



Tuesday 11th October

ROEBUCK ACADEMY

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our great school!

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## Welcome from the Headteacher

### Key Dates

11/10/22

Black African  
Dance Workshop  
Y1, 4 & 6

12/10/22

Black African  
Dance Workshop  
Y3 & Y5

12/10/22

Fire Brigade  
Visiting  
Year 2

13/10/22

Black African  
Dance Workshop  
Y2, 4 & 6

17/10/22

Open event -  
come and look  
at books

19/10/22

Greek  
Workshop  
Year 4

The first half-term of this year is certainly flying by and it seems hard to believe that we are quickly approaching our first parents' evening of the academic year. As always this term, our calendar is crammed with events; ensuring that our curriculum remains as interesting, engaging, and as exciting as ever for our amazing children at the school! We hope you have been following out Twitter feed which highlights just how amazing our curriculum, staff and pupils are!

Friday, 7th October 2022 marked the start of Young Mind's #HelloYellow campaign, an event which raises vital funds for children's mental health. In support of World Mental Health Day at Roebuck Academy, children were invited to wear yellow clothes for a £1 donation. All monies raised, £311.10, will be sent to Young Minds to help support their invaluable service to young children. Having someone to talk through your worries with, is a great way to ensure you keep anxiety at bay.

Once again, our annual Harvest Festival collection also meant that we could donate significant food parcels to the Vineyard Food Bank, who were, as always, most grateful for all contributions. Well done everyone and thank you! Congratulations to Rowan class who brought in the largest collection of donations! They will be rewarded with an additional playtime. Thank you also to Reverend Kate for a wonderful face-to-face Harvest Celebration Assembly.

### Acorn & Chestnut

This week in Nursery we have continued to explore the Numicon shapes. Each morning we have been counting how many children are at Nursery and finding the correct Numicon to represent the number.

Alongside this we carefully followed a recipe to make Numicon biscuits. We pressed the shapes into the dough and counted the number of circles. We baked the biscuits in the oven and talked about oven safety. They were delicious! At Roebuck Academy we are Mathematicians!

### Oak & Willow

This week in Reception we have been investigating the change in The Seasons. The children have been taking part in nature hunts during Forest School lessons as well as during child-initiated learning.





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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

95%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

## Attendance Awards



Juniper  
97.3%



Elm  
97%



Maple  
96.7%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Juniper Class who had 97.3% attendance!



They have enjoyed learning about the features of Autumn including the changes in the colour of leaves. They have enjoyed exploring conkers and pine cones in the investigation areas and exploring Autumn colours in the creative area. The children have explored a range of art activities including leaf rubbing, making hedgehogs using pine cones and Autumn leaf painting. At Roebuck Academy we are Investigators!



### Elm & Maple

Year 1 have been exploring the school grounds this week as we have been looking and listening for signs of Autumn. We have noticed that Deciduous trees have started to change colour and that there are lots of crunchy leaves, pine cones, berries and conkers to be found. We have had great fun throwing seeds with wings - they fly like helicopters!



In Maths we have begun exploring our number bonds to 10. First, we used our Numicon to explore lots of number patterns and then we used them to create part, part whole models. We were able to find all the different ways to create 10 using two numbers. At Roebuck Academy we are Mathematicians!



### Birch & Pine

Year 2 were visited by Cool Blue who travelled all the way from Monster Phonics Land. Cool Blue had come to Roebuck to help teach us all about the oo grapheme.

We had to find the words around the room and create lists showing all the different graphemes that were used. We also had to find out if they real words or alien words. At Roebuck Academy we are Cool!







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### Cherry & Pear

Year Three travelled back in time and stepped into The Stone Age. On our trip to Celtic Harmony, we engaged in various activities such as: trading and bartering, hunting and weaponry, fire-making and lots more. We thoroughly enjoyed our day out of the classroom, and this has inspired us to want to learn more about History around us. One pupil said, "I wish I could go on a school trip every day!" and another commented, "I didn't want to come home!". At Roebuck Academy we are Historians!



### Cedar & Rowan

It has been another productive week in Year 4. In Literacy and Guided Reading sessions, we have been finding out all about Marcus Rashford and the amazing achievements he has already made in his life. The children were shocked to find out that he had a very poor upbringing, and his mother would sometimes pretend she had eaten already so that he could eat. However, his early life inspired him to be the person he is today. We have found out about his football successes as well as the charitable work he has completed to help children who do not have enough food to eat. We have used all this information to write biographies about his life.



On Tuesday, we had a fantastic skipping workshop. We started off skipping individually, before skipping with a partner and building up to skipping as a whole class. It was so much fun.



Wednesday morning started off very differently as we got to take part in a live Zoom meeting with an author – Mel Taylor-Bessent. Year 4 loved hearing about how she persevered as it took her fifteen years to get her first book published. She gave us lots of ideas about how to start writing when we are stuck. She even asked for ideas from us about what she should call a character in her book. Some of us have ordered her books so we are looking forward to our signed copies arrive so we can get stuck into reading them.



Thursday was National Poetry day and we had fun trying to learn a poem to perform as a class. We broke the poem down and each group tried hard to learn their section. Some of use even managed to add actions to our parts. We are looking forward to our next poetry unit where we will get to use these skills and develop them even further. At Roebuck Academy we are Busy!







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Year 5 have had a smashing time learning all about the Anglo-Saxons during their workshop. They played a game called Merels, explored artefacts, marched like warriors and battled it out spear fighting! At Roebuck Academy we are Historians!

## Ash & Elder

This week in Year 6 Art, we have been learning about macro photography (extreme close up photography). We studied different photographs and attempted to guess what they were. We discussed key terms: saturation, hue and brightness and how we can use these words to form response when discussing art. As partners, we decided what object we would photograph, ensuring that we were thinking carefully about the background and composition. Next lesson, we will be editing our images! At Roebuck, we are Photographers!

