

Monday 27th November

ROEBUCK ACADEMY

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

It was so nice to see so many families in School on Saturday supporting the Roebuck School Association Christmas Fayre. We really do appreciate the hard work and time that went into organising and delivering such a wonderful community event. A huge thank you to the organising committee as well as the parents who gave up their time on the day to make the day run so smoothly.

The amount that was raised was £1029.07. Many thanks for all the support.

Christmas Dinner

Please make sure that if your child is having a School Christmas dinner on the 13th December that it has been ordered in good time. This is so that cook can put in the order to guarantee the food is delivered on time.

When ordering your child's meal, please ensure they know what has been ordered as an increasing number of children have turned down the food order that has been placed for them and they have said they didn't ask for the food that has been provided.

Walking into school- dropping off to classes.

For parents of children in Year 5 and below, please ensure that your child is escorted to the classroom door at the start of the day by a parent or a known adult.

School Council have chosen the following as the winners of the Odd Sock Design Competition. Well done to these children.

Reception: Summer and Freddie

Year 1: Leona and Leighton

Year 2: Amara and Rex

Year 3: Harley W

Year 4: Maisie B and Amaya T

Year 5: Jeraline

Year 6: Grace B

Decorate a jar competition

Many thanks for the jars that were handed into school for the decorate a jar competition for the Christmas Fayre. The winners were

EYFS Willow C (Willow) KS1 Darcie P (Maple)

Lower KS2 Lacey K (Cedar) Upper KS2 India Rae S (Elder)

### Key Dates

30/11/23

Year 2 Books and Breakfast

4/12/23 Parents  
Mental Health  
Coffee Morning

4/12/23

Year 6 Mingle  
with your mentor  
breakfast

6/12/23

Nursery Nativity  
11.00am

6/12/23

KS1 Carols around  
the tree PM  
performance

7/12/23

KS1 Carols around  
the tree AM  
performance

### Key Dates

7/12/23

EAL Christmas  
Coffee morning

8/12/23

Year 4 Books and  
Breakfast

11/12/23

Year 5 Books and  
Breakfast

11/12/23 EYFS  
Reception  
Christmas  
Production PM

12/12/23 EYFS  
Reception  
Christmas  
Production AM

13/12/23  
Christmas Dinner  
Day



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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%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

## Attendance Awards



Elder  
98.3%



Sycamore  
97.4%



Elm  
96.7%

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



### Nursery

This week in Nursery, we were joined by our parents for Stay and Play. We were very excited to show our grown ups the Nursery environment and all the things that we do at school.

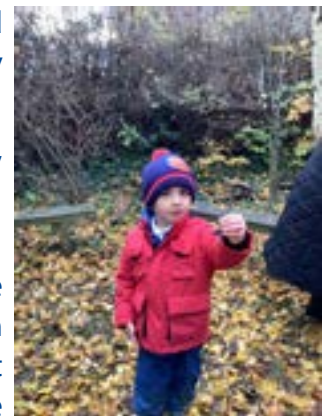
Thank you to all the parents for coming and your continued support, we had a great time!

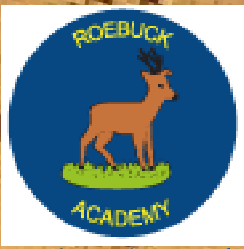
### Reception

This week in Literacy, we have been reading the text 'Jack and the Jelly Beanstalk'. Grandma Fantastic has been giving the children some tricky words, but the children have been using their robot arms to sound them out amazingly. We have been describing the taste of jellybeans and was even able to taste some to give us some ideas. The children came up with words like 'sticky, sweet, tasty, yummy, gooey'. We based our Forest School session on their Literacy book this week and made our very own nature inspired beanstalk. The children were brilliant at following instructions and working together and were pleased with their finished creation. We look forward to seeing if anything travels down the beanstalk at next week's Forest School session! At Roebuck we are nature explorers!

### Elm & Maple

It always feels so busy in Year One, and this week has been no exception!





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## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

### AT ROEBUCK ACADEMY IS OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY!

In Literacy we have wrapped up our writing about Florence Joyner, by thinking about our own dreams and goals. We thought about what we wanted to do or be when we are grown ups. We had some very inspirational answers from firemen, to being a mummy, to owning our own houses and cars. Someone even said they wanted to be a vet.



In Art, we have tried to create our own continuous line drawings of objects and of people. We were very successful and felt very proud of our work.



Our phonics evening was a huge success and we hope it was a helpful workshop for you all.

In Maths, we have continued learning about numbers to 20 and we have been spotting patterns in number.

In Year One, we are inspirational!



Birch & Pine

Year 2 have had quite a busy two weeks. We have enjoyed exploring multiplication and division in Maths. We have been using a variety of different resources to support our understanding.



We have been raising money for Children in Need. We dressed up in spots and Pudsey clothing and joined the Joe Wicks challenge!



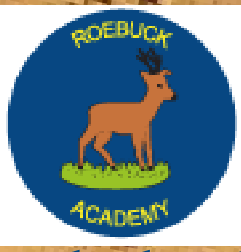
We were also visited this week by No Outsiders who spoke to us about treating each other kindly and celebrating differences.



Cherry & Pear

This week, Year 3 went on a local walk. We followed key points on a map and identified physical and human features. We also thought about what services were important within our local area. After lots of hard work, we found our last check point... the park! The children loved playing with their friends creating memorable special moments. At Roebuck, we are Geographers!





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## Cedar & Rowan

Year 4 are continuing to enjoy the Maths No Problem lesson structure and have become so much more fluent with using manipulatives and finding a wider range of ways to represent and explain their reasoning to solve problems!

We also embraced the opportunity to take part in Odd Socks Day. This event was a meaningful reminder of important messages about how to deal with bullying and have an anti-bullying mindset. In addition to this, we engaged in a very thought provoking 'No Outsiders' workshop which helped us to consider how we treat one another and ways that we can communicate and interact even more positively together.

We are really proud of our Pavilions which we made in our DT lessons! Our challenge was to design and build a secure and free-standing structure which included cladding. We enjoyed using the glue guns independently to bring our structures to life and were also challenged to problem solve like designers in the real world when things did not work as we had planned in our designs. Mrs Jarman and Ms McAnuff were very impressed with the determination and resilience shown to overcome these challenges! Well done Year 4! We are architects!

## Juniper & Sycamore

This week year 5 have started their new literacy topic, writing a diary based on Scott's trip to the Antarctic.

To prepare we had an experience day using camping equipment to 'camp out' in the school playground. Some of us got rather cold!

In maths we are coming to the end of our multiplication topic where we have been multiplying 2,3 and even 4-digit numbers! The children have done a great job and shown real resilience throughout the topic.

In science, we have continued our investigations into forces and their effects on objects. We have looked at how different amounts of mass can stretch an elastic band.





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## Elder & Ash

As you know, we have had the well known Pudsey day. On this day we all dressed in yellow for children in need. We made money for charity by doing a burpee challenge. The year sixes helped each year group count and all the children got a high five from Pudsey!

After plotting our own ideas in literacy, based on the story of Rose Blanche, we started to plan our own version of the ending. We were given a starting plot point and then we generated the rest of the plots.

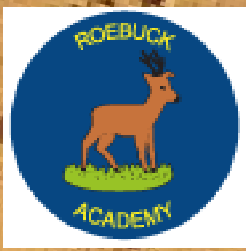
Every year had a visitor who came in to talk about equality. Year 6 were taught about: LGBTQIA+ and race. We had debates with the visitor and tried to prove our points. We discussed a book called Tango makes 3 and debated about why the book was banned in some countries. We also debated if Harry Kane should've worn the LGBTQIA+ band in the world cup set in Qatar that he was forbidden to wear because of their laws. By, Ruby T & Christopher S

A big thank you to the parents who attended the EYFS and KS1 Phonics evenings last week we hope you found them useful. A massive thank you to Mrs Herbaut and the EYFS and KS1 staff who helped put on such a wonderfully informative workshop.

Another big thank you to Roebuck parents and children for the amount donated to the Royal British Legion poppy appeal. The school received a thank you letter after collecting £559.63. Thank you.

The school also raised £321.40 for BBC Children in Need. Another big thank you for this.





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Buccaneers will be running a christmas shopping day for parents on Sunday 10th December, the session will run 10:30 - 2:30. All children must be dropped off at 10:30 and collected at 2:30.

Children will be provided with pizza and sharing snacks. There will be lots of activities to do and prizes to be won.

The cost will be £12.50 for the session, this can be booked via School gateway.

Please read the following from the Children's Commissioner for England who has written to all schools the following letter to include on their communications with parents.

[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition) .

It is really important that the pupils at Roebuck Academy have participated in The Big Ambition survey and had their say.

I want to ensure that the voices of the children in Hertfordshire are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country.

I must reiterate that it is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

Children can complete the survey in assemblies, form times, PSHE or in other lessons this term. The survey can also be done as homework and parents can assist children who cannot complete the survey themselves (children under 5 and children with Special Educational Needs). This is a great opportunity to teach children about politics and why it is important for them to use their voice!

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel De Souza

Children's Commissioner for England

Access can be gained using the QR code below or visiting the website mentioned above.

[Click here take the survey](#)

or scan the QR code to complete the survey by Friday 15th December  
and make your voice heard!

