to have a nice bath every week to keep clean and happy. We had lots of fun watching Stan slowly walk around and crunch his lettuce. The children were very gentle, curious and excited to learn all about him!



Reception

Reception visited St Fagans to learn all about the past . We visited the old school , sweet shop, grocers and we learnt all about the toys children played with in the past . The bank rattle with the bee in was a surprise to us all. [#history](#) [#past](#)



Year 1

Thank you to Chloe and Shane @cardiff_bus for an exciting opportunity to take a bus ride with our class and try out the driver's seat. We had a brilliant morning. We know that Cardiff bus are choosing electric buses every time they buy a new bus to help our planet #sustainable #ecofriendly #activetrave



Cardiff Bus



PIC-COLLAGE

Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about how different cultures and communities pray. We know that when we pray the Holy Spirit is filling us with God's love. We wrote a prayer promoting peace and promising to take care of God's Creation. We then carried out a self-assessment task to see what we have learnt over the past 3 lessons! [#CtkCardiffRE](#) [#Branch5](#) [#CatholicSocialTeaching](#) [#Stewardship](#) [#PromotingPeace](#) @CAFODSchools



Year 3

Year 3 had a wonderful visit to Caerleon to bring their Romans learning to life. They explored the remains of a real Roman amphitheatre, walked through the Roman barracks, discovered the Roman baths and went to Roman boot camp!



Year 4

Ctkcardiffy4 We had a wonderful day with our friends from [@adamsdownprm](#) filled with fun, games and activities focused on teamwork and belonging. It was fantastic to see the children working together, supporting one another and building new friendships. We feel like one community and the children have truly enjoyed the opportunity to share experiences and create lasting memories. A huge thank you to the Linking Project for making this relationship possible!



Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about the inspiring life of St. Clare of Assisi. Through research, they discovered how her faith shaped the way she lived - choosing a life of prayer, simplicity and service to others. They then created artwork using symbols to represent different aspects of her life. #CtkCardiffRE #CatholicSocialTeaching #Branch5



Year 6

Year 6 had an amazing online meeting with author Tom Palmer! After reading the Angel of Grasmere, the class loved asking their questions, hearing stories behind his book and discovering more about his writing. A brilliant afternoon of inspiration and imagination.

