

On Saturday 23rd April, four of our year 6 children had the privilege to attend a Space Extravaganza, held at Wellesley School in Broadstairs. The event was arranged by the amateur radio fraternity, Radio Society of Great Britain, RSGB, and the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station, ARISS. The aim of the morning was for children across fifteen schools in the area, to take part in various activities, with the main highlight being the radio contact with Tim Peake on the International Space Station, 250 miles above Earth.

The children: Oliver, Sebastian, Charley and Megan, enjoyed taking part in an information presentation from an astronomer from the Royal Observatory, investigated thermal imaging, tried on replicas of the gloves and helmet which Tim would be wearing in space and watched a space show in a planetarium. The University of Kent also provided various science activities for the children to investigate.

During the main event of the morning, the children were able to participate in a question and answer session with leading space and science experts within their field. At 1.10pm radio contact was made with Tim Peake on the International Space Station, where various questions were put to Tim whilst orbiting Earth at a staggering 17,500 miles per hour.

The event was an amazing experience for our year 6 children to be involved in and we hope that the memories of the day will last for many years, inspiring their science interest throughout their schooling.