



Wednesday 25th November

ROEBUCK ACADEMY

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our great school!

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## Welcome from the Headteacher

### Key Dates

**25/11/22**

Boxing  
Workshop  
Y5 & Y6

**28/11/22**

Brain Buddies  
Y6  
5:30pm

**29/11/22**

Pine  
Christmas  
Journey

**30/11/22**

Birch  
Christmas  
Journey

**5/12/22**

KS2  
Mental Health  
Morning

**6/12/22**

Mingle With  
Your Mentor  
Y6

I cannot believe that we are already half-way through the second half-term! Time is indeed flying by, but it always does when you're having fun at Roebuck Academy!

As part of our whole-school Value of Respect, the children have been learning about Remembrance as well as honouring those who sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. The children have explored why remembrance is an important part of modern British life, culture, and heritage. The children impeccably observed a 2 minute silence and explored how the poppy is a symbol of Remembrance. We are extremely proud of the way our pupils conducted themselves and the work that they produced in class to commemorate remembrance Sunday.

#### Acorn & Chestnut

We have experienced our first stay and play session with our parents as well as celebrating Children in Need! We had a fantastic time taking part in activities with our grown-ups and showing them our classrooms. There was a range of activities on offer including: exploring ice, a giant Pudsey made of different coloured rice, paint the spot-on Pudsey and Pudsey playdough! At Roebuck Academy we love our parents.

#### Oak & Willow

Our topic this half term is 'Delicious' and in our literacy lessons the children have been looking at recipe books and learning about the features of non-fiction texts. We have been writing a set of instructions for a Chocolate Mug Cake and of course once we had done this, we had to make the Mug Cake! The children were fantastic at following our set of instructions, and all agreed our cake was delicious! At Roebuck Academy we are MasterChef's.

#### Elm & Maple

This week Year 1 began our new story in literacy, generating lots of vocabulary about the newest addition to our class - Superworm! We have watched how he moves through the soil and have even found him some new 'wormy' friends from the playground. In history we have been learning about old and new things and ordered them in a time-line. Later we had great fun playing with marbles and exploring the old-fashioned rotary telephone. At Roebuck Academy we are Historians!







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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

93%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

## Attendance Awards



Pear  
99.2%



Elm  
96.3%



Juniper & Sycamore  
97.1%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Pear Class who had 99.2% attendance!



### Birch & Pine

Year 2 have had a few busy weeks. They had Books and Breakfast on Monday morning. Thank you so much to the adults who came to join us and share stories with the children.

Then on Thursday morning they had a visit from Stevenage Fire Service to talk to us about their work. We found out all about the different roles that they do, the equipment they carry, the clothes they wear and what they do when they are waiting for a call out. They also let us ask lots of questions! At Roebuck Academy we are Inquisitive Learners!



### Cherry & Pear

In Year 3, we are Computer Coders! We have been working very hard to create a set of commands using flowcharts and computing software in. We have used our skills to debug and fix different commands. We have shown great resilience and problem-solving skills during this computing unit! We can't wait to continue our learning on coding and see what else we can create!



### Cedar & Rowan

It has been another busy week in Year 4. We started the week writing our Myths. We have all planned our own stories with a different hero, beast and challenges along the way. We have really enjoyed this unit especially when we got to freeze frame the battle scene!



Tuesday morning started with Books and Breakfast. It was lovely to have so many family members come in and we enjoyed having time to share and read books with them.

In Maths, we started a new unit - long division. To help us to understand what is happening to the numbers, we made use of dienes to make our numbers and then divided them. It was great fun and really helped us to understand the calculation.







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We are really enjoying our Science topic this term. We had fun making use of an alien key to help identify different aliens. Next, we moved on to keys about pond life creatures. Some of us used the key to classify the animals whilst others tried to create our own key based on the features of the creature. This was quite tricky as we really had to think about how we could separate the creatures into different categories.



During Geography this week, we created our own leaflets about key geographical features of each continent. We enjoyed finding out interesting facts about different countries. At Roebuck Academy we are Scientists!



### Juniper & Sycamore



In Year 5, we have continued to work incredibly hard in classrooms. The children have been tackling some tricky fractions work, involving adding and subtracting unlike fractions using conversions and simplifying. Literacy has been going well too, using the book 'Gorilla' to plan and write our own versions of the popular Anthony Browne story.



Our music lessons have kicked off in earnest, welcoming a specialist music teacher into school to teach the children how to play some musical instruments. The PE journey has also continued, learning a range of skills in Badminton to try and outwit an opponent in game situations. At Roebuck Academy we are Musicians!



### Ash & Elder



During these past few weeks, we have experienced many activities in Year 6! We've had our amazing Books & Blankets session where parents were invited to read with us, provided with amazing breakfast foods such as croissants, biscuits, and a hot drink of tea.



In addition, we had a Remembrance Service to celebrate the lives of the people who fought in the war and also to mourn the losses of our soldiers. A couple of Year 6s had the chance to speak in front of the whole school for this which was exciting.



Last week we also had a Scooter Workshop where we got to participate in amazing tricks such as jumping over ramps and bunny jumps.



In class, we have been writing a story related to WW2 called Rose Blanche. We have written an Internal Monologue and have begun to plan and write an ending of our own to the story.





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During French we completed a French test to try out our French skills in certain subjects: our names ('Je m'appelle') and our age ('Je suis dix ans') and where we live ('J'habite a Stevenage').

In History, we began to research dates and subjects to create a time-line on women's suffrage and how they fought for the right to vote.

Lastly, in PE, we have been learning how to do archery: how to hold a bow, how to shoot arrows and how to aim correctly.

