

Maximising Potential

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Welcome to the first issue of Maximising Potential - MACLS easy read newsletter.

There have been lots of exciting things happening around the college over the past few weeks.

Planting and Growing had a visit from a bee keeper.



On Monday 9th February a bee keeper came in to talk to us. He brought his bee keeping equipment. He even brought a bee hive. There were no bees in it, thankfully.



He explained how bees collect nectar and make honey. We got to taste the honey.

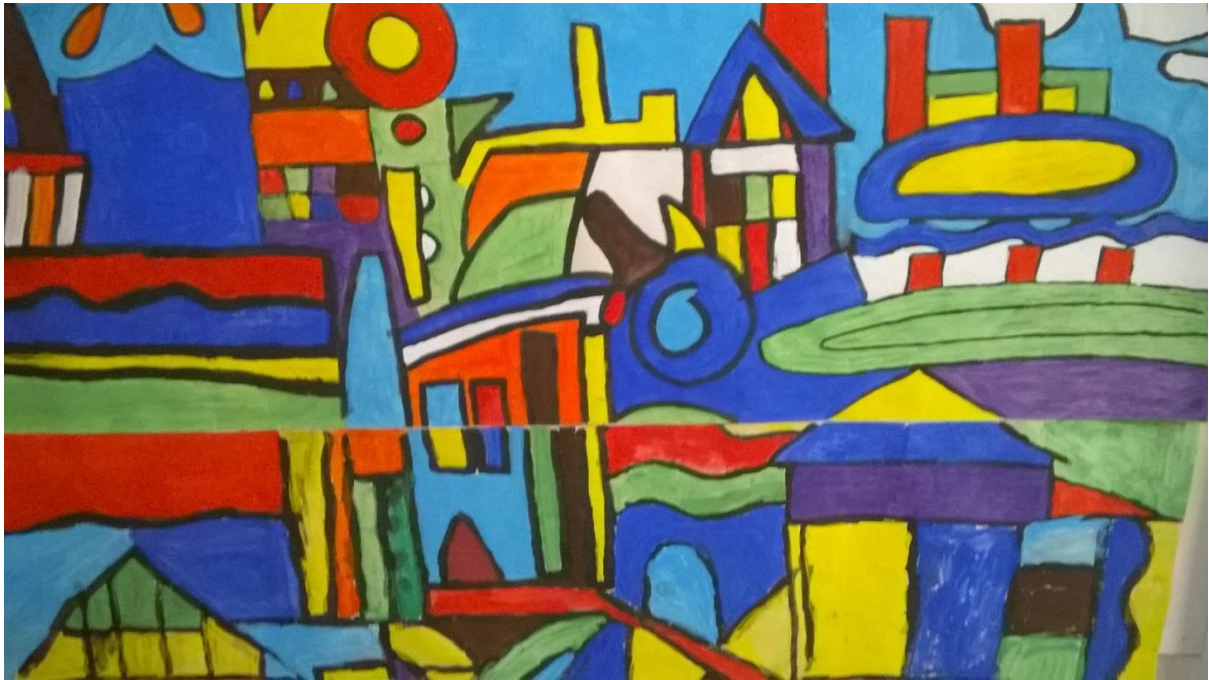
The honey comes in different colours. This is because the honey was collected at different times in the year. The type of flowers the bees visit affects the colour.



We had fun looking for the queen bee.

Some of us bought some honey. The honey is sold at Pips greengrocers on Rochester High Street.

Our Mural is on display



The mural we made in the murals class is on display at the Rochester Centre. It is of the famous sites around Medway. What can you see in the picture?

Needlework looks at types of embroidery

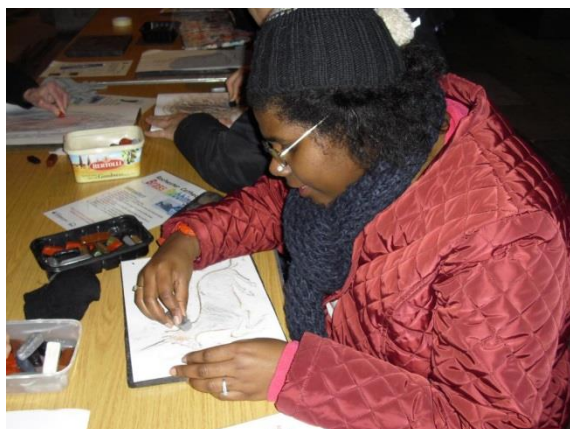
The needlework learners have been looking at embroidery from around the world and trying our own.



Citizenship class went to Rochester Cathedral

We have been learning about the history of marriage, royalty and changes in the law. The law changed in 2014 allow for gay marriage.

We went to Rochester Cathedral do some brass rubbings of some famous royal people.



We looked at brasses of Anne Boleyn and King Henry VIII
He is famous for having six wives.



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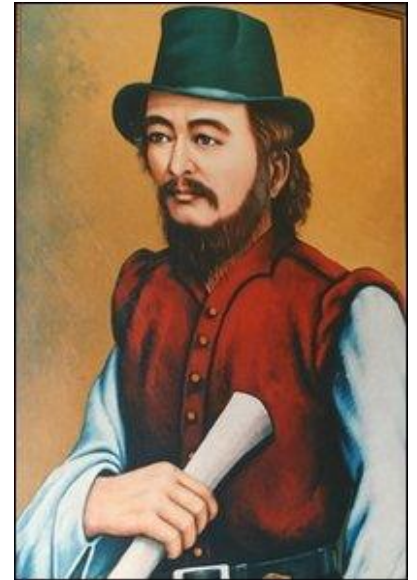
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We have been using computers to find out about famous people from Medway and famous places in Medway.

This is Will Adams. He was born in Gillingham. He is famous for developing trade relations with Japan. Will Adams arrived in Japan on a boat in 1600. We celebrate his birthday by having a festival every September. The festival celebrates our cultural links with Japan.



We have been around Rochester with cameras taking photos of famous places and buildings. Here are some of our pictures.



Dickens' Chalet

Charles Dickens is a famous writer. He used this chalet to write some of his famous novels.



Rochester Castle.

It is over 850 years old. The gardens host festivals, concerts and activities throughout the year.



Restoration House

This house was in some of Charles Dickens' stories.
It is about 450 years old.



Rochester Cathedral

This and the castle are a part of Rochester's skyline. This is where the Citizenship class came to do some brass rubbing



Morleys Bakery

And some of us liked looking at the cakes in the bakers too!

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