

City of Rochester School Newsletter



Summer 2 2022 – Academic Year 2021-2022

Introduction from the Head

Term 6 was vibrant and fun with some outstanding learning as pupils took part in many projects across the school. Pupils have been actively engaged in the curriculum which has included:

- Conservation projects
- Work experience
- Learning about acceptance – during Pride Month
- Learning to care for animals
- Celebrating the Queen's Jubilee
- Taking part in our very first Prize Giving Ceremony

Our older pupils went to the Ben Kinsella Trust for a workshop on knife crime prevention which teaches young people about choices and consequences and educates them away from youth violence. Our pupils were moved by the stories they heard. It was a privilege to attend this and, of course our thoughts go out to the families of all young people who have been a victim of knife crime.

Pupils have been involved in fundraising for a local charity and for the school. They have really enjoyed the various activities and are full of ideas for next year's programme. Our chosen charity for next year is Medway Street Angels

We held our first Prize Giving Day in school to recognise pupils and staff who have made outstanding contributions and progress. Prizes were awarded for:

- Personal Development
- Attendance and Engagement
- Learning and Achievement
- Upholding School Values

All of our pupils have had an amazing year and our school is very proud of all of them.

From all of us at City of Rochester School we wish you and your families a wonderful summer break and we look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on Monday 5th September 2022.

Alicja Emmett
Headteacher

Key Dates

Last Day:
15/07/22

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

Half Term:
24/10/22-
04/11/22

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

**Christmas
Break:**
16/12/22-
03/01/23

Term 3:
04/01/23-
10/02/23

Bank Holidays:
29/08/22
25/12/22
26/12/22
27/12/22
01/01/23
02/01/23

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

Hello & Goodbye

It is always sad when we have to say goodbye to much loved members of staff however, we appreciate the need for personal development and growth. At this point we say goodbye to Cameron, Katie, Bolanle and Beth and would like to wish them all the very best in their future projects & roles!

At the same time, we say goodbye, we also get to say hello to new staff that will be joining us from the start of the September term. Simon, Kate, Jamie, Steve, Sean and Sarah will all be joining us, and I am sure you will get to meet them at some point during the new term.

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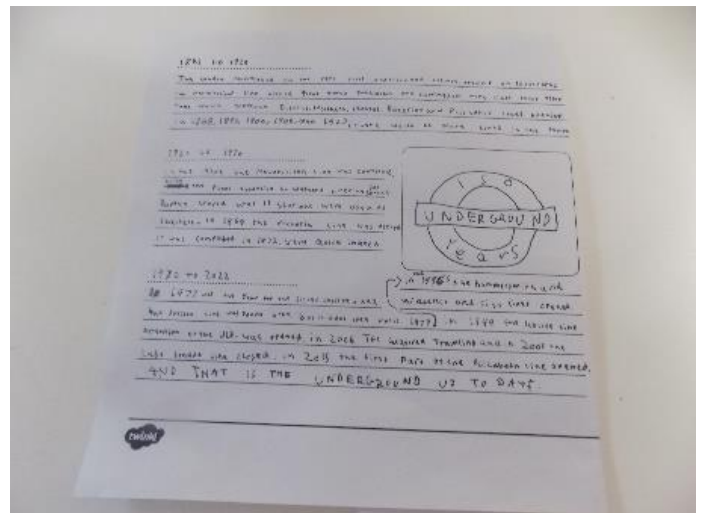
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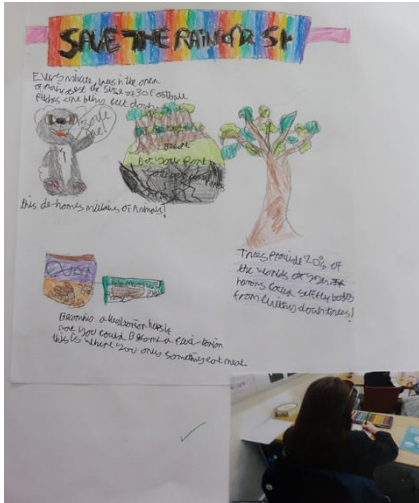
Curriculum News News from Jupiter Class...



Isaac's knowledge and understanding on the London Underground is phenomenal. He produced this amazing piece of work detailing the changes throughout 150 years of the Underground. This was part of a history project. Taite volunteered to write a speech for our annual Prize Giving Ceremony. It warmed our hearts hearing him read his beautiful words. Micheal, one of our experiential providers at Creepy Claws came to visit us. He brought in many different animals for us to hold and he taught pupils how to look after them.

News from Mercury Class.....

Charli made a poster about saving the rainforest which she made as part of our LMTW conservation unit we have just completed, 'Under the Canopy'.



Mercury Class also enjoyed a visit from one of our experiential providers, Creepy Claws. Michael brought in various animals for pupils to hold & learn about.



News from Neptune Class.....



Neptune class have been learning about Mary Anning and all the different types of fossils she discovered. We built our own 'Plesiosaurus' skeleton using straws and made our own fossils. The children also enjoyed learning how to weave willow during experiential lessons with Mona Whitton, a local artist who has helped us contribute to our school environmental art project of building an insect hotel. A great term.



News from Earth Class.....



Alfie said: "When we went to Kidzania. It was fun. Alfie enjoyed trying all the different vocations as he makes up his mind what he wants to do when he leaves school. Kian said: "Kidzania. We went to be a surgeon; we became a spy". I still don't know what I want to do when I grow up. Bailey said: "Going to the chocolatiers" (As part of LMTW) Logan said: "Going to Curly's Farm - it is fun, and cool". "I love learning how to care for the animals" Animals make me feel calm" Lenny said, "The Chocolate factory was amazing – I was able to try lots of flavours I had not tried before"



During this science lesson we were shown how the molecules in water try to retain their shape until too much pressure causes the shape to break. This was tested by putting pennies into a cup one at a time. The pupils guessed that four or five pennies would cause the water to overflow the rim of the cup - the coin that sent water onto the desk was number 142. Yes, really. 142!

News from Sun Class...

Our Favourite parts of the year are....



"I am frightened of spiders and when creepy claws came in, I held a tarantula and put it on my head!" "I'm not scared anymore"

"I have enjoyed the environmental art project this term.

I made a loom by wrapping twigs and bamboo ready to plant some seeds"



"I have liked working on my laptop this year as I can do work on my own"

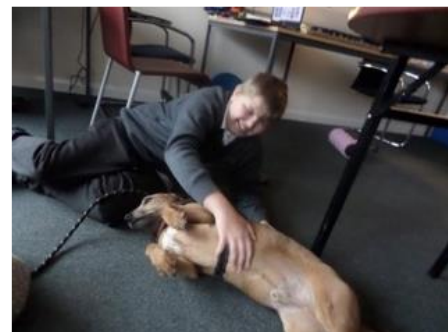
"I happy because cooking is on my timetable again. I love to cook nice food."



"I have enjoyed going horse riding at Squirrels this year". "I like being with horses, they make me calm".



Colin our therapy dog who visits the school regularly with Kian



News from Pluto Class...

Leyton participated in the school's Staff Vs Students football match.

Joshua has made an excellent start on his Arts Award.

Jessica has completed some amazing work in Citizenship and shown eagerness to help our charity raise money.

Kodi-Lee has enjoyed joining Warhammer Club at lunch times. It gives him an opportunity to socialise with others.



News from Mars Class....

Some members of Mars Class have been taking part in the ASDAN Life Skills Project and have been helping local communities by protecting wildlife and the environment by collecting plastics and rubbish from the local beaches at Grain and Upnor.

They have found some unusual items including a petrol container, a Hoover brush and a pair of pyjamas. They have collected over 12 bags of rubbish which otherwise would have ended up in our rivers.

They have also started the unit on mapping a local area by looking at where the River Medway starts and leads to.



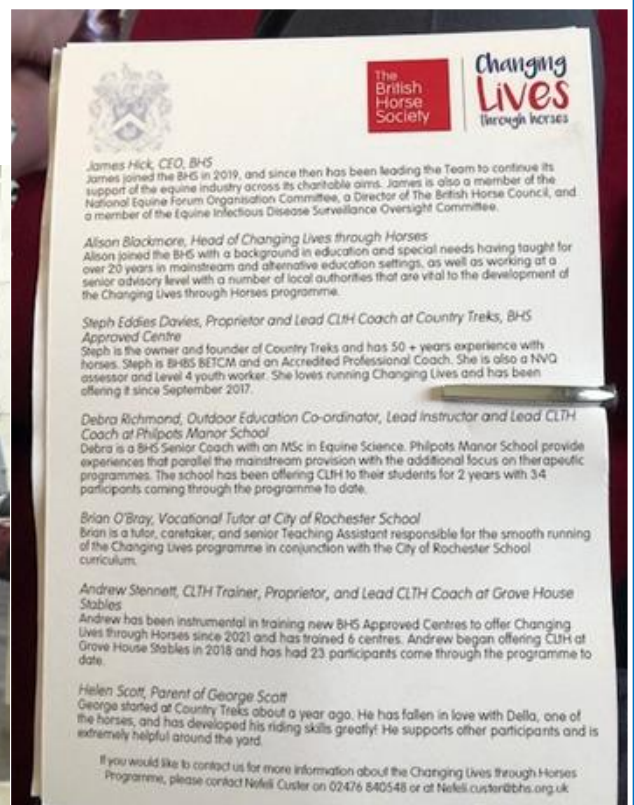
News from Venus Class.....

Highlight for Rhys was that he was awarded man of the match for the 'Staff V Students' Football Match! He was over the moon about thisWell done! A great achievement...



News from Saturn Class.....

Tyler was invited to Sadler's Hall in London to the BHS Changing Lives Programme lunch. This programme supports young people aged 5-25 back into education, training, or employment through the power of horses.



Equality and Diversity Calendar

At the end of last term, we celebrated the Queens Jubilee. We had a COR Bake Off competition, played games, ate a picnic, and celebrated together.



Liam showed great confidence when helping Michael from Creepy Claws, showing our pupils his exotic animals. Liam was patient when handing the animals out and answered all questions that were asked by pupils.



Art week

The school worked together to create a giant artwork on a canvas. Students had a square each and had to fill in the space with their portrait or something important to them. The final artwork has Our School written across it. Highlights of the art week include Mercury and Pluto working together to complete the activity. Mercury and Jupiter worked extremely hard to create split portraits of themselves.



On Tuesday some of the students took a trip to Rochester to look for comic books to read in class. Using given directions, they found and visited the largest book shop in England and found some very old and dusty books. They went to charity shops where they found two games that we could use in class.



Pride Month

This month was Pride Month, we celebrated in school and learned that Pride month is about acceptance, equality, celebrating the work of LGBTQ+ people, education in LGBTQ+ history and raising awareness of issues affecting the LGBTQ+ community. It also calls for people to remember how damaging **homophobia** was and still can be. Pride is all about being proud of who you are no matter who you love.

