



Monday 18th September

ROEBUCK ACADEMY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week
at our great school!

Welcome from the Headteacher

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I can hardly believe that we have already had two weeks of term. The children have made an excellent start to the academic year and have really settled back into school. As this is my first school newsletter I just wanted to thank all of the parents who have welcomed me in as the new Headteacher of Roebuck Academy, something that I am very proud of. Please take time to read this week's newsletter as it continues to showcase the varied and enriching curriculum taking place in the school as well as highlighting the amazing work of our children and teaching staff. I hope that you and your children are looking forward to the next few months at Roebuck Academy. We have already been treated to Peter Thompson visiting school with his Skipping Beatz workshop and I know that other events have been planned by the teachers to help enrich the experiences of the children. In the first week I held assemblies for the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children, welcoming them back to school and reminding them of the Dreams Values and the expectations of staff in school. I have been pleased to see how well the children have responded to these assemblies and have really tried hard to follow our 3r's both in class and on the playground.

Car Park

We are currently reviewing Car Parking access arrangements and hope to implement a parking permit for those parents who require to park in the school car park. The office will be contacting those parents who currently use the car park and have need for a permit.

Gate

We are going to trial opening the second gate on the back field, which accesses Broad Oak Way. I am very aware of the limitations of the surrounding area for parking and would like to encourage more families to walk. I hope that opening this gate provides another access onto school site. If using this entrance please make use of the pathway leading to school.

Scooters/Bikes

It is lovely to see so many children enjoying coming to school on their scooters and bicycles. Please can you continue to encourage the children to stop riding their scooters and bikes whilst on school premises.

There are some unclaimed scooters/bikes in the shelters that have been left there for a while. Please make sure that you collect your scooter or bike as any ones left after Friday 6th October will be collected and sent to a recycling centre.

Key Dates

22/09/23

Y3 Celtic Harmony
Trip

25/09/23

Year 4 and 5 photos
Reception Reading
workshop

26/09/23

Year 2 and 3 photos
Year 1 and Year 5
Reading workshops

27/9/23

Year 2 Reading
workshop
Reception and Y1
photos

28/9/23

Year 3 and 4
Reading meeting
for parents
EAL Coffee morning

29/9/23

MacMillan Cake
bake off



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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

96.4%

96%

Attendance percentage
we aim for every week

Attendance Awards



Cedar
99.3%



Birch
98.1%



Elder
97.8%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to cedar Class who had 99.3% attendance!



RSA

Many thanks for those parents who have shown an interest in supporting the school through the Roebuck School Association. The first event has been set for Friday September 29th with a Quiz night. Please see the relevant poster advertising this below.

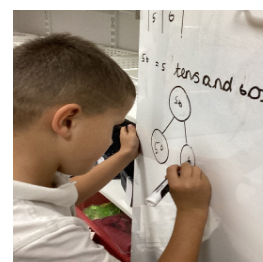


Acorn and Chestnut

Settling in! This has been our first full week in Nursery, and we have been very busy exploring all of the areas. The children have been getting to know each other and making new friends.

Oak and Willow

First of all, we want to congratulate your wonderful children on an amazing first two weeks at school. It has been a pleasure getting to know all the children and they have all settled in brilliantly and been such a joy. Well done to each and every one of them! The children have had a busy two weeks in reception. They have settled really well into their classes and have enjoyed exploring the environments. This week has been particularly exciting as we began our 'dinosaur topic'. We looked at non-fiction books about dinosaurs, watched interesting video clips and enjoyed listening to fiction stories about dinosaurs. The children also created their own dinosaur silhouette skeleton for our class book areas. Our 'dino-tastic' week even included a dinosaur egg hunt at Forest School. The children were amazed to find dinosaur eggs hidden in the bushes. We are now observing the eggs very closely for a sign of hatching! I wonder what will happen next. At Roebuck we are dinosaur egg hunters!





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Elm & Maple

What a fantastic start Year 1 have had to our Camping Out topic. Last week local Brownie and Scouts leaders, Wren and Bluebell came to our school to teach us all about camping. First, we used our magnifying glasses to help them on a scavenger hunt through Creature Corner. We found lots of interesting leaves, creatures and flowers. We used our findings to create leaf rubbings and hedgehogs to display in our classroom. Later they taught us how to set up a tent so we could stay warm and dry. Unfortunately, the weather was too hot for a real campfire so instead we enjoyed ice pops as Mr Kalaiarasu taught us some campfire-songs. At Roebuck we are Campers!



Birch & Pine

Year 2 have really enjoyed their first two weeks back at school and they have been working very hard, especially in Maths. We have been enjoying the new Maths No Problem scheme and have been working together to explore different problems. We have focused on place value and it has been wonderful to see the children representing numbers in different ways!

At Roebuck we are Mathematicians!



Cherry & Pear

For our Stone Age topic, Year Three stepped into the life of a 'hunter gatherer' in this week's lesson. We discussed that in Stone Age times, there was an undeniable need to survive. We set off into the wilderness (the school field) to gather items that we deemed necessary and crucial to survive. It was difficult to decide which items would have benefited us during this time period and which were deemed unnecessary.

At Roebuck we are survivors!



Cedar & Rowan

Year 4 pupils have made a positive start to the new academic year. In Design Technology lessons we have been investigating how to construct and reinforce pavillion structures. We had lots of fun using sweets and toothpicks to create our designs and are looking forward to bringing our own designs to life using similar methods.

We also had a super time during the recent skipping workshops. We enjoyed learning lots of new tricks and skills and





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were amazed to see the record-breaking skills performed by the workshop leader, Pete Thompson. We have been captivated by the story 'Feast' which we have been learning in Literacy. We were thrilled to be visited by Mrs Green's family's therapy dog Timmy for our experience day. This gave us a real life opportunity to make observations and develop our vocabulary which we are now putting to good use in our own narrative writing. Thank you Mrs Green! At Roebuck we are architects and authors!

Juniper & Sycamore

What a fantastic start to Year 5!

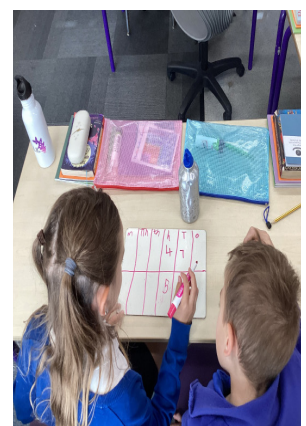
Year 5 kick started their mathematics learning by exploring place value. Within this unit, they have been reading and writing 7-digit numbers and have started to compare them. Can you ask your child, "How do you compare numbers?" In science, we have been looking at forces. Can you ask your child, "What force made the ball fall to the ground?" In English, we began our unit called 'Cosmic', where we chose cars from the school car park and created verbal adverts to sell them. We included superlatives and expanded noun phrases to make them descriptive and enticing. Ask your child, "What is an expanded noun phrase?" Well done Year 5. Keep up the hard work!

At Roebuck we are mathematicians!

Elder & Ash

What a fantastic first couple of weeks we have had in Year 6. We have started back eager to learn and have begun some awesome units. In Literacy we finished our transition work based on the book 'Tuesday' before starting our new unit based on Emma Carroll's book 'Letters from the Lighthouse'. On the same theme, we are learning about The Blitz in History where we have studied why certain areas were attacked and when the attacks took place. During Science, we have started to look at evolution and who Charles Darwin was. As a whole school we had the pleasure of meeting the 'Skipping Ninja' Pete Thompson who ran a workshop with us where we skipped to music. We have made such a great start to life in Year 6 and can't wait for even more.

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The RSA

Adults QUIZ Night

7:30pm in the School Hall

Friday 29th September

£15 for a team of 6. Money to be paid
to the office in an envelope FAO-The
RSA

Bring Your Own Booze!

**Snacks and soft drinks
provided. Over 18's
only.**

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