



Monday 13th November

ROEBUCK ACADEMY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week
at our great school!

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Key Dates

Monday 13th
November re-
membrance
Assembly

13/11/23
Odd socks Day at
the start of Anti Bul-
lying week

14/11/23
Reception Books
and Blankets

Thursday 16th
November
Children in Need

Friday 17th School
INSET day

20th November
Reception Phonics
workshop

Welcome from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

It was great to see so many of you attend parents' evening to hold discussions around your child's progress, we hope you found them useful. If there are any of you who didn't manage to make either of the evenings, then our staff will be in touch to arrange an alternative date and time. The second half-term in autumn is always a really busy and exciting time of the year for us with lots of events planned. In the build up to Christmas please see our events calendar on the website where you can see everything that is going on.

TT Rockstars

It is so nice to see so many children working hard on their TT Rockstars and Numbots. This half term's winners will be based on the most coins earned over the 7 day week.

School dinners

Please can you make sure that you order your child's school meal on School Grid in good time. There have been a few days where children haven't had meals ordered and the kitchen have had to provide them an alternative meal, which may not have been what they would have ordered.

International Day

Thursday saw Roebuck's 2nd International Day. The morning saw a variety of countries represented with food, flags and traditional dress. The children who visited the countries thoroughly enjoyed the morning. A massive thank you must go out to all the parents and children who represented their countries in such an enthusiastic way, providing the time and range of food for the children to be able to experience a flavour of so many countries.

Many thanks must also go to Mrs Mechelewska for organising the whole event.



Key Dates

21st November
Year 1 Phonics
workshop

22/11/23
EYFS coffee
morning

24/11/23
Year 3 Books and
Breakfast

24/11/23 Nursery
stay and play

Saturday 25th
November RSA
Roebuck
Christmas Fayre

30/11/23
Year 2 Books and
Breakfast



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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

95.3%

96%

Attendance percentage
we aim for every week

Attendance Awards



Ash
98.6%



Willow
97.6%



Oak
97.3%

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



RSA

This month sees the Christmas Fayre organised by the RSA happening on Saturday 25th November. The Fayre will start at 1pm and run until 4pm. Santa will be there and there are a number of stalls including Christmas gifts

Decorate a jar competition

The RSA are launching a competition!!!

What does your child need to do?

Decorate a jar in the best winter design (the more creative the better) and fill it with sweets and bring it to school by Monday 20th November!

These will be used for another fun stall at our Christmas fair on the 25th November!

There will be a prize for EYFS, KS1, lower and upper KS2

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been learning about the celebration of Diwali. We have been talking about Hinduism and how Diwali is celebrated.

We took part in different activities, these included learning the story of Rama and Sita, making Diya lamps, drawing Mehndi hand patterns and we created colourful Rangoli patterns on the playground





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Reception

We have had another busy week in Reception. This week we have been talking all about fireworks. They were very excited to share all about the fireworks that they had seen over the weekend. We watched some videos of fireworks and thought about the colours and sounds that we could hear like pop, fizz and bang. We then created some firework artwork using toilet rolls and paint to create the shape before adding glitter to make our fireworks sparkle. For an extra challenge we then had a go at writing some of our firework sounds using our phonics to help us. Our artwork look amazing! At Roebuck we are artists!

Elm & Maple

In year 1 we have kicked off the new half term with firework poetry! We have all spoken about our own experiences of Firework Night and created some noun phrases for our own writing. We have spoken about spinning Catherine Wheels, Dazzling Sparklers and Crackling Fires.

Our art work this week was inspired by Claude DeBussy's "la mer". We listened to the piece and created water themed art work in groups. We are so proud of our creations!

Books and blankets was a huge success and we loved having parents and families joining us to read our favourite stories and fact books. We have received some fantastic home learning tasks in too, with the children creating super shields, splendid stories and perfect pictures based around our Superhero topic - a child in Maple Class has also been awarded a Blue Peter badge too, which is a fantastic achievement!

In PSHE we have been thinking about including everyone and making sure nobody feels left out. We played a game called huggy bears to help us to remember to make sure everyone in our class is welcome in our games and learning.

In Maple Class we are Superheroes!





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Birch & Pine

Year 2 have had a fanatic start to the term exploring cold places. In Science we have been learning about animals and their habitats. We had our special visitor 'Safari Stu' who brought in some of his friends for us to hold and learn about. We had such a fun time meeting a cockroach, tarantula, chameleon, snake and Bob the tenrec!

We asked lots of questions and learned about how they adapt to survive in the wild.

Cherry & Pear

Year Three experienced international day this week. They visited various countries and tried amazing foods, activities and quizzes. It was a brilliant morning for all and helped our children to understand the diversity of cultures and nationalities at Roebuck.

Cedar & Rowan

Year 4 have had a great time building their pavilions. They started by constructing the sides of their buildings and then used glue guns to make their three dimensional structures. They thought carefully about the areas surrounding their pavilions and decorated their bases in line with their plans. Once these were complete, they started to add cladding to the outside of their design. This included using paper weaving and folding techniques. Some children even added moving doors and stairs to their designs. We were all really proud of our finished products. In Year 4, we are architects!

Juniper & Sycamore

In maths, Year 5 have been revisiting multiplication. They have used multiple methods to answer questions, which have included concrete, pictorial and abstract strategies. Ask your child, "Show me two methods to work out 1345×3 ".

In English, we have finished our unit called 'One Small Step' and have planned our own narratives based on our dream jobs. Year 5 are looking forward to writing these next week.

In Science, Year 5 continued to explore friction. Last week, we carried out an investigation to discover how we could get a piece of plasticine to become buoyant. Ask your child, "What forces acted upon it?"





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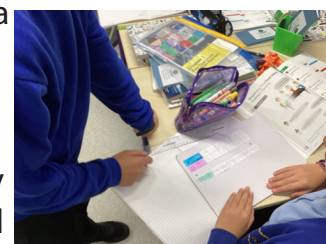


Elder & Ash

At the start of half term Year 6 were preparing a story to read to their parents and guardians. These were made to be spooky and to add to the atmosphere the teachers turned off the lights and played some eerie music to set the mood. The stories were based on a book called The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman. We made different plots, twists and turns during our own versions. In literacy we have started a new unit called Rose Blanche which follows on from our history unit about a young girl growing up in Dachau, Germany.



Recently, we have been going, in our own time, to EYFS (early years foundation stage), Year 1, Year 2, Nursery, Reception and Lunch hall to help and play with the younger children



Sporting Success.

Roebuck Sports teams continued in their success during the last few weeks. Both the Boys and Girls Table tennis teams had success in the festival, with the boys coming third and the girls going one better and coming second.



The Year 3 Boccia team took part in the festival and were awarded the Determination award.

The basketball team came third winning the bronze medal while the bench ball team came fourth in their competition. Both girls and boys football teams took part in the Autumn tournament and look forward to League games starting

