



ROEBUCK ACADEMY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week
at our great school!

Monday 13th September

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Welcome from the Headteacher

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year! Every day is action-packed and fun-filled at Roebuck Academy. We never sit still for long! The first week back, after the summer holidays, has proven to be no different. This term began with a BANG!!! with a visit from Mike Mullen, a former BMX World Champion. During assemblies, he spoke to the children about the very important message of, 'Flearning'. Mike also wowed the children by demonstrating a range of tricks that he has practised over many years. His overall message was to have determination, and that to succeed at learning, you need to experience failure. It is only through experiencing failure that success can be achieved. It very much echoes our own school 'DREAMS' values with D representing the importance of DETERMINATION!

Providing our children with experiences such as Mike's, is what we are all about here at Roebuck Academy... creating immersive and hands-on learning experiences for our pupils that are fun, memorable and enjoyable!

This week, there have been so many other highlights around the school, it has been difficult to cram them all into our newsletter! What a great start to what we hope will be more of a normal year. Children have certainly enjoyed being back in school and have radiated with positivity and happiness.

Ms Young - Headteacher

Nursery - Acorn & Chestnut

In Nursery we have been getting to know our teachers, friends and even our guinea-pigs. We have enjoyed taking part in busy fingers every morning and we have been learning the song, 'Five Little Ducks,' in our carpet time as well as reading the story, 'Spot goes to Nursery'.

We have loved exploring the outdoor area and made up games such as pretending to be pirates on the ship travelling to, 'Pirate Island'. We have also been climbing and balancing on the balance beam and we have been practising throwing and catching a ball. At Roebuck Academy we are Hungry Caterpillars!

Reception - Oak & Willow

This week has been the children's first week in Reception and everyone looked very smart in their new uniforms. We have shared stories, sang nursery rhymes, and become familiar with our new classrooms. The children have played beautifully with each other and are starting to make new friends as well as re-establish old friendships. Lunchtime has been a new experience for the children, and they have coped with it very well. The children eat in their classroom and are learning to become more independent by clearing away their lunch items themselves.



Key Dates

13/09/21
Surprise
workshop
Y1- Y5

24/09/21
MacMillan
Bake Off
- See RSA

24/09/21
MacMillan
Bake Sale
- See RSA

4/10/21
Harvest
Collection &
Assembly

8/10/21
World Mental
Health Day -
Wear Yellow!

20/10/21
Start of
Parent
Consultation



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It is really important that each child reaches our school attendance target of 96%. Please make sure your child is in school and on time everyday!

Our whole school attendance figure for this week

96.7%

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Attendance percentage we aim for every week

Attendance Awards



Birch
100%



Cedar & Ash
99.6%



Maple
99.3%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Cherry Class who had 100% attendance!



The team have really enjoyed welcoming the children and getting to know them. We are all looking forward to the year ahead, learning wonderful and exciting things together. At Roebuck Academy we are Friendmakers!

Year 1 - Elm & Maple

What a fantastic start to year 1 we've had!

Can you believe that we discovered some paw prints on Monday morning, in our playground! We followed them and they led us all the way down to creature corner. We investigated further and discovered a BEAR in the tree holding our topic book for the week.

We listened to the story and then built a camp-fire and roasted some marshmallows. We wrote all about it in our literacy lessons using some amazing adjectives. We had a fabulous week of learning. At Roebuck Academy we are... Going on a Bear Hunt!

Year 2 - Pine & Birch

What a wonderful first week back to Year 2!

It has been a pleasure getting to know all of the children and we are looking forward to the academic year ahead.

In Design & Technology we have been testing stability - making shapes from play-dough and testing them on a tilt. We predicted that...the higher the gradient, the more stable the shape would be.

In History, we have been comparing old and new objects, and thinking about what life would have been like in London in 1666.

In computing we learnt how to complete a safe search on Purple Mash!

What a busy week! We feel very tired but have completed so much learning already. At Roebuck Academy we are Technologists!





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Year 3 - Cherry & Pear

Investigating the Stone Age

This week, Year 3 have begun their investigations into the Stone Age. The children looked carefully at a variety of sources including pictures and non-fiction books and pulled out key vocabulary linked to our Writing Rainbow lenses. The children have shown great excitement about their new topic and already have lots of questions they want to find out the answers to. Excitingly, the school was also visited by a BMX rider who showed how you can become skilled at something by "Flearning" - a mixture of failing and learning combined. Year 3 loved watching his tricks, especially when he jumped his bike over Mrs Herbaut and Mr Steedman!

Both classes have made a great start to the new school year. At Roebuck Academy we are StoneAgers!

Year 4 - Cedar and Rowan

Year Four have immersed themselves into their new literacy unit 'Float' this week. We began the week by experiencing our characters emotions first-hand by taking part in an origami paper boat building session. The children had the opportunity to reflect on their emotions and how they changed throughout the process. The emotions included: frustration, relief, pride and much more. Just like our superhero of the week, Batman, we tried again, showed determination and learnt from our mistakes. At Roebuck Academy we are Determined!

Year 5 - Sycamore & Juniper

Place Value Problems! In Year 5, we have been diving deep into Maths problems involving large numbers (including millions!) The focus started with using place value counters to represent different numbers and reading them effectively. We progressed to writing these representations in digits and words. The children are steadily gaining in confidence with large numbers - they would much rather have £1,000,000 than £100,000!

The children will be progressing onto more complex concepts such as rounding and estimating in the coming weeks. Until then, here's some images of children working together on their maths. Their challenge was to use 20 counters to create a number, whilst their partner had to try and read/write the number accurately. At Roebuck Academy we are Mathematicians!





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Year 6 - Ash & Elder

On Tuesday, Year 6 were lucky enough to receive a visit from a World BMX Champion, Mike Mullen. During his visit, he performed different tricks such as; The Can-Can, The Tailwhip, The Bar-Spin and The Superman to name a few. One daring trick even involved Mike flying over a ramp of brave teachers and shooting off in the air!



Throughout the day, Year 6 were taught how to perform various tricks and jumps on a BMX. They went over ramps and at the end of their session they completed and performed a range of freestyle movements. Most of all, Mike taught the children that if you want to be good at something that requires a positive Growth Mindset, a significant amount of determination and lots of practise.



He spoke to the children about his very own message of 'Flearning' which is about having to Fail at learning in order to improve and get good at something. Children had a fantastic time. At Roebuck Academy we are 'Flearners!'



"The best part of the session was when we were taught all of the tricks. Throughout the session we 'flearned' and became better at them!" - Poppy

"I loved the part when we had to challenge ourselves to learn how to do the tricks. It was difficult but I kept on trying!" - Eriola

"I liked that we went on the ramps and did tricks. We also learnt a new word - FLEARN. This means that you learn from failures" - Yasmin B.

