

Monday 16th October

ROEBUCK ACADEMY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week
at our great school!

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Key Dates

Monday 16th
October Year 4
Greek Workshop

18/10/23
Parents Evening
3.30- 5.30

19/10/23
Parents evening
3.30- 6.50

Wednesday 18th
/ Thursday 19th
Book Fair

20th October Day
of The Dead
celebration

30/10/23
Term begins
Year 6 Fright Night
event

Welcome from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

Well the first half term has flown by and this week we have Parent Consultations on Wednesday and Thursday evening after school. Appointments are available on School cloud and will be held in the main hall. Entrance will be through the main reception. The Book fair will be set up in school for you to purchase books during the evening. In the media suite you will also have the opportunity to complete a parent questionnaire about school.

Harvest

Harvest Festival was held by Reverend Kate last Wednesday. A huge thankyou for the donations that were brought into school as these were sent onto a local charity Foodshed.



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? 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

RSA

The MacMillan Coffee morning, that was held last month, raised £157.80 for the charity. Many thanks.

Day of the Dead- Just a reminder that we have a dressup day on Friday- a poster advertising this can be found at the end of the newsletter.



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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

94.2%

96%

Attendance percentage
we aim for every week

Attendance Awards



Willow
99%



Sycamore
97.6%



Elder
97%

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

The Governing body has successfully appointed Krista Toal as Deputy Head starting in January. We look forward to welcoming Krista to Roebuck and she will be popping into school over the last few weeks of term.

Parent Workshops

Having held Parent workshops on Reading and Phonics in September, we thought it worth while posting some help videos onto our website to help parents understand Phonics and early reading skills. These videos can be found on the school website using the link below.

Phonics - Found on the Curriculum page for Phonics

<https://www.roebuck.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=PHONICS&pid=129>

Mrs Herbaut has also posted some activities aimed at Reception children. These activities are also on the website .

Reception Activities- Found on the Curriculum page for Early Years How to help your child

<https://www.roebuck.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=How+to+help+your+child&pid=353>

Secondary School admissions

Tuesday 31st October is the deadline date for Secondary School admissions. If you are parents of children in Year 6 please ensure that you have completed your applications for secondary school places.

Water Bottles

Please can you make sure that your child's water bottles are named and of a hard plastic nature. There have been a number of Prime bottles creeping into class containers and it is hard to know who they belong to.

Playground plea.

Please can you try and keep younger children off the Pirate ship before and after school, as well as not allowing them to play with the equipment found outside the Year 2 classrooms.



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Phonics





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Nursery

This week in nursery we have been thinking about Harvest time. We have been reading stories and have been discussing where fruit and vegetables come from. We went for a walk to find an apple tree. We picked 18 apples! The children decided that they would like to make an apple crumble. We carefully followed the recipe, and the crumble was delicious!

Reception

This week has been another busy one in our Reception classes. The children have enjoyed completing a set of 'choosing challenges'. These challenges have included painting a picture of a pumpkin, tapping golf tees into a pumpkin and using paint rollers to paint the floor with water. All these challenges are designed to develop the children's fine and gross motor skills which are vital for writing. This week the children have visited Forest School again and learnt about hibernating animals and pretended to be a squirrel and hid acorns in the forest. The children also enjoyed collecting objects such as leaves, sticks, and plants to create a picture of a hedgehog. At Roebuck we are Adventurers!

Elm & Maple

This term Year 1 have been learning about seasonal changes. We went on an adventure to spot signs of Autumn. We saw leaves turning brown and empty birds nests in trees. But then we had to dash back inside because we got caught in the rain (standard UK weather)! This week we made our very own weather reports using maps, props and microphones. We enjoyed working together as a team! At Roebuck we are.. Meteorologists!

Birch & Pine

Year 2 have enjoyed celebrating Black History Month. We learned about Leyland Melvin and created a biography about him. We even dressed up as an astronaut! We enjoyed learning about other significant people in History, including Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King. We sang songs and learned about the importance of Black History Month. We finished off our week





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by creating placards!

Cherry & Pear

Year Three have been immersed into their Stone Age topic this whole half term. What better way to end it? Make some rock cakes! We learnt key skills such as mixing wet and dry ingredients together as well as cracking an egg.

Cedar & Rowan

Year 4 have shown plenty of enthusiasm during History lessons this half term. In our recent lessons, we have been learning about the battle of Marathon. We debated about which factors led to the success of the Athenian army during this battle and completed a diamond nine chart to represent our conclusions. We have also enjoyed active learning tasks where we had to hunt like archaeologists for artefacts from the past and analyse the details on these to find information about Ancient Greek beliefs and Gods.

In recognition of Black History Month, we had a special assembly which inspired us to think meaningfully about celebrating and treating everyone equally. We then had an opportunity to make our voices heard through creating placards to contribute towards a whole school display which will remind all of the important messages which we have shared.

In Maths, we have continued our learning on number and place value. We enjoyed applying our rounding and estimating skills to everyday contexts such as rounding, estimating and calculating prices for items when shopping.

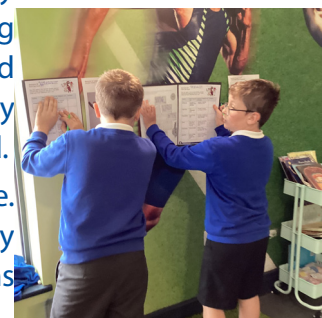
In French, we have been improving our conversation skills by practising how to greet someone, introduce ourselves, ask and reply about how someone is feeling as well as asking and responding about how old we are. We are linguists!

Juniper & Sycamore

Year 5 participated in a fantastic Anglo-Saxon workshop, where they learnt all about the 7 Kingdoms, ancient artefacts, played traditional games (Merels) and completed a quiz. They also got to compete with the opposite class by challenging them to spear wrestling. Overall, they had a brilliant day and consolidated their learning.

In maths, Year 5 have been adding and subtracting using a range of methods. These included number lines and column method. In English, they wrote their own persuasive speech.

Well done Year 5!





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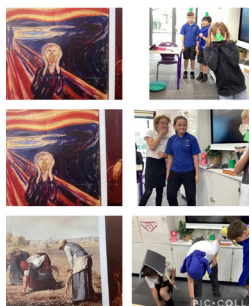
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Elder & Ash

In Art, Year 6 have been learning, as part of their photography unit, how to re-create famous paintings. They had to think very carefully about the composition of their picture and how they can use different objects around the classroom as props replicating items in the paintings.

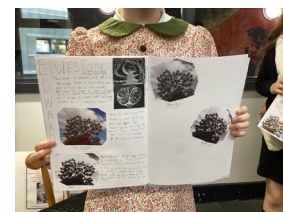
We have also edited photos which we have taken. We studied on using macrophotography and edited our images carefully, using inspiration from an artist called Edward Weston. Lastly, we have been trying really hard to improve our sketchbook skills. We are so proud of the outcomes. At Roebuck, we are photographers.



Sporting Success.

Amazing work from the boys and girls table tennis teams, they've given up their own lunch times to practice with Mr Steedman and the practice clearly paid off with the boys finishing 3rd and the girl's finished 2nd in their competitions.

The girls were incredibly close to winning the gold missing out by two shots/points. Great work by everyone and it was brilliant to see all the team supporting each other throughout the competition.



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!!



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Non-Uniform Day

Friday 20 October



Dress in Day of the Dead themed clothes in exchange for something from the list

EYFS (Nursery & Reception): Bottle of drink (wine, fizzy drink, squash...)
KS1 (Years 1 & 2): Toiletries (shower gel, hand-soap, bubble bath...)
Lower KS2 (Year 3): Chocolate (boxed chocolate, chocolate bars...)
(Year 4): Teddies (soft, stuffed and furry friends...)
Upper KS2 (Year 5): Sweets (individually wrapped sweets, haribo...)
(Year 6): Christmas Items (cards, decorations, wrapping paper...)

Drinks and toiletries to be new and unused please.

