



# Roebuck Academy



Welcome to the final 2018/2019 edition of the Roebuck Academy Newsletter.

## **ROEBUCK DEER RETURNS!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Since the new Roebuck building was opened our lovely deer has took centre stage in the garden situated in the main entrance. The Roebuck Deer is very valuable to us all as a school as it our school emblem and something that we hold very close to our hearts. When the school was re-built and then became an academy it was the one thing that the children wanted to keep which is the reason why it remains on our school uniform. We stand out above all, and the Roebuck deer stands tall and proud. We were very sad a few months ago when we discovered that the deer had been damaged and we feared the worst. We are however very grateful to Mr Heath for the lovely work and re-modelling that he has done for our Roebuck Deer. Mr Heath was the person who originally made the deer. Thank you very much. We are so happy to have our lovely emblem back in front of the school, standing tall and proud for all to see. Please can we ensure, that just like each other, we look after him.



Thank you also to Mrs Farley and Mrs Ward who have made our front entrance look amazing with all of the beautiful plants and flowers. Thank you.

I wish you all an enjoyable and fun-filled summer holiday and look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Kind regards  
Lynsey Young

## **STEVENAGE SPORTING FUTURE AWARD**

We are very proud to report to you that as part of Stevenage Sporting Futures programme, a member of the Roebuck staff team was nominated for a Sporting Award this year. Roebuck's Sporting team spent a lovely evening at Nobel Secondary School alongside other nominees from Stevenage Schools at the annual awards ceremony. Mr Steedman won the 'highly commended award' for Primary Sports of the year.

I am so proud of the sporting team at the School, as well as Mr Steedman, and the lengths that they go to ensure that a rich and wide range of sports are delivered at the school. Thank You!



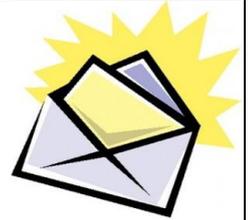
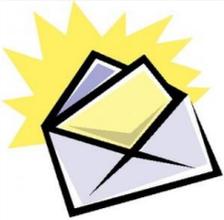
# GARDEN ADVENTURES WITH ROSIE RED

Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to support Mrs Elson and Mrs Prosser in their book signing last week. Both members of the team thoroughly enjoyed the book signing and appreciated your support. If you would like to purchase a copy you can locate the book on any good book selling websites.

## STAFF NEWS...

Sadly we are saying a tearful goodbye to Mrs Chapman today who is leaving Roebuck to pursue her ambition of being a full-time swimming teacher. We are so proud of Mrs Chapman. She has worked hard and trained specifically for a role that she loves and enjoys. She is sad to leave Roebuck but will ensure she keeps in touch with us all and visit us regularly.

## POWER OF THE LETTER



At the end of the Autumn and Spring Term one child from every class was selected to receive a Headteacher Commendation. Ms Young wrote to all parents of those pupils involved with a personal letter called, 'Power of the Letter.' Children were selected for their positive attitudes, determination, and effort in learning as well as exemplary behaviour. We have continued with 'Power of the Letter' this term and are proud to announce the names of pupils selected...

## POWER OF THE LETTER

<b>OAK CLASS:</b> Grace Britter	<b>WILLOW CLASS:</b> Ollie Duffell
<b>MAPLE CLASS:</b> Vinnie Stock	<b>ELM CLASS:</b> Phoebe Peart
<b>PINE CLASS:</b> Gracie-May Curd	<b>BIRCH CLASS:</b> Ben Kerslake
<b>CHERRY CLASS:</b> Orryn Drackford	<b>DEAR CLASS:</b> Yasmin Bacchus
<b>YEAR 4:</b> Jessica Aylott	<b>YEAR 5:</b> Ashton Norris
<b>YEAR 6:</b> George Meehan	

## GEORGE GAINLEY AWARD 2019

George Gainley was Roebuck's caretaker for many years. He had a long-standing relationship with Roebuck School as well as the hundreds of children and families who attended Roebuck every day. To honour his memory and the excellent work he did at the school, we will be dedicating and honouring him through the presentation of the George Gainley award each year. The award will be selected from pupils in Year 6 and will be nominated by the staff team. This year the staff are unanimous in their decision to nominate and award this to two pupils. Both have shown exemplary behaviour, positivity and determination throughout their time at the school from Nursery through to Year 6. Both of the children are always positive and work hard in school, being dedicated in their studies. This year we are proud to present the George Gainley award to...Vanessa Andrew and Alexis Ellwood. We are very proud of both of you.

## **PHONICS**

A couple of weeks ago our Year 1 children had to complete the national Phonics Screening Check. All of the children tried really hard and showed a very positive growth mindset attitude. We are very proud of them and thank you to those parents who have been practising letter sounds and blends with their children at home – it's made a huge difference.

## **POP UP SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP**

We were contacted in the New Year requesting support for a very worthy new scheme, the 'Pop Up School Uniform Shop.' This is run through a scheme at Marriott's Secondary school. It is a great scheme that will benefit families on low income, and those needing additional help with the cost of uniform which can be very expensive. We would be grateful and would welcome any donations of uniform, coats, shoes, bags and revision books at the School Office. Please ensure that all donations are in good condition.

If you feel this is a scheme which would be of benefit to you, please contact the School Office for further details.

## **END OF KEY STAGE SATS**

We were very pleased with the school's results in this year's Key Stage 1 and 2 SATs, which showed an improved performance over last year in Reading and Maths. Well done to all of our children for showing resilience and application during their tests and of course to all of the teaching staff and parents who supported the children to achieve the very best that they can.

## **STAFF VACANCY – MIDDAY SUPERVISOR (CASUAL)**

We have vacancies for a Midday Supervisory Assistant. You would be asked to cover staff absences when needed, sometimes at short notice (Monday to Friday – term time only).

If you would like to apply, please contact the school office for an application form.

## **DON'T FORGET THE SPACE CHASE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!**

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present



Summer Reading Challenge 2019

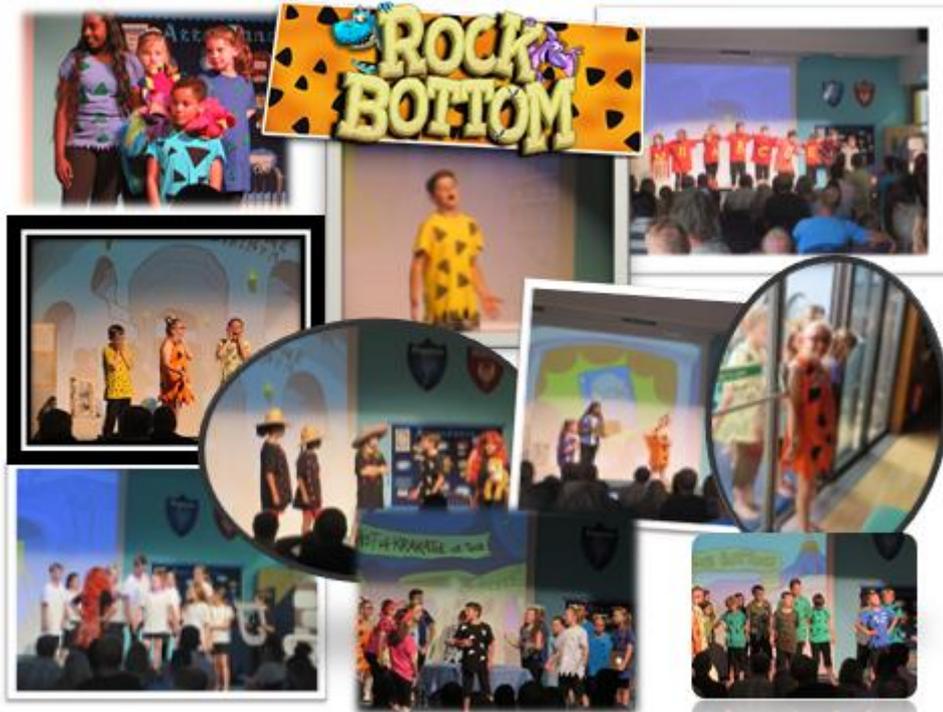
# **YEAR SIX GRADUATION**

What a fantastic end to this academic year. Happy Graduation and Good Luck to all of our amazing Year Six!



# **YEAR 5 AND 6 PRODUCTION**

Highlight of the term had to be the Year 5 and 6 Production of 'Rock Bottom!' The energy, enthusiasm and confidence of all children throughout the performance enthralled all three audiences. Well done to all of you who worked so hard on the stage, with lighting and music and the Year 5 and 6 Team. A notable THANK YOU to all of the staff who supported with the entire production including Miss Smith and Mrs Sparrow.



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK HAVE BEEN MANY!

On Thursday last week, we were delighted to welcome a film crew in to Roebuck Academy. We were successfully selected to be filmed by the Royal Opera House.

Royal Opera House Bridge was searching for the perfect educational settings to participate in a new film that is being directed by the dynamic young film company Girls Du Filme.

The short film will explore children and young people's view of arts and culture and how they demonstrate and identify with this within their lives. They were looking for examples of how schools utilise their student's identity in their provision, alongside natural expressions of creativity. This film will be shared with other settings in Artsmark training as an example of excellence in the arts. We are very proud of our staff and pupils for this achievement.

Creativity in Early Years outdoors was the focus. The Early Years team set up some wonderfully creative activities. This included printing and observational drawings of flowers. Mrs Solomon demonstrated how to create prints with flower heads. The children were shown how to place a flower head on a board. Cover with a square of white material and hammer the flower head. Safety goggles were worn by all children. There were gasps of delight in awe and wonder when Mrs Solomon revealed the patterns created on the material.

The children experienced all activities and adult interaction, questioning and children's responses were filmed. The children were then filmed in child initiated play which included dancing and singing. Well done everyone!

Mrs Elson



## SAFEGUARDING AT ROEBUCK

All staff at Roebuck have a responsibility to safeguard children. If you ever have a concern about a child or a member of staff, then please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads:

Ms Young, Mr Mari, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Fisher and Mrs McGregor.

Safeguarding posters can be found around the school as well as located on classroom doors.

You can also ring the number 0300 123 4043 if you have a concern about a child or anyone else outside school.

NSPCC Whistleblowing helpline: 0800 0280285

Police: Tel 101

## MINDSET MOMENT



# **AUTUMN TERM 1 2019**

## **SEPTEMBER 2019**

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
Inset day – school closed for children	Inset day – school closed for children	8:45am – First Day of the new academic year for children  RSA -Tea and Tissues	RSA -Tea and Tissues	

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
9	10	11	12	13
	Rock Steady begins -TBC	SEND coffee Morning		Swimming Begins For Cherry Class  Guitar Tuition begins - TBC

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
16	17	18	19	20
		Year 3 Trip to Celtic Harmony  Year 6 Crucial Crew  Buccaneers Closed for Inset		

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
23	24	25	26	27
				MacMillan Coffee Morning and Whole School Bake Off – All welcome!

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
30	1	2	3	4
Nursery applications accepted today – 1 <sup>st</sup> come, first served.				

***Some other key dates for the Diary...***

***10th October: Year 5 Visit to West Stow TBC***

***21st October: Book Fair arrives***

***24th October: Parent's Consultation Evening***

***25th October: End of Term 3:15pm***

***4th November: Term begins 8:45am***

**Parent and Carer Questionnaire Results 2018 - 2019**

We would like to thank all parents and carers for completing the annual parent questionnaire at the school. 106 responses were received in total. All questionnaires were complete anonymously.

Question Number	Question	Strongly Agree / Agree	Disagree/ Strongly Disagree
1	My child feels safe at this school.	99%	1%
2	My child is making good progress at this school.	99%	1%
3	This school meets my child's particular needs.	99%	1%
4	This school ensures my child is well looked after.	100%	-
5	My child is taught well at this school.	100%	-
6	This school helps my child develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics.	100%	-
7	There is a good standard of behaviour at this school.	99%	1%
8	My child's lessons are not disrupted by bad behaviour.	97%	3%
9	This school deals with any cases of bullying effectively.	97%	3%
10	This school helps me to support my child's learning.	99%	1%
11	This school responds well to my concerns.	98%	2%
12	This school keeps me well informed.	99%	1%



## **CIRCUS**

The RSA have organised for BIG TOP Tent to visit Roebuck Academy on 21st September 2019.

If you would like to visit the circus, please book tickets early to avoid disappointment.

The circus will be at Roebuck Academy on Saturday 21st September 2019 with doors opening at 1pm and 2:30pm.

Tickets are selling fast, so if you still haven't got yours please see the RSA page or a team member for details.

## OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS



Well done Freya who did amazingly well when she won her cheerleading competition!  
Amazing!

Well done Kimberley Kuk Garcia (Y2) and Lauren Bull (Y3) who both took main parts in “Annie” play performed by Top Hat Stage School. Kimberley acted as Miss Hannigan and Lauren as Annie.

They both gave an amazing performance. We fell very proud of their achievement and their confidence. They worked very hard to remember their lines and the dance routine.

Amazing!



Well done Lily for receiving an amazing reward for your performance in the Gordan Craig.



Well done Cameron for receiving two awards in your football presentation this week. We are so very proud of you!



Well done Minh on achieving your 25m award in swimming. Minh has conquered his fear of the deep end in the swimming pool and is now more confident!  
Fabulous!

# **TEA AND TISSUES**

**New Nursery & Reception Intake**

**2019**



**Wednesday 4th September**

**Thursday 5th September**

**Are you new to the school? Feeling anxious about  
your child moving up a year?**

**Why not come along and speak to other parents  
over a cup of tea or coffee.**

**9 am in Buccaneers**

 **Roebuck School Association**