



Monday 12th February

ROEBUCK ACADEMY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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at our great school!

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Welcome from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

With the last week of this half term approaching we welcome parents to school for their Parent Consultation meetings. Please take this opportunity to find out how your children are doing in class. You will also have an opportunity to look through some of their class books. Mrs Elson will be on hand to talk to parents with regards SEND.

As this is the last week before the half term holiday we will be placing tables outside the main entrance with all the lost property that has been left during the last few weeks. Please take this opportunity to look through and claim any items that are yours.

X feed is live!

We have seen so many examples of outstanding work in all areas of the curriculum from our amazing children; some of which are featured in our newsletter and social media. Head over to our X Feed to have a look
[@academy_roebuck](https://twitter.com/academy_roebuck)

Library opening

The Literacy team, with the help of Mrs Bennett, have spent a lot of time making improvements to the school Library. We have decided to open the Library to parents and children. On Monday from 8.00 to 8.30 Miss Legg will be there for KS1 children and parents, while on Thursday from 8.00 to 8.30 Mrs Heritage will be there for KS2 children and parents. Please feel free to drop in .

Supervision of scooters and cyclist

We have had a couple of local residents inform us of issues with children riding scooters and bikes with no parental supervision and bumping into parked cars and riding on driveways from the bottom gates on the field. We want to encourage children using their scooters and bikes but please keep them under close supervision.

Parent Learning

As a learning community we are determined to help support parents who want to take part in adult learning opportunities in school. We have organised Steps 2 Skills to come in and deliver some adult learning courses. The school is funding the course and the more parents we get the less we as a school have to pay. The first course is about Early Years Experiences and is aimed at parents who have children in Nursery and Reception classes and is planned to start in April. Please contact the office if you are interested in attending this course.

Key Dates

12/2/24 and
13/2/24

Nursery parent
Consultation
afternoon

14/2/24

EYFS, KS1 and KS2
Parent
Consultations

15/2/24

EYFS, KS1 and KS2
Parent
Consultations

16/2/24

RSA Valentine
Disco

16/2/24

Half term holiday
starts

26/2/24

Children back in
School

Key Dates

1/3/24

GB Sponsored
Athlete event

4 to 8/3/24

Uni of Herts Music
Students in
working with
classes

5/3/24 EYFS
Book Fair

6/3/24

KS1 Book Fair

7/3/24

KS2 Book fairs

7/3/24

Hannah Shaw
Author visiting
Roebuck



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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



Elm
98.7%



Ash
96.7%



Pear
95.7%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Pine Class who had 95.7 % attendance!

Nursery Chestnut and Acorn

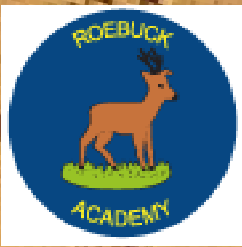
This week in Nursery we have been using our senses to explore the environment. We have been investigating feely trays with mud, slim, fruit, sand and pinecones. We have also observed ice blocks to see what happens to it over time. Alongside this we have enjoyed water play and using different textured resources to make food in the mud kitchen!



Reception Oak and Willow

This week in Reception, we have been very excited to learn about the Lunar New Year and welcomed in The Year of the Dragon. On Monday, we had an experience day where we took part in lots of different activities based on the Lunar New Year. The children learned dance moves using features of the Lunar New Year such as fans, fireworks and lanterns. The children were very creative and made their own lanterns which they decorated and put up in our classrooms. We also learned about the different types of food eaten in China and throughout the week the children made their very own noodle stir fry. At Roebuck we are Chefs!





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Elm & Maple

This week in Year 1 we have been learning about how animals move. We acted out lots of different movements and tried to guess which animal it was. We have also been lucky to have students from North Herts College work with children in Elm class in the Allotments planting seeds and looking after the beds.



Birch & Pine

Year 2 have had a fantastic term and we have thoroughly enjoyed learning about China! To celebrate the Lunar New Year we were visited by a Chinese New Year dance workshop and learned a traditional dance. We enjoyed learning all the new steps and celebrated the Year of the Dragon by performing our dance together at the end!



Dream catcher assemblies.

We want our children to DREAM big and know their possibilities are endless. Part of our values is to get the children to aspire to be the best they can. This includes wanting to be ambitious in the career they want to enter into. For this we need YOUR help! Do you have an exciting career you could share with the children?

Have you taken part in an adventure which has changed you for the better? Can you share key life experiences which have shaped who you are today? If you have answered yes to any of the questions above and would be happy to speak in a short assembly to share what you have to offer, please email smithc@roebuck.herts.sch.uk





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Cherry & Pear

Over the last few weeks, Year 3 have been working together in teams to create a park for people in need. The children were given a budget and had to work together and compromise. They used their computing skills to design their parks. Team work makes the DREAM work!



Cedar & Rowan

This week in Year 4 we have been writing our own playscripts. Whilst in the Egyptian section of the British museum, two mummies woke up and Year 4 had to decide what adventures they would have in Stevenage. Some chose for the chaos to commence in the bowling alley, Gravity and the cinema. We had great fun using the features of playscripts to write about our characters adventures.



In art, we have continued to look at artwork and patterns from Ancient Egypt art. We have now started to design and plan our own scrolls based on the theme 'ourselves' We thought carefully about how to compose our designs and experimented with colours that we thought would work well together. We had to think carefully about the colours we picked as the Egyptians used mainly browns, reds, blues and yellows.



As part of Safer internet day, we thought about the things that we need to do to make sure we are safe when using technology. Then, we listened to some raps about internet safety before we had a go at writing our own to share our messages. It was great fun thinking of the rhyming couplets and having a go at performing them in a rap style.

Juniper & Sycamore

In year 5 we have been continuing our science learning on materials and this week we were looking at the best ways to separate different materials using their unique properties. As you can see, we had a lot of fun using different pieces of equipment to sort out the mess left by the adults. We have also planned our writing of a non-chronological report about an animal that lives in an extreme habitat. We used Chromebook's to research an animal of choice and collected as many facts as we could! We will start writing these up next week and can't wait to see and share the final pieces of work.





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Ash and Elder

Year 6 had an assembly with Ally who works for the book company called 'Usborne' and explained about 'Ready, Steady, Read!' a challenge that helps us raise money for more books in the library. Last time we raised over 5000 pounds! In English, we had an experience day, where we had to find the non-fiction shapes in English and put them in the right spot in the text. Also, we have been doing practice SATs tests. During Science, we did a classification chart for leaves based on their characteristics. In PE we performed our gymnastics routine and recorded it before using the climbing frame more recently. During our computing unit, we created spreadsheets and took on some activities so we could record the data: star jumps, dice rolls and our age in months. Next week, we will be finding the average of our results and looking at how to format them. From Christopher & Ruby



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www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk

Find out about the 'Autism in Schools' (AIS) project

NHS Hertfordshire Partnership University
HIS Foundation Trust



Hear what our guest speakers can offer you!

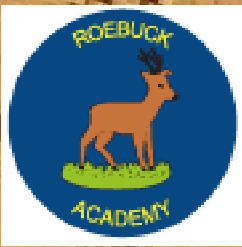
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Hertfordshire SEND 0-25 years
Hertfordshire & Local Offer

HPCI AIS Parent Carer Webinar

Wednesday 13th March 2024 - 10.00am-12.30pm



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THE RSA PRESENTS
A
**Valentine's
Disco**

FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

- *2.15PM - 3.15PM - NURSERY & RECEPTION.
- *3.15PM - 4.15PM - YEARS 1 & 2
- *4.30PM - 5.30PM - YEARS 3 & 4
- *5.45PM - 6.45PM - YEARS 5 & 6

£1 DONATION FOR NURSERY & RECEPTION
£3 FOR KS1 & KS2
INCLUDES DRINKS, SWEETS & SNACK.
PLEASE BOOK THROUGH SCHOOL GATEWAY.

WHEN:
MONDAY 8-8:30AM
EYFS AND KS1

THURSDAY 8-8:30AM
KS2

**VISIT OUR
LIBRARY!**