



Thursday 16th March

ROEBUCK ACADEMY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week
at our great school!

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Welcome from the Headteacher

Key Dates

21/03/23

Year 1
Fantastic Finish

22/03/23

Year 5
Fantastic Finish

23/03/23

Mingle with
your Mentor

23/03/23

Mother's Day
Assembly

24/03/23

GB Athlete
Visiting

24/03/23

Nursery
Stay & Play



WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS 2023



What an amazing time staff and children had celebrating World Book Day 2023! or should we say, WORLD THING DAY! We have continued over the past few weeks to endorse our love of everything that is Reading by exposing our children to even more high-quality reading texts as well as a number of focus days centred upon reading. As well as dressing up as 505 things, there have also been a range of other activities on offer. Children created their own Scrapbook pages, shared their own favourite books as well as planning and making some book themed Scarecrows for our school allotment areas. All in all, children had a booktastical time! Developing reading for pleasure continues to be one of our main priorities at RA and celebrating this special day is just one way we help foster a genuine love for reading! If you'd like to enhance what we offer by continuing the celebration at home, please visit the World Book Day website: www.worldbookday.com, it's packed full of activities and ideas for families to enjoy! Check out our Twitter feed for more fabulous photos of our celebration THING DAY @academy_roebuck

At Roebuck Academy we are Readers!



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



All things 'Science' quite rightly dominates this week's newsletter as this week, we celebrated British Science Week in true RA style. Mrs Jarman with the support from Mrs Jackson and Mr Downie, have well and truly brought Science alive this week as our children have delved deep into the wonderful world of Biscuits! All Year Groups across the school explored a different significant aspect of biscuits and produced work to contribute to a whole-school themed day of, Which is the Best Dunker!

At Roebuck Academy we are Scientists!

I am always truly blown away by the wide range of learning opportunities on offer at RA! The children are truly fortunate to have such a dedicated team, who work tirelessly organising a 'Sticky Learning' curriculum to ensure as much enrichment as possible! What a Team!





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More Key Dates

28/03/23

Rock Steady Concert
Parents only

29/03/23

KS2
Quidditch Day

30/03/23

EAL Coffee Morning

30/03/23

Year 3
Fantastic Finish

31/03/23

End of
Spring Term

17/04/23

Start of
Summer Term

Acorn & Chestnut

This week in Nursery we have taken part in a Science experiment for science day. We all followed a recipe to make our own Gingerbread men and tested to see what happened to them when we put them into water. The children predicted that they might fall apart when wet.

We put the Gingerbread men in the water and as predicted they became all soggy, the water became murky and they fell apart.

Luckily, all the children had made two Gingerbread men, so they still had one left to decorate and eat.

In Nursery we are Scientists!

Oak & Willow

This week in Reception is Science week. The children took part in a Science experiment where we placed gingerbread men into different substances and the children observed how they changed over time. The substances included: cooking oil, vinegar, water and milk. The children made a prediction about what would happen to the gingerbread men in each substance. We measured our substances to pour over the gingerbread men. Using a timer, we made observations every ten minutes and recorded the results. The children were very excited to watch the changes over time.

In Reception we are Scientists!

Elm & Maple

This week in Year 1 we have been busy writing our own Pinocchio stories. We have also been watching bread develop mould in the name of science! We know that Alexander Flemming made a life changing discovery due to this accidental finding. We have also been learning about measures and have been practising using standard and non-standard measures to measure size and mass. We enjoyed the pantomime and today we are celebrating Science Week with a biscuit investigation. What a busy week!

In Year One we are Story Writers!

Birch & Pine

On Wednesday 1st March, Year 2 held their Fantastic Finish workshop. Children enjoyed showing their parents and carers what they had been learning about in Geography last half term. The children carried out a variety of arts and crafts such as making lanterns, origami animals, lucky envelopes and Chinese writing and numbers.

In Year Two we are Geographers!





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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



Cedar
99.6%



Pear
98.3%



Cherry
98.2%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Cedar Class who had 99.6% attendance!



Cherry & Pear

This week, Year 3 have been developing their musical talents. We rocked out and sang 'Don't stop believing'. Then we added in the additional challenge of playing the glockenspiels focusing on the notes F G A. Later on in the week, we had the opportunity to take part in a musical workshop with students from the University of Hertfordshire. We learnt songs about the different continents of the world. We enjoyed learning new songs and putting a sequence of dance moves together and then sharing this within a whole school performance.

In Year Three we are Musicians!



Cedar & Rowan

Year 4 were delighted to be joined by so many parents and carers this week for our Egyptian style baking sessions for our Fantastic Finish! We thoroughly enjoyed learning how to make the aromatic flatbreads and in addition to this, being able to apply our learning from across the curriculum, from History, learning that there were depictions of bread making within hieroglyphics from the time of the Ancient Egyptians, use of our maths knowledge of fractions and measures to accurately measure ingredients, using our reading skills to navigate the recipe and even some Science in understanding the chemical reactions and changes which occur when proving the bread. We certainly enjoyed tasting the freshly baked bread - so much so that lots of parents and pupils requested a copy of the recipe so that they could bake them again at home! Many thanks again to all who attended!

In addition to all of this, we have been enjoying experimenting with making music in computing, broadening our bank of strategies for mindfulness and have been refining our map work skills in Geography by completing puzzles and utilising digital reference tools such as Digimaps to answer true or false questions about the River Nile.

In Year Four we are Egyptologists!





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Juniper & Sycamore

In Maths, Year 5 have been using their understanding of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 to assist them with converting measurements. Additionally, they have worked hard to plan and write their own narrative sequel, in English, for a story called Computer Dad. Year 5 have also been continuing to explore North America, where they have established the names of the countries within it along with facts about their capital cities. Ask your child, "Can you name me a county in North America and its capital city?" Furthermore, they also became Scientists and investigated the all-important question of "Which biscuit brand makes the best dunker?". During this investigation, the children compared various qualities of each biscuit before formulating an opinion of what will make the most ideal dunker. They then carried out a fair test to make their final conclusion. Which biscuit brand is your favourite dunker?

In Year Five we are Biscuit Dunkers!

Ash & Elder

Year 6 have been fully immersed in their learning over the last couple of weeks. In particular, we have had a very busy few weeks in Science. We've dissected hearts to help us understand the structure of the chambers in closer detail. We've made blood soup using Cheerios and juice to show how it is made up of different parts. Year 5 and 6 were also invited to take part in a zoom call all about birds of prey where we learnt about the food they eat, their hearing and their eyesight along with other fascinating facts. Finally, as part of a whole school investigation, we conducted tests to see whether a more expensive biscuit was a better dunker compared to a cheaper one.

Another key focus from this week was our music performance as a whole Key Stage. We learnt an original song written by University students and had the chance to perform this for the rest of the Key Stage.

Most recently, we have been analysing a poem that was used for the 2014 Winter Olympics campaign titled 'The Dreadful Menace'. We have enjoyed looking at the use of personification and creating our own ideas to construct a collaborative group poem all about winter.

In Year Six we are Biologists!





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