



# ROEBUCK ACADEMY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Pudsey visits Roebuck Academy



A day of fun, exercise, non-uniform, and Pudsey Bear activities – that’s the way we all helped raise money for the 2020 Children in Need Day proved to be! It started with the children getting involved with the “Big Morning Move” led by Joe Wickes the Body Coach and finished with activities galore from the big man himself – Pudsey the Bear! The children had a fabulous time and we greatly appreciate the generosity of our families, supporting yet another charitable cause. Please check out our final page for photographs of the event. Thank you to all who helped raise £377.77!

### Year Nursery - Acorn and Chestnut

This week in nursery we have been learning all about Diwali. We took part in a special workshop to help us understand more about the religious festival. We had the opportunity to paint our own Diyas and used special gems to decorate them. In the afternoon, children were lucky enough to take part in a dance workshop which featured traditional Diwali dance movements. At Roebuck Academy we are Inclusive!

### Year Reception - Oak and Willow

This week we have been learning about the festival of Diwali, it means, ‘The Festival of Lights’. This is one of the major festivals celebrated by Hindus, Jains and Sikhs.

Throughout the week, during child initiated learning, we have been decorating Mend-hi hands, making Rangoli patterns with rice and chalk and making flower garlands as part of the celebrations. On Thursday Nursery and Reception classes had two workshops. We were shown how to decorate Diyas and had a go at some Bollywood dancing. On Friday we tasted Chappatis and Mrs Kaur came to explain to us how she celebrates Diwali at home. What a great way to celebrate world religions! At Roebuck Academy we are Diverse!



### Key Dates

15/12/20  
Christmas  
Dinner

15/12/20  
Christmas  
Jumper Day

16/12/20  
Christmas  
Parties

17/12/20  
Last Day  
of Term

18/12/20  
Occasional  
Day School  
Closed

04/01/21  
Inset Day  
School Closed



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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

96.6%

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Attendance percentage we aim for every week

### Attendance Awards



Elm  
100%



Willow, Cherry  
& Cedar - 99.3%



Maple  
96.7%

The winning class will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward.

#### Year One - Elm and Maple

Year 1 had great fun visiting our brand new Sensory Garden! We loved exploring the different areas and had fun using the colour lenses, feely box, walking across the bare foot pathway, looking and smelling all the new plants and finally chilling out in the dome. At Roebuck Academy we are Naturalists!



#### Year Two - Pine and Birch

Wow! Year 2 have been extremely busy over the past week.

In maths we have been thinking about numbers to 100 and using lots of different resources to help us understand place value. We have been talking about numbers by using, "greater than, less than" language. We used straws, counters and dienes and even played a maths game using spinners!



We all joined in with Children In Need on Friday too, wearing spotty clothes and Pudsey outfits. This week we wore our odd socks for anti-bullying week too!



In Computing, we have been using Purple Mash to create Poppy pictures, inspired by the work of William Morris. We used the "repeating tool" to help us create symmetrical patterns that repeat across the page. We also learnt how to send an email and how to be safe online. At Roebuck Academy we are busy bees!





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## Year Three - Cherry and Pear

On 11th November, Year 3 stood up and were silent at 11am for 2 minutes to remember the fallen soldiers from all wars; past as well as present. We watched the live coverage from the Cenotaph from London.

We also ate doughnuts delivered from Mrs Herbaut. In WW1, the ladies, known as Doughnut Lassies, baked doughnuts for the soldiers to help raise their morale. The children loved learning about the war and eating the doughnuts too!

We also learnt about a boy called Jack Cornwell known as Jutland Jack. We were surprised to hear that he went to the Battle of Jutland at the age of 16! We also learnt that he unfortunately died. After his death, he was awarded the Victoria Cross for his courage. Year 3, then wrote a letter pretending to be Jack's Captain writing to his mother informing her that he had been awarded the Victoria Cross. At Roebuck Academy we remember!



## Year 4 Cedar and Rowan Class

Spotty children on the loose! The children of Rowan Class dressed up on Friday 13th November to celebrate the nations charitable Children In Need day. Looking yellow, colourful and somewhat spotty, the children took part in the final 20 minutes of the Joe Wickes 24-hour workout challenge as well as raising money for those in need across the nation. Well done!

Cedar Class looked colourful and bright on a gloomy Monday morning last week to commemorate Odd Socks Day for anti-bullying week. The children explored the themes of being unique, self-expression and standing out from the crowd. It was great to see the children participating in such a wonderful themed day and the discussions that we had in class were insightful and empathetic! At Roebuck Academy we are respectful!



## Year Five - Juniper and Sycamore Class

Year 5 took part in a fascinating Zoo Lab workshop. During this session, they were introduced to a wide variety of animal and insect species from the rainforest. The workshop also helped us to understand all the reasons behind deforestation. The forest ranger was very knowledgeable. He had visited and lived in many rainforests around the world so had some mesmerising stories. The children were all very brave and touched a wide variety of animals from snakes to rats. It was a brilliant session which was enjoyed by everyone. At Roebuck Academy we are zoologists!





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## Year 6 Elder Class

We have been tremendously busy in Year 6 completing mock SATs papers, but don't worry the fun does not stop there. As part of our topic unit, and our remembrance theme day, we created a diary entry from the point of view of a child during wartime. This involved imagining what it would have been like to have heard the news of Neville Chamberlain declaring that we were at war for the second time over the wireless radio. In addition to this, we produced some excellent mixed media poppies for our remembrance display in the hall using watercolour paint - to create a background wash - and shading pencils - to crosshatch light and dark areas.

As well as this, we were fortunate enough to be joined again by Helen, from Trestle Theatre, who worked with the class when they were in Year 5. The children enjoyed having Helen back to do some more drama based around the feelings and emotion masks that the children learnt about before lockdown. It was great to see how much they remembered and how enthused they were during the workshop.

Some of Year 6 have also been fortunate enough to try the new Chromebooks in class to support their learning on our current news reports unit. I'm sure there will be many opportunities to use these again in the not-too-distant future.





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## LEST WE FORGET

This week, as part of our whole-school Value of Respect, the children learnt about Remembrance as well as remembering and honouring those who sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. The children explored why remembrance is an important part of modern British life, culture and heritage. The children impeccably observed a 2 minute silence, explored how the poppy is a symbol of Remembrance and were inspired with 2 special assemblies; one from Reverend Kate and the other Mrs Herbaut. The children were even informed of the roles of the Doughnut Lassies in WW1. The children were then rewarded with their very own doughnut from a Doughnut Lassie which they really enjoyed! What a treat! We are extremely proud of the way our pupils conducted themselves and the work that they produced in class to commemorate remembrance.





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