

Monday 2nd October

ROEBUCK ACADEMY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week
at our great school!

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Key Dates

Monday 2nd to
Friday 6th Black
History Week

2/10/23
New to Roebuck
Parent Coffee
Morning

5/10/23
Parent Workshop
for EYFS and KS1
Zones of regulation

9/10/23
Mingle with your
mentor
Y6

10/10/23 Year 5
Anglo Saxon
Workshop

11/10/23 Harvest
festival assembly
10.45* note
change of date

Welcome from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been a very busy couple of weeks at school, with the children enjoying the opportunities they have had in their learning.

Year 6 returned late on Friday from a very successful residential journey at Osmington Bay in Weymouth. A big thank you goes out to the Year 6 team who took the children and made sure that their time there was memorable.

Year 3 spent a lovely day at Celtic harmony and Year 1 and 2 enjoyed the camping out and Bear hunt walks around the school grounds while Cedar class enjoyed Pippi Longstocking at Featherstone Wood school.

Quiz

Unfortunately the RSA Quiz night was postponed due to lack of numbers. They plan to rearrange it later on in the academic year.

Dream team

Last week Roebuck Academy Dream team was selected by the Leadership team of Roebuck. 29 pupils took the time to apply for the positions and the six successful candidates were announced in Monday's assembly. Congratulations go to Henry (Head Boy) and Max and Chung (Deputy Head boys) and Sienna (Head Girl) and Freya and Jazmin (Deputy Head girls) for their successful applications. May I also take the opportunity to thank all of those children who were not successful. The effort they put into their applications really showed how much they value the position of responsibility.

Parents evening

Parents evening will be soon upon us on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October. The office will be opening up slots for face to face appointments on these days in the coming week.

Harvest

We have had to move the Harvest Festival assembly from Monday 9th October to Wednesday 11th October at 10:45am. Please can donations for the festival be sent into class with the children. The donations will then be sent to a local charity.

Sponsorship Football / Netball kit

We have an opportunity for any local business to sponsor the Roebuck Football or Netball kit. If you are interested in this please contact the office.

Dream catcher assemblies.

We want our children to DREAM big and know their possibilities are endless. For this we need YOUR help! Do you have an exciting career you could share with the children?



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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

93.1%

96%

Attendance percentage
we aim for every week

Attendance Awards



Pine
99.3%



Pear
97.3%



Rowan
97.1%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Pine Class who had 99.3% attendance!



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 an assembly to share what you have to offer, please email smithc@roebuck.herts.sch.uk

Scooters/ Bikes

Just a reminder that any unclaimed scooters/ bikes in the shelters that have been left there for a while. will be removed on Friday the 6th October and sent to a recycling centre.

RSA

Many thanks for the members of the RSA who helped organise the MacMillan Coffee morning. The cakes were judged and the winners were as follows:

EYFS- Scarlett in Willow

KS1- Jessica in Birch

Lower KS2- Alice in Cedar

Upper KS2 -Chung in Elder.

Nursery

This week we have been reading 'Super Duper you'. We have been thinking about how we are all unique and special.

We have been painting self-portraits, making our families using natural resources and we have been learning to recognise the letters in our names.

In Nursery we are all special!





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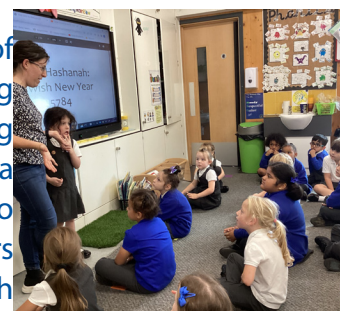
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Reception

It has been another busy fun filled week in Reception with lots of wonderful learning going on. We started our week off with a bang with a surprise visit from a pair of dinosaurs! After discovering that two of our dinosaur eggs were missing, we all went on a dinosaur hunt. The children were surprised and amazed to find two dinosaurs in our EYFS garden. Luckily, they were friendly dinosaurs and the children enjoyed playing chasing and running games with them. The children have also been looking for signs of Autumn and went on an Autumn scavenger hunt at Forest School and learnt how to paint Autumn trees. These paintings look wonderful in our classrooms. At Roebuck we are artists!



Elm & Maple

Last week we were very lucky to be visited by Eve's Mum who spoke to us all about the Jewish holidays. She very kindly baked us some amazing sweet cake to try to help welcome in a 'sweet new year'.



This week Year 1 went for a 'Walk to the Woods' as part of our Literacy unit. We had such an exciting morning! We searched for different types of minibeasts and tried to describe how they look and how they move. Then we went on a colour hunt and tried to find as many different items as we could. We found brown soil, black birds, orange leaves and many more! To finish off our fun morning, we enjoyed some scrumptious marshmallows by the fire!

At Roebuck.. Year 1 are explorers!

Birch & Pine

Year 2 have had a fantastic few weeks exploring and writing their own stories, based on 'The owl who was afraid of the dark'. We had a camp fire, where we roasted marshmallows, sang songs and played some games. It was so much fun! This week we have planned and written our own story, based on the book. We have changed the character and what they are scared of. We have been amazed by the children's creative ideas, in Birch class one child wrote about a shark that was





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scared of the water and in Pine class, a child wrote about a cat, who was scared of mice.

Cherry & Pear

Our trip to Celtic Harmony camp helped us to understand what it took to survive in the Stone Age. We looked at all aspects including: hunting, gathering, cooking, keeping warm, trading, den building and more. At Roebuck we are eager beavers!

Cedar & Rowan

It has been another busy week in Year 4. After finishing our 'Feast' stories, we have started a new literacy unit based on a book called 'Float.' On Monday, we had an experience day where we had to make an origami boat. Mrs Jarman and Ms McAnuff picked a hard design that none of us had tried to make before. We thought about our feelings as we were making it and discussed the vocabulary. It started off quite easy but gradually got harder and some of us felt very overwhelmed. However, we persevered, and we were very proud of our achievements at the end of the lesson.

Cedar class were lucky enough to work with Trestle theatre group. During the session, we used masks to get into character and explore different emotions. It was great to see the class developing their acting skills and getting into character. We have been able to borrow the masks so hopefully other children in school will get a chance to work with them in the future.

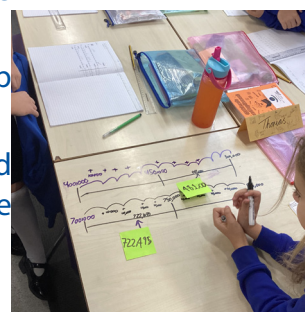
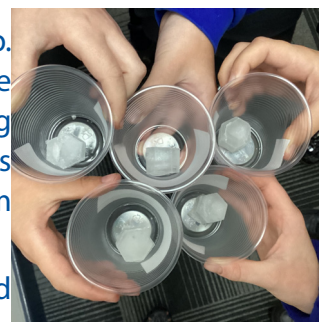
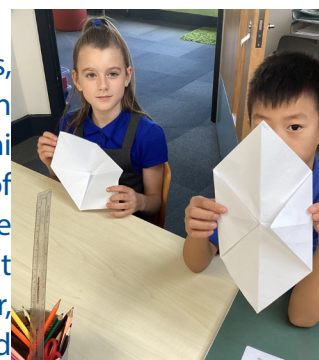
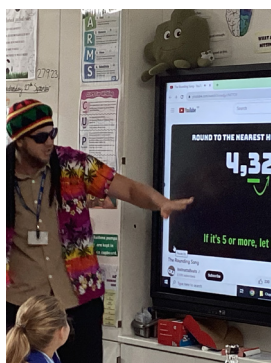
In Science, Year 4 have been investigating melting. They have planned and carried out an experiment to investigate how quickly ice melts when it is placed in different places.

Juniper & Sycamore

Year 5 have had a fantastic few weeks. In Science, they continued to explore forces and carried out multiple investigations to discover whether the mass or size of an object impacts how quickly it falls. Ask your child, "What is the name of the force that made the paper fall to the floor?"

In maths, they have been using their place value knowledge to help them round. Ask your child, "What are the rules for rounding?"

In English, Year 5 finished their first narrative unit called 'Cosmic' and wrote their own action-packed endings. Ask your child, "What vehicle did your car turn into and what exciting things happened?"





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Sporting Success.


Thursday saw competitors from Roebuck take part in the annual Stevenage Sporting Futures Cross country competition. With Year 6 away on PGL in Weymouth, it was left to Year 5 runners to take part in the event. We took 12 Year Five children to represent the school and every child represented the school brilliantly. Both teams of children were able to show the Roebuck Values (DREAMS) especially determination. A special well done to the Year 5 girls team winning gold in the team event and individual success for Courtney (gold medal) and Alexia (silver medal).



Thursday saw Mrs Mechelewska host her Coffee morning for parents of EAL children. The parents have organised an International day, which will be held on Thursday the 9th November at school. This will run in a similar way to the event they held before Covid, when parents and pupils presented aspects of their culture. This included sharing a range of traditional food, traditions and costumes from their culture. If you are interested in supporting this event please contact the office and we will pass your details onto Mrs Mechelewska.



International Day at Roebuck



We are holding an International Day at Roebuck on the 9th of November.

If you are interested in supporting this event please come and speak to us.
All welcome 😊

Let's make this a day to remember!!