

City of Rochester School Newsletter



Summer 1 2022 – Academic Year 2021-2022

Introduction from the Head

We have had a busy term with pupils in the upper school sitting formal examinations as some of them will be leaving us in the summer – moving onto College placements or employment. We are now planning and preparing for the new academic year and are interviewing potential new staff who will join us in September. New staff are needed to replace staff who have left and as we continue to grow (albeit modestly) in numbers and we are expecting a small group of new Year 7 pupils in September.

We also have a number of staff who are leaving - moving onto promotions in other schools, moving out of area and indeed we have some exciting internal promotions to announce. We wish all our existing staff who are leaving us all the very best for the future. We will announce all leavers, internal promotions and new appointments in due course.

Phase Leaders and Form Tutors will be in touch with you shortly if your child is going to be moving class and/or key stage to inform you of any changes. Please be assured that we will ensure any changes that are made are carried out in collaboration with you.

We have a Family Learning Day coming up on the 6th July. Details will follow, but please try to set aside sometime out of your busy schedules to come along to school to take part in activities alongside your child. We very much look forward to welcoming you.

We wish you all a peaceful and restful half-term break and we hope you are able to spend it with your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Monday 6th June 2022

Alicja Emmett – Headteacher

Key Dates

Half Term:
27/05/22-
03/06/22

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

Summer Break:
18/07/22-
02/09/22

Term 1:
05/09/22-
21/10/22

Term 2:
07/11/22-
15/12/22

Bank Holidays:
02/06/22
03/06/22
29/08/22
26/12/22
27/12/22
02/01/23

Reports Sent Home:
08/07/22



Our next Coffee Morning is being held on **29th June 2022** **10am to 12noon**, at the Church of Assisi in Strood. We would love to see as many of you as possible!

This time we have a guest from Autism Southeast (ASE) who will be sharing her knowledge and break down the barriers of isolation felt by many families.

As CEO Amanda organises and develops how ASE delivers that information and support.

We are there to provide support to all our families and community so feel free to bring along as many friends and family as possible.



St Francis of Assisi

Curriculum News:

Experiential: In the lower and middle school, the theme for Experiential this term was music. This term we have been learning to Djembe drum, as well as taking part in making some African art. The pupils have learnt about the origins of the djembe drum, the different sounds it can make and how to play a variety of rhythms. They have also used their concentration and listening skills to play in a 'call and response' style where the leader plays a rhythm which they play back.



At the beginning of this term Anton had a go at making hot cross buns at Catch 22. The children continue to enjoy their time at Squirrels. They have been progressing with their riding skills as well as their stable management.



The students at NACRO are ending the end of their Level 1 course. They have worked really hard in learning all of the practical as well as the health and safety and theory elements of the course.



Wellbeing: We have trialled a number of yoga sessions where pupils have learnt mindfulness, breathing and relaxation techniques and the pupils who have engaged in these sessions are thoroughly enjoying the benefits.

News from our Placements:

The British Horse Society in conjunction with Squirrells Riding School have invited one of our pupils and staff from City of Rochester School to a lunch at Saddlers Hall in London in June. This is to celebrate the fantastic work providers do with young people through British Horse Society Programmes. Well done to all our pupils who engage in activities at Squirrells.

Squirrells
Riding School

The
British
Horse
Society

Equality and Diversity Calendar:

RSPCA Week: The RSPCA came to visit to give a series of workshops to pupils on their work safeguarding animals.



World Cultural Diversity Day:

On Friday 20th May 2022, the whole school celebrated World Cultural Diversity Day with an exhibition and activities in the hall, displays on classroom doors, dressing up and in class activities and assemblies. All students had the opportunity to take part by looking at displays, handling objects, joining in a wealth of food tasting and enjoying various hands-on activities. This included Henna hand painting, traditional Pakistani buttermilk making, making the Leaning Tower of Pisa out of spaghetti and marshmallows, potato stamping, making clay mud huts, learning different languages and a range of arts and crafts activities. There was a real buzz in the hall, with students and staff actively engaged in the activities, enjoying the new tastes from around the world and students socialising with their peers and staff.

The event was supported by all students and staff. Several members of staff brought in and shared personal items from their cultural heritage and also cooked traditional foods to share. Students were also involved in preparing for the day by cooking and creating displays.

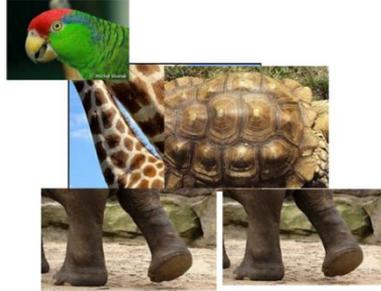
Members of Mercury Class acted as 'tour guides' showing students from other classes around the displays and demonstrating the activities.



News from Sun Class



In our conservation topic we have made our own presentations on PowerPoint about our pets. We have been able to share these with friends telling them what our pets need to be healthy and their quirky ways!



We got a bit creative with our pet project and used google images to design our own 'dream pet' we chose qualities of different animals that we like and came up with some fantastic designs!

News from Mercury Class

Mercury Class have been working hard to improve our creative writing skills. Here is an example of our work inspired by 'The Lonely Road'

Story starter

Step by careful step, she plodded along the muddy track. The thick, cloying fog seemed to be following her, but she knew that wasn't true. It moved all around her, in and amongst the trees and across the path ahead of her; just another problem for her to overcome.

She had travelled such a long way. Such things she had seen along the road... things she never wished to talk about. Not that that was likely. It had been over two weeks since she had seen another living soul. Nowadays, the road that was once so busy with travellers was now seemingly abandoned.

Holding her crooked staff in her left hand for support, and her rusty, reliable lantern in her right, the old lady took another step towards her destination. Her feet were wet and tired, and she could feel what was the beginning of a blister forming on the sole of her left foot; yet another problem. They seemed endless these days.

She sighed, realising that there was still so far to go...

Continue the story.

THE LONELY ROAD

She walked through the deep puddles not getting any closer to her destination. The fog covered the endless forest looking to never end. It only got darker and colder as the light faded. The eternal darkness crept closer until almost no light was left, she wished people came with her until... she saw a bright light in the black as dark as midnight. She walked closer and saw a little cottage. She walked closer and closer and finally went inside. She was happy that she could rest. She found a bed and slept with joy.

She woke up in a flash. Well rested she was going to continue her journey. She opened the door seeing the wretched mist cleared she left through the front door ready to go outside. But then she found herself walking down the main staircase instead of being outside...

Jason McEvoy – Mercury Class



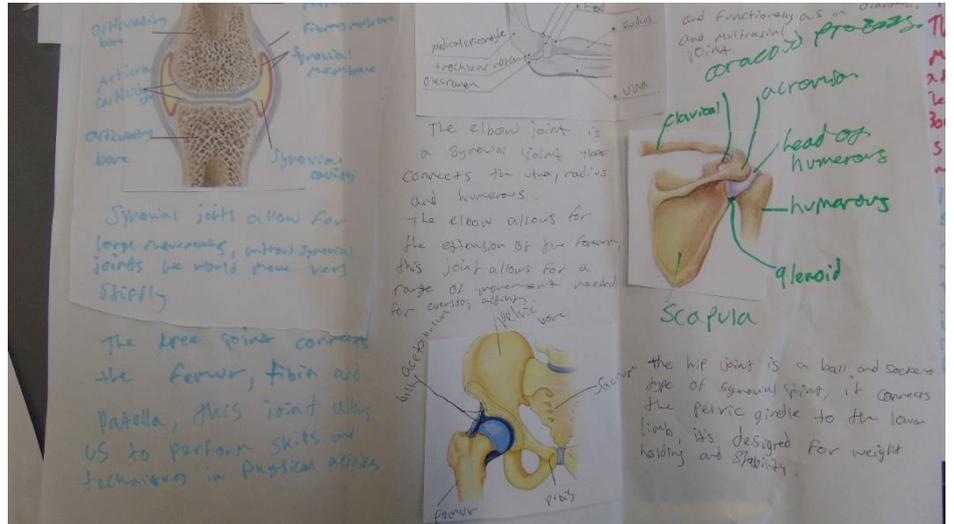
News from Mars Class - Community Project

Members of Mars class, Macey, Luke and Billy-Jay have taken on a project called the Community Project. They have worked very hard cleaning up Grain beach from litter and rubbish that has been dumped there.



News from Saturn Class

This is a leaflet produced by Anton for his BTEC Sport. This shows the synovial joints in a human body, their functions and how they work when doing exercise.



TenTrees College Charity Fundraising



As part of his ICT revision, Simon had to create an information sheet for a guide dog charity. He used a range of formatting tools in creating this information sheet.

As you know, every year we choose a different charity for our fundraising events. This year we have chosen Guide Dogs. In the past four years, we have given an average donation of £2,090.28 to charity. With your help we hope to donate £3000 this year!

Guide Dog Training School

Would you like to visit your local Guide Dog Training School? You can meet the guide dogs in training and have your photo taken with them. Take your family and they will love it! For further information see the staff notice board.



Parachute Jump

We have had a number of requests from staff to organise a parachute jump this year. We are delighted to tell you that our College Principal has agreed.

This will:

be a sponsored event

cost £60 to jump

include 5 training sessions before the actual jump

If you are interested in taking part, email Holly Mills for an information pack.

Email: hollymills@tentreescollege.org.uk



You call the guide dogs charity on 0800 781 1444

News from Earth Class

This term Earth class have studied poetry from World War two. We linked their cooking lessons to it where they all had a go making Spam Hash - a recipe from when rations were in place during World War 2. They all surprised themselves by liking it.



In Maths, Earth class have been working hard on learning place value and how to multiply and divide numbers with decimal points. They have applied their knowledge in the reasoning and problem-solving element of the curriculum.



News from Jupiter Class

In Maths we have been learning all about money and we have become shop keepers. Learning how to give change. The children have engaged well in this and have enjoyed role playing the character of a shop keeper. All whilst learning about money



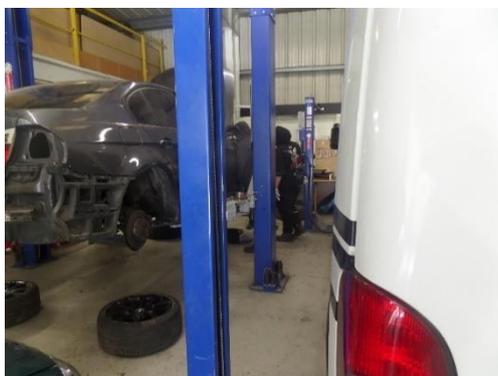
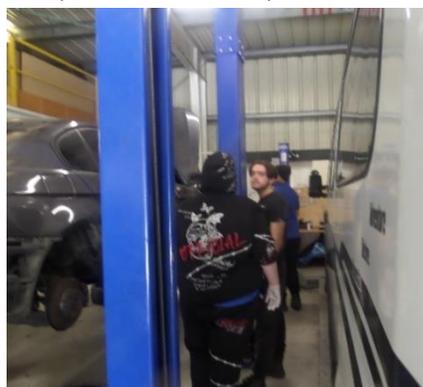
News from Venus Class

Stevie-Lee has been enjoying his cookery lessons trying new things and working in a positive manner. He has also been trying new flavours and learning new skills.



Rhys has been reading independently at reading time. He will collect his book and reads each afternoon. He enjoys helping and supporting in Mercury class at break/lunch times as well as continuing to work well with his guitar and doing well in his Arts Award Lesson.

Wade is enjoying his time at NACRO. He is focused, works well and has completed some complex tasks.



News from Neptune Class

This term Neptune class have really enjoyed their Tatty Bumpkin yoga sessions for their PE. They have been listening to a new adult, working in a small group, and developing their gross motor skills. Our Learning Means the World topic has allowed our children to explore a wide range of animals as well as develop understanding around the five senses. The children have been taking part in sorting activities as well as playing communication games. All our children spent some time learning how to play the Djembe drum during their Rich Rhythm experiential sessions.



News from Pluto Class

Leyton for the first time has chosen to have his photo taken for an art lesson.

Joshua has settled into Pluto and is making friends with his classmates.



Kodi learned to make chocolate and interacted independently in a large group activity for the first time during our visit to Temper Temper Chocolate.

