

City of Rochester School Newsletter



Spring 2 2023 – Academic Year 2022-2023

Introduction from the Head

This has been another busy term which saw our pupils visit London on trips to the Science Museum and the Houses of Parliament. Pupils managed the trips well, enjoyed the various experiences and represented the school well – upholding the values of Confidence, Resilience and Success.

We are sorry to say that we have said goodbye to our Chair of Trustees Claire Cooper who has stood down as a Trustee of the school. Claire had worked with the school for 6 years, and has been a great support and has played a key role in making City of Rochester School what it is today. We thank Claire for all her time and support over the years and wish her well. Claire will still be involved in the school providing training for staff.

Lunches on Fridays will cease from next term. We hope to reintroduce this again at some future date.

It was wonderful to welcome so many of you to our Parents' Afternoon/Evening and to hear you talk about your positive experiences of the school and what impact we have had on your child and your family. Thank you so much for your comments and praise, it was all very humbling to hear. I have shared many of your observations with the wider staff team. This is why we come to work everyday – to work alongside your children and make a difference everyday.

We welcomed some potential new pupils to our school who came for taster days. Our own pupils were very welcoming, and we hope that we can give them the same opportunities your child receives at City of Rochester School.

I had the pleasure of endorsing a number of nominations for the Kent Teacher Awards. Some of our parents nominated individual staff and staff nominated each other. I will keep you updated once we know the outcome. Good luck to all those staff who were nominated.

We wish you all a restful Easter break and hope that you get to spend quality time with friends and family. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on Monday 17th April.

Alicja Emmett
Headteacher

Key Dates

**Easter
Holidays:**
31/03/23-
14/04/23

Term 5:
17/04/23-
25/05/23

Term 6:
05/06/23-
12/07/23

Summer Break:
13/07/23-
05/09/23

Term 1:
06/09/23-
19/10/23

October Break:
20/10/23-
03/11/23

Bank Holidays:
07/04/23
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01/05/23
29/05/23
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**Reports Sent
Home:**
24/03/23

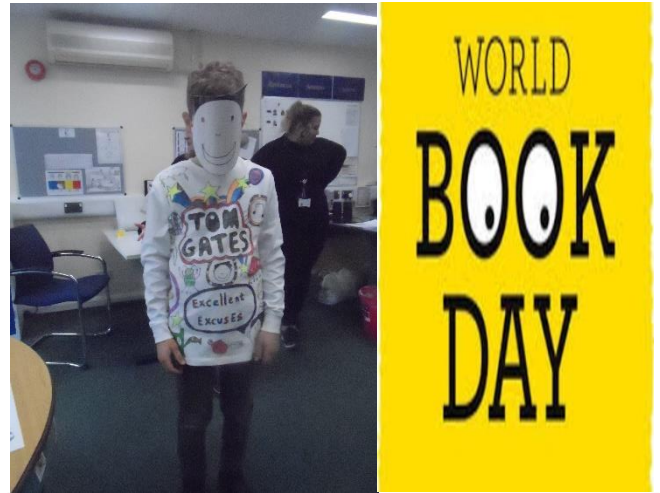
Curriculum News

Houses of Parliament.

Pupils from Jupiter and some from Moon visited the Houses of Parliament and met the MP Rehman Chishti who talked to pupils about being an MP. Pupils attended a workshop on how laws are formed and had a tour of this historic building.



We celebrated **World Book Day** where staff and pupils dressed up as characters from their favourite books. Staff and Pupils enjoyed learning about each other's books and characters.



Pupils took part in **National Careers' Week** where pupils in the lower and middle school identified their strengths and what careers they might like to try when they are older. Pupils in the upper school had a visit from Mid Kent College as well as BEMIX to find out about opportunities they have when they leave City of Rochester School.

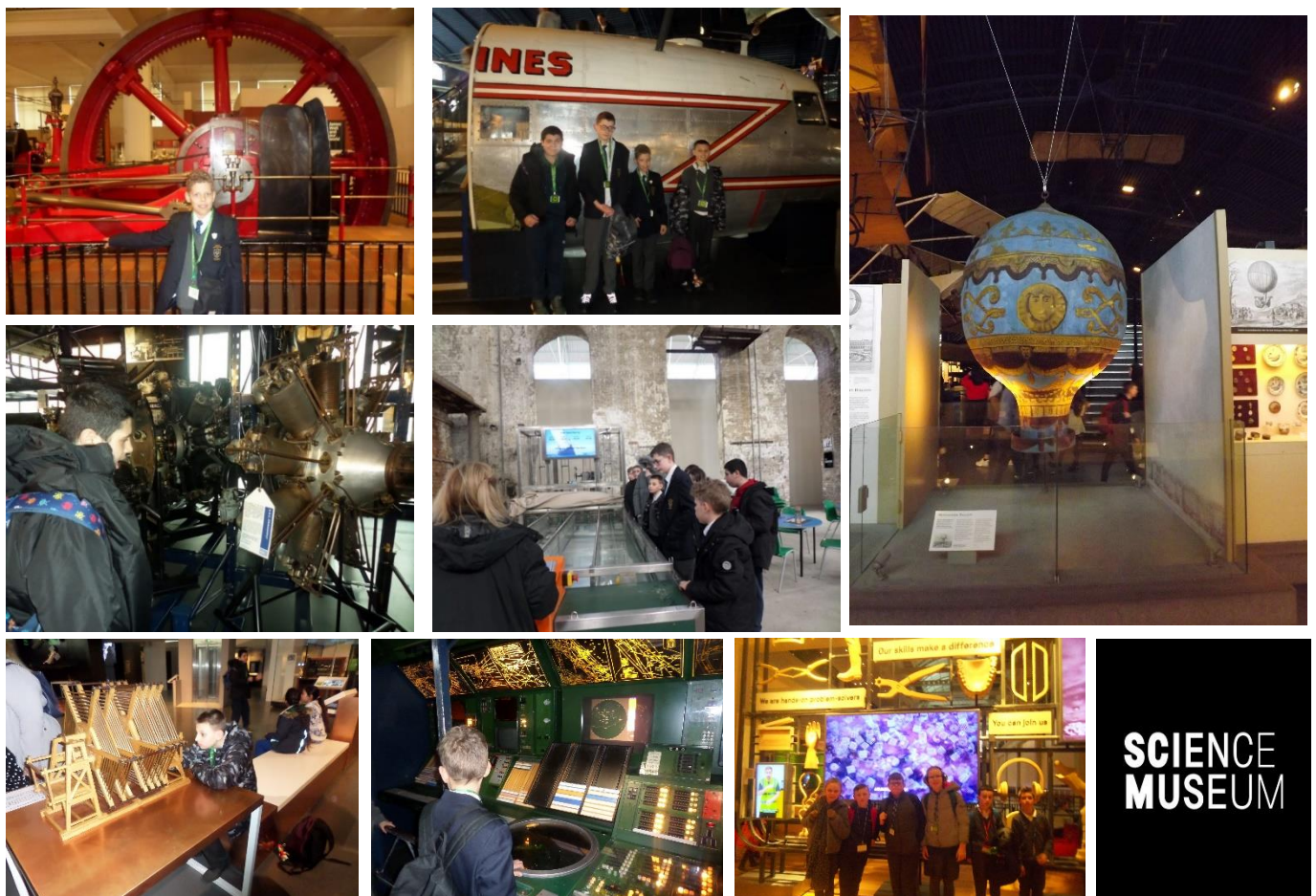


STEAM Week.

Pupils and staff enjoyed STEAM Week in school and put their skills to the test building and racing battery operated cars. Pupils had to build and engineer their cars so they were able to move at optimum speed. The week culminated in team races. Well done to Rhys who won the overall competition for speed. Well done to Freya who won the competition for overall design.



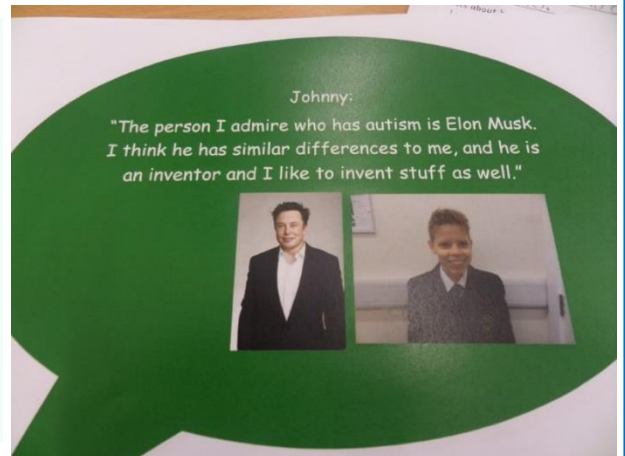
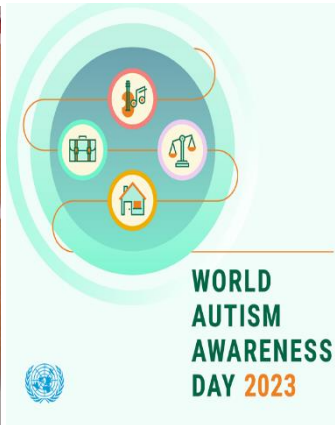
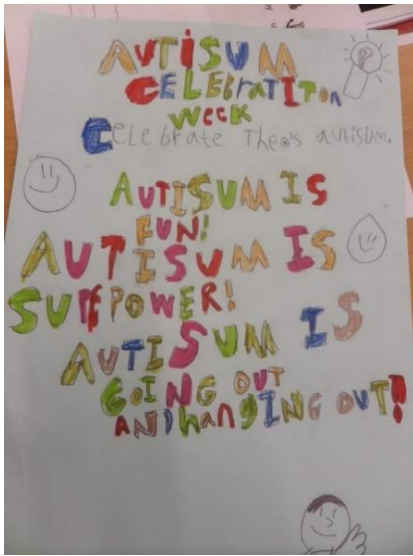
The whole school attended a trip to the Science Museum in London where they were able to visit various exhibits. Pupils visited the various areas and exhibitions and visited the interactive zones on space and transport.



SCIENCE MUSEUM

Equality and Diversity Calendar

We celebrated **Autism Awareness Week** where pupils were able to confidently talk about and write about what makes each of them unique and their Autism Superpowers! Pupils were able to identify with well known personalities who have a diagnosis of Autism and explain how they are similar to these people.



Community Links

Work continues at St Francis Church in Strood where we are busy gardening to make the grounds look nice and welcoming and fixing up the kitchen. At Cliffe Pools Nature Reserve pupils are making signage and life belt stations.



Hello and Goodbye



We are delighted to say hello to Laura Wincott who is our new administration assistant. Laura is friendly and welcoming and many of our pupils have already enjoyed getting to know her. Laura looks forward to meeting you over the coming weeks.



We say goodbye to Leigh-Ann Stanton who had been working alongside our pupils who are working out on their various placements. Leigh-Ann has taken up a post nearer in another school to where she lives. We wish her all the very best with her new job.