

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**Celebrating another special week
at our great school!**

Monday 26th September

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Key Dates

30/09/22
Year 3
Celtic
Harmony

30/10/22
Macmillan
Bake Off

06/10/22
National
Poetry Day

07/10/22
Wear Yellow
for World
Mental Health

10/10/22
Harvest
Collection &
Assemblies

12/10/22
Fire Brigade
Visit - Year 2

READING, READING & MORE READING!

You will notice over the coming weeks, that Roebuck Academy will be raising the profile of READING! Throughout Lockdown, we noted a considerable dip in the number of children reading at home and we are on a mission to improve this. At Roebuck Academy we are of the opinion that there is no replacement for Daily Reading. Did you know that a child's reading ability is linked not only to their future success as a learner, but also to their overall well-being and positive mental health. One way of ensuring a child progresses well across the curriculum is by listening to them read every day. We hope that you support our school in putting READING back on the MAP!

In our pursuit to improve READING and more importantly, the Love of reading at Home, we are launching two initiatives...

INVITATION - READING WITH YOUR CHILD'S CLASS!

In our continuous pursuit to enhance and celebrate the love of reading, we would like to invite you to come and join your child's class to read a story, poem or even an extract from a non-fiction book. The text chosen can be a story, poem, book of your choice or one of the chosen titles from our Reading Road Maps! The more parents and carers we have who would like to share a book, the better! If you would love to come in and read a story with your child's class, then please speak to your child's class teacher who will be only be too happy to sign you up for a reading slot. Reading takes place every day including Story-time at 3:00pm across the school. We cannot wait to hear you share some of your favourite reads! Let's show and model to our children our own enjoyment and love of books!

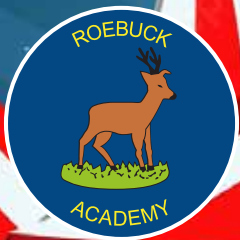
GOLDEN TICKETS

As an on-going initiative to promote the love of reading, we have hidden several Golden Tickets inside our school library books! A Golden Ticket can only be traded in once the book has been selected, checked out and read by the child. Once the book has been read, the Golden Ticket can then be taken to Ms Young and traded in for a new book of choice! Happy Reading!

Celebrating Roald Dahl Day

What a great day the children had as they celebrated the birthday of the infamous Roald Dahl! Classes around the school swapped teaching staff and enjoyed listening to some of the famous books that he had written such as: The Twits, Charlie & The Chocolate Factory, George's Marvellous Medicine - to name a few! A wonderful time was had by all!





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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%

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Attendance percentage we aim for every week

Attendance Awards



Cherry
98.6%



Willow
98.4%



Oak
98.2%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Cherry Class who had 98.6% attendance!

Junior DREAM TEAM

Just like at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, we now have our very own Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputies, and Assistants! We are delighted to announce that these have been appointed for the 2022/23 academic year! Their first order of business is to help build our NEW Junior Leadership Team. We want to empower our pupils to make a difference to their school and these improvements will be led by these positive role models from Year 6! We are so proud of them and the other children who also wrote letters to Ms Young, applying to be considered for these important roles.

Acorn & Chestnut

This week in Nursery we have been exploring Non-Fiction books all about the world around us as well as using natural materials and objects to create artwork. This has included: painting with sticks, creating self-portraits using natural objects and exploring habitats in our outside environment. At Roebuck Academy we are Naturalists.

Oak & Willow

This week the children enjoyed a Circus Skills workshop! Our school hall was transformed into a big top and a performer called Lucas Jet dazzled us with his jaw dropping tricks, including riding on the tallest bike we had ever seen! We also got to take part in our own individual workshop where Lucas taught us how to hold a spinning plate whilst walking and how to perform tricks with bouncing sticks. We were all amazing and impressed our teachers with our perseverance and excellent listening skills. Well done, Reception! At Roebuck Academy we are Performers!





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KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE AT ROEBUCK ACADEMY IS OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY!



Elm & Maple

What a fantastic start Year 1 have had to their Camping Out topic. Last week, local Brownie and Scouts leaders, Wren, Fox and Bluebell came to our school to teach us all about Camping Out! First, we helped them on a Scavenger Hunt through Creature Corner where we found lots of interesting leaves, creatures and flowers. They then taught us how to set up a tent so we could stay warm and dry whilst camping. Lastly, they used the wood we had collected to make a warm, roaring fire! As we watched the flames crackle, we sang songs and roasted lots of delicious marshmallows. At Roebuck Academy we are Campers!



Birch & Pine

Year 2 are reading, 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark,' and in the story, Plop the Owl has a camp-fire. We decided to build and light our own camp-fire so that we could generate some exciting language that we were then able to use in our next Literacy lesson. We enjoyed watching the tall flames growing and touching the marshmallows making them golden and delicious! At Roebuck Academy we are Writers!



Cherry & Pear

This week, Year 3 had the opportunity to take part in a very exciting workshop. Everyone tried to learn and perfect Circus Skills. All of the children showed fantastic resilience within the workshop as some of the skills were tricky to learn. The children loved learning and working with their peers and showed great teamwork when supporting each other to keep going. At Roebuck Academy we: DREAM, BELIEVE & ACHIEVE!



Cedar & Rowan

Year 4 really enjoyed the circus activities this week. We were in awe at the performance during our special assembly and then had a great time learning how to perform and master the activities ourselves. This took lots of practise, not only to learn the skills, but also in applying the Roebuck value of Determination and applying a great deal of Growth Mindset.



We have also taken great pride in our learning across other areas of the curriculum and have all written exciting Rainforest Adventure stories where we were challenged to include vivid descriptions, exciting dialogue and action to engage and excite the reader. At Roebuck Academy we are Writers!





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Year 5 have been exploring the link between mass and weight in Science. We started by explaining the difference between weight and mass, including how they are measured, before testing a range of classroom items to find a link. It turns out, every 100g of mass an object has is approximate to 1 Newton of gravitational pull. How cool is that?! At Roebuck Academy, we are Scientists!



Ash & Elder

We have been lucky enough to have two wonderful workshops this week in Year 6. On Wednesday we welcomed a Circus and we learnt to use different equipment to perform our own skills. The Circus performer and our teachers helped us out if we were struggling with any activity. We played with juggling balls, a diablo, plate spinning and gravity sticks. The circus performer even showed us some really hard tricks including balancing the stick on his chin whilst the plate was spinning, doing a bunch of 360 turns with the gravity sticks, juggling the balls really high and throwing and catching the diablo whilst doing some cool tricks. We had fun with this experience and loved it!



We also took part in a World War 2 workshop with an ex-soldier named Carl. He told us all about how the war started and some of the main battles. We then took part in a quiz and held our nerve as bomb experts using a buzzer game. Finally, we finished off the day with factual information about some of the weapons used in the war before receiving some marching lessons. At Roebuck Academy we are Historians!

