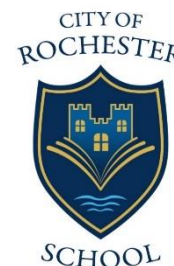


City of Rochester School Newsletter



Spring 1 2022 – Academic Year 2021-2022

Introduction from the Head

It has been a challenging term with Covid having such a detrimental impact on pupils and staff. We thank all our school community, parents, pupils, external partners, staff and Trustees for their support, patience and understanding at this difficult time. Pupils have shown great resilience in adapting to change when staff have not been in and to the timetable changes. We are very proud of all of them.

Despite the challenges of Covid, there has still been lots of activity in school. Pupils have been engaged in a full curriculum, our fundraising team has done some fantastic work organising events in school as you will read and I have also taken the opportunity to showcase some pieces of pupils' work and photographs of them participating in various activities in school.

We very much hope that you enjoy reading our Newsletter which captures some highlights of the term.

We wish you all a peaceful and restful half-term and we hope you are able to spend it with your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Monday 21st February 2022.

Alicja Emmett – Headteacher

Curriculum News

In the lower school, the theme for Experiential this term was Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) and pupils had the opportunity to attend a number of Lego Workshops delivered by Bricks 4 Kidz which linked to the curriculum topics of Exploring Africa, The Arctic Circle and Exploring America. Pupils built robotic structures using Lego, solved maths' problems, worked in teams and worked on social communication and interaction skills.



Key Dates

Term 4:
21/02/22-
31/03/22

Easter Break:
01/04/22-
18/04/22

Term 5:
19/04/22-
27/05/22

Half Term:
30/05/22-
03/06/22

Term 6:
06/06/22-
15/07/22

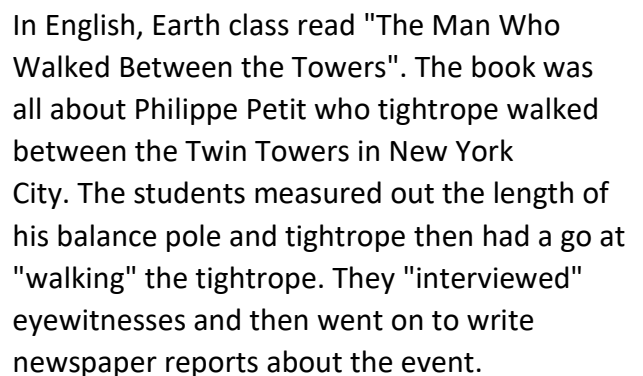
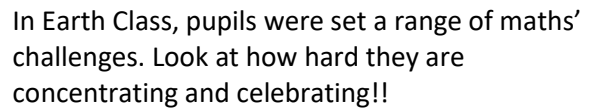
Summer Break:
18/07/22-

Bank Holidays:
15/04/22
18/04/22
02/05/22
02/06/22
03/06/22
29/08/22

**Reports Sent
Home:**
27/05/22
08/07/22

In English, Mercury Class have been practising their creative writing. Jason produced a wonderful story with description setting the scene - the 'port' key is a key to transport you to another place! A fantastic piece of writing from Jason. Well done.

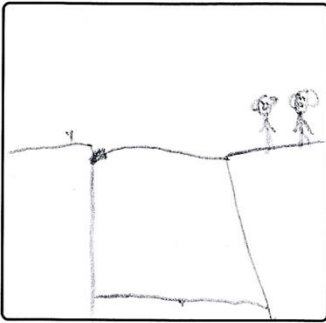
Charli produced a piece of writing on wildfires which is very topical at the moment because of global warming. She also produced some drawings to bring her writing to life. Well done Charli!



Did he fall? What will this nutcase do next

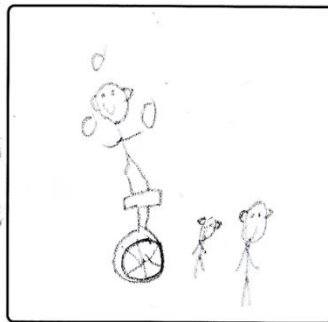
The Daily News

Date: 7th August 1974 Journalist: Bailey Barn



Today a man tried to walk between the twin towers on a tight rope. His name is Philippe and he juggles. An eye witness, Katie Martin said it was terrifying to observe.

The Police were called to get Philippe down, but Philippe spent 1 hour playing around on the 1m to 10m. When he was satisfied, he came to the police and said, 'He came to, court, and in the end, he just had to perform.'



New!

Lunchtime clubs have started this term, all of which were requested by the pupils. Pool club has been popular with all ages, particularly the secondary pupils. One of the pupils helps to run the club. He takes care of the equipment, has investigated fundraising to get a bigger table in the future and is planning an all-school pool tournament for next term.



Story Telling Week!

For Story Telling Week, children were given access to stories to read, to listen to and to watch.

These included:

Bring Me the Head of Perseus (on You Tube)

The Three Little Wolves (A video of a staff member, his daughter and a bedtime story that got out of hand)

Perseus (An audio recording)

Winnie the Pooh (Read sublimely by our Music Teacher, Jo D'Amiral)

Pupils were able to ask questions about the content, and some amazing re-enactments were seen on the playground during the week!

You may like to know that the Duchess of Cambridge is reading a bedtime story on CBeebies. This can be accessed via BBC iPlayer.

We would love to know which stories were the favourite of parents. Please do let us know!

~Catherine Johnson and Will Elsom~



Equality and Diversity Calendar

The school celebrated Breakfast Week by tasting different breakfast foods from European countries. The children loved trying breakfasts that were new to them, as well as some they were familiar with. One of the Pupils said that it reminded her of being on holiday!

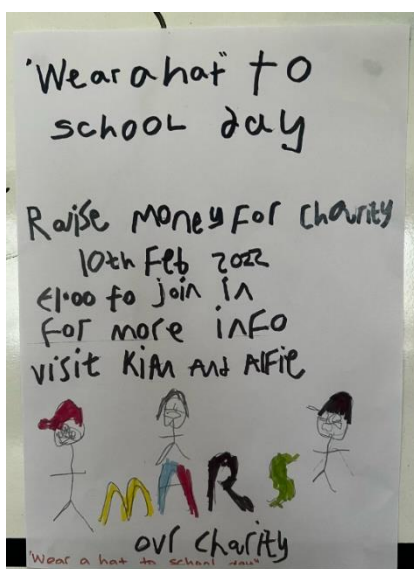


Holocaust Memorial Day was remembered in school again this year. Staff were impressed with the empathy and understanding that our children showed. One of our pupils said ***"This made me think how this could have happened to any of us as we don't choose who we are or where or when we're born."*** The children coloured in candles with bright colours to remember to bring colour to the darkness. They added their own pledges of peace.

School Council

Our school council meets once a term for a meeting where we discuss their thoughts about the school, and they share their ideas for things that they would like to do or learn. Our class representatives are supporting a local charity call Medway Action Rethink Support, helping people who suffered due to the isolation in the pandemic. In December, the members wrote a quiz and charged staff £1 to take part. They raised over £60.

Kian and Alfie enjoyed the fundraising and were tasked with running the next event. They came up with 'Wear a Hat to School Day' and have promoted it by themselves, making posters and reminding staff and pupils to find their best headwear for the day.



PC David Brett, joined us for Safer Internet Day and visited each class to give honest advice about internet safety and the law. The pupils enjoyed the opportunity to ask questions and to build the relationship with our school police officer who will be joining us on many occasions throughout the school year.

