



Friday 9th July 2021

ROEBUCK ACADEMY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Keeping you up-to-date
with what's going on!

EPIC SPORTS DAY!

Dear Parents & Carers,

Wow! What can we say about this past couple of weeks...We have been so busy with our learning as well as lots of pupil events, including 8 EPIC Sports Days! Although 'Sports Day' at Roebuck was a little different this year, we still made the most of the events and activities provided.

In true Roebuck Academy style, children and staff alike demonstrated positivity, resilience, excellence and above all team spirit! Well done everyone! We were really pleased to see all of children taking part in all events and striving for Excellence - this terms whole school value! Everyone really tried their best and the team spirit on show was brilliant. It was great to see so many children enjoying the events with their class, having not been able to do so in 2020!

Well done to all members of Dragon, Our 2021 Winners! I would particularly like to thank the staff team, Mr Downie, Mr Moran and Mr Mari for their support on all Sports Days. Mr Moran, especially, was fantastic and kept all of the children motivated and enthused!

Acorn and Chestnut

This week in Nursery we have been so busy being very busy spiders! We have been focussing on the story, 'The Very Busy Spider' and taking part in lots of different activities all to do with the story. In Literacy we were busy mark-making and drawing some of the characters. We then challenged ourselves to try and write the initial sounds of the animals. In Maths we have been counting out spider legs as well as practising recognising numbers. In our small world area, we have been re-telling and acting out the story. We have also been getting very creative and making spider webs using glue, glitter chalk and string. We even learnt some facts about spiders and one of these was that there is a spider that can grow up to 30cm! We thought that was very big. At Roebuck Academy we are busy!

Oak and Willow

Water Fun!

This week in Literacy we are reading the story, 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' by Sarah Roberts. It is about a plastic bag that ends up in the sea, he is accidentally mistaken to be a jelly fish and different creatures try to eat him and end up spitting him back out.





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This week we have been thinking about our favourite characters in the story and writing some sentences about them. During child initiated learning we have been using recycled plastic in our play. We have been fishing plastic items out of the water and sorting the different items, we have been digging up shells and sea creatures from the sand, making large bubbles, and making posters to help remind people to take their rubbish home. At Roebuck Academy we are Conservationists!



Elm and Maple

Continuing with our animal topic, this week in Art we created our very own creatures. We thought about how the animal would move, what it would eat, where it would live as well as many other different features. We then drew a design of our creature before using junk modelling to make our creature come to life! At Roebuck Academy we are Sculptors!



Birch & Pine

We have been a very busy bunch in Year 2 over the past weeks. Mr Moran organised our sports day for us, and we took part in various activities such as: obstacle courses, team games, target throwing and football skills. We worked in our house teams to try and score as many points as possible.



In Maths we have been learning about data handling and graphs. We used bags of colouring pens to gather information, and then we recorded it in a graph. We answered questions about the information and data we had gathered.



In Science we are conducting another experiment - this time with cress! We are observing our cress closely and have planted the seeds in different conditions to see what might happen. We have made predictions and will write our conclusion once we have gathered our observations.



Year 2 sewing club has already been a huge success, with everyone in the club making a felt bag! The children have been incredible sewers so far. Next week we will be learning to cross stitch and hopefully producing our own bookmark! At Roebuck Academy we are Textile Designers!



Cherry & Pear

European Day!

On Wednesday 24th June, Year 3 held a European day! This day involved the children visiting different European countries and experiencing native clothing, food and games.



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We started off our afternoon by learning a traditional Spanish dance called 'Flamenco'. We had to clap and stamp with the rhythm. We then visited different countries. We had homemade Albanian Pite, which is a pastry tart with cheese and onions. We also tried a homemade Albanian cake too! In Poland, we sampled some sausages, pickles and pretzel sticks. We tried various foods from all over Europe such as, croissants, madeleines, cheese, parma ham, chorizo, biscotti, crackers, Welsh cakes, cheese pretzels, and beef stroganoff! Along with the food, we also learned different facts about these countries.



To finish off the day, we all watched the England Euro 2020 highlights. We cheered for England and sang, 'It's coming home!' We discussed what the Euros were and how important it is to each country and how we celebrate different countries coming together for football.



We all had a fabulous day and we learned lots! A huge thank you to all parents who donated food and objects to help with our day. We could not have done it without you! At Roebuck Academy we are one community Together!



Cedar & Rowan

And they're finished! Last week we concluded our Design and Technology project and added the final touches to our pavilions. After tedious frame building and base board adjustments, it was time to decorate them and make them visually appealing. We added cladding to our pavilions using various paper techniques, including weaving coloured paper, piercing paper to create patterns and concertina folding. We are proud of our finished products! At Roebuck Academy we are Architects & Structural Engineers!



Juniper & Sycamore

Fantastic Forces

In Year 5, the children have had a fantastic time over the last few weeks investigating forces. The force in question this week was friction. The children decided to investigate the effect of friction, by dragging a shoe across different surfaces. Using a force meter to measure the pull accurately, they collected some results in a table. They decided to try each surface three times before creating an average.



The classes found that some surfaces had less friction than others and some of their predictions were spot on. After the experiment, we all discussed our findings and wrote a conclusion. Some of the children even suggested how to improve the investigation next time. At Roebuck Academy, we are Physicists.





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Elder

Over the last few weeks, children in Year 6 have been busy preparing for secondary school. They have been completing some transition work during the afternoon with Mr Mari and discussing some of their concerns about moving on up. In addition, we have been visited by staff from their new schools to discuss individually and in groups about the move.

In Literacy we have been creating a holiday brochure for Chile as part of our South American unit: focussing on the sights, activities, and dining experiences available. This coming week will see the children begin to conduct their own research into their chosen country as a follow up task. Linking in with this, the children have been conducting research into the famous Andes mountain range in South America as part of our Geography unit and have designed some wonderful 3D posters.

In Computing this week, the children had a video meeting with the Year 2 classes to gather information about a range of topics to create a suitable quiz for the children to complete. Year 6 have fully immersed themselves in this challenge and I am looking forward to seeing the end results. On a slightly different note, I have been tremendously impressed with the children's efforts with their times table recall this year and their consistency with their reading at home. Well done Year 6. At Roebuck Academy we are getting ready to Move on up!



Photography Competition

For May half term, we challenged you to Roebuck's first ever photography competition. I was completely astounded with the amount of entries and the high standard of the images. I want to take this chance to thank every single child who entered the competition, it was great to see you join in and unleash your creative flair. I was so impressed with the entries that I have had to have a separate winner for EYFS! After long and anonymous judging, we can reveal the winners:

EYFS

Winner: Daisy Devrish
Willow
Runner up: Jack Cherry
Oak

LKS2

Winner: Isobel Hollick
Rowan
Runner up: Sami Manzoor
Pear

KS1

Winner: Noah Alden
Pine
Runner up: Lily Crockett
Maple

UKS2

Winner: Saffron Harmsworth
Martin - Juniper
Runner up: Minh Diep
Elder



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A huge well done to the winners and runner ups! I hope you enjoy your prizes and carry on snapping away! To the other entrants, please keep going! It was so tough to choose the winners - I loved them all! I cannot wait to see more photographs in the future! At Roebuck Academy we are Photographers!

Miss Williams



EYFS Winner

EYFS Runner up



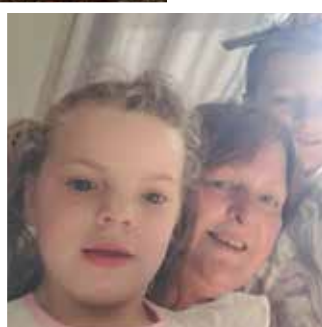
LKS2 Runner up

LKS2 Winner



KS1 Winner

KS1 Runner up



UKS2 Runner up

UKS2 Winner

