



Monday 29th April

ROEBUCK ACADEMY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our great school!

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Key Dates

30/4/24
Step to Skills
Parent training

2/5/24
Hockey
Festival

3/5/24
Girls Football
festival

6/5/24
Bank Holiday
School Closed

7/5/24
Step to Skills
Parent training

8/6/24
Tag Rugby festival
Year 4

Welcome from the Headteacher

Welcome back to you all after the Easter break for what promises to be an action packed Summer term. Term dates have been sent out and include dates for Sports days. At the end of the news letter you will find a flyer for May half term holiday club as well as one for voting for Stevenage Youth Mayoral candidates.

Homework Survey

Many thanks for all of the parents who completed the survey on Homework. We will be analysing the results of the returned surveys and look to adapt our Homework policy.

Clothing Bank

We have had a clothing bank delivered to school in the main car park in aid of a cancer care charity. Please make sure donations are placed inside the container.



Reading at Roebuck

Key Stage 1 hosted an afternoon read for parents last week on Thursday. Thank you to all parents who attended KS1 reading afternoon. We loved having you all in the classrooms and sharing stories.

Water Bottles

Please make sure that your child's water bottle is named as we have a growing number of ones in our lost property. Additionally when providing a water bottle please can you make sure that it is no bigger than a litre as we are having bottles that are up to 2 litres in capacity and they are taking up a lot of space on tables. We are able to refill the bottle with water at school.

Key Dates

13 to 16/5/24
Year 6 SATS week

14/5/24
Step to Skills
Parent training

14/5/24 Tennis
festival

20/5/24
KS1 Speed
stacking festival

23/5/24
Ultimate frisbee
festival

24/5/24
Last day of
Summer 1st Half
term



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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%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

Attendance Awards



Juniper
98%



Elder
97.3%



Cedar
96.3%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Juniper Class who had 98.7 % attendance!

Nursery Chestnut and Acorn

In Nursery we have introduced our new topic of 'The Secret Garden' for this half term. We were excited to discover that our roleplay area had changed into a garden centre with a beanstalk! We have been reading lots of stories including Jack and the Beanstalk and Jaspers Beanstalk. We have been learning about the life cycle of a bean and have planted our own. We are excited to observe how they change over time.



Reception Oak and Willow

It has been a busy start to the Summer term with lots of amazing learning happening. This half term our topic is called 'Splash'. We have been busy learning all about water, how we use it, where you would find it and how you can travel on it. We decided to focus our learning this week on finding out about different sea creatures. We loved watching different video clips of amazing sea creatures and used non-fiction books to find out about different sea creatures. The children then put their artistic skills to work by creating their own individual sea creature which we added to our class display. At Roebuck Academy we are artists!





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

Elm & Maple



Ahoy there me hearties! Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed kicking off their new topic with a Pirate dress up day. We had a full day of DT where we designed, created, tested and then evaluated our very own pirate ships. It was great fun testing out all of the boats on the seven seas!



In Literacy we have been writing a non-chronological report all about Pirates. We used role play to act out many different jobs aboard the ship and decided which ones we would and would NOT enjoy! We also learned about different foods and drinks that Pirates may have had. We even tried our very own Ginger Beer. Yo-ho-ho! We've had a blast!



Birch & Pine



Wow what a great first two weeks back from the Easter break for Year 2. We have started our new topic and have been learning all about monarchs. We have also been reading George and the Dragon. We have enjoyed writing all about dragons and knights. Our highlight was visiting Mountfitchet Castle. This will really inspire our writing and thank you to all the parent helpers who attended.



Dream catcher assembly.



In our last dreamcatcher assembly, we were joined by Kate Newton, a senior first officer pilot for EasyJet. After playing for several years for the England Rugby team; Kate decided to follow in the footsteps of her dad, grandfather and great-grandfather (who flew in both World Wars). Kate talked to the children about her inspiration, training and daily routines as a pilot. Many times, she told the children that being a pilot must truly be the best job in the world. After watching several videos of Kate landing, taking off, flying past storms and majestic sights it was easy to see why she thought this.



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





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Cherry & Pear

What a fantastic first few weeks back we have had in Year 3! We have been busy working on our sentence structures in Literacy, ensuring we are using the correct punctuation and conjunctions where appropriate. We have continued to delve into our Book Talk Books and exploring them through different Reading Rainbow lenses. As always, we LOVE visiting the Library and one lucky child found a golden ticket! Hooray for new books!



Cedar & Rowan

Year four have enjoyed kicking off the summer term with investigating, designing and making their own torches. We re used plastic bottles and applied our learning in Science lessons to create and add an electrical circuit including switches we made ourselves using cardboard, paper fasteners and paper clips. We are looking forward to including additional design features as our next step.



In computing, we have been animators and so far have investigated different types of animation and learnt about some features of animation programs such as 'onion skinning' (a technique to see and work with several frames at once).

In music lessons, we have been appraising songs by the Beatles and accompanying these with singing and instruments. We are really looking forward to creating our own compositions linked to these songs.



APPLICATIONS FOR NURSERY PLACES IN SEPTEMBER ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

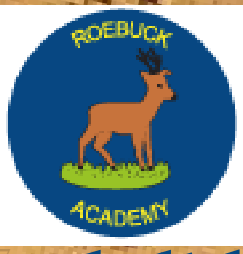
• Fully Funded 15 & 30 hour places • Wrap around care provided daily 7:30am - 6:00pm at Roebuck Buccaneers

"Our children are the beating heart of our school and we ensure that every child is valued, nurtured and encouraged to be the best that they can be."



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Juniper & Sycamore

Since returning from Easter year 5 have continued our maths topics focusing on decimals. We have been looking at rounding, adding and subtracting decimals of up to 3 digits. Next week we will be starting our new topic looking at percentages.

We also started a new narrative in literacy based on the Michael Morpurgo book 'I believe in unicorns'. We have enjoyed our sentence stacking lessons based on the book and are going to be writing a similar story based on a special place of our own.

In year 5 we have some talented artists! We have been looking at architecture as part of our new topic in art and have been sketching some observational drawings of houses. Take a look at some of our wonderful work!

Ash and Elder

This week, we have been learning about the ancient Maya civilization. We focused on using artefacts to inform us of how they lived and what they believed in. We studied King Pakal's death mask and asked questions. In addition, we also studied how the Maya communicated. We found out that they wrote using their own hieroglyphs and created their own books called codices. We created our own using well-known Maya symbols. After this, we then looked in-depth at their hierarchy system. We discussed what life was like for rich or poor members of Maya society. Next week, watch out- a member of Year 6 will be sacrificed! Who will it be? Only the high priest will decide!

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WHEN:
MONDAY 8-8:30AM
EYFS AND KS1
THURSDAY 8-8:30AM
KS2

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Meet the four candidates:

Frankie Duncan,
Marriotts



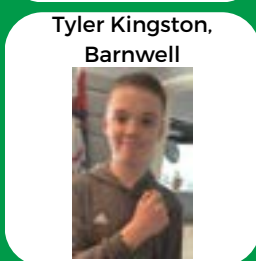
Lahaina Sutherland,
Barclay Academy



Veda Kishore, The
Nobel School



Tyler Kingston,
Barnwell



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Stevenage
BOROUGH COUNCIL

SUPER STAR SPORT

MAY HALF TERM CAMP

NINJA WARRIOR DAY! **WATER SPORTS DAY!** **BOUNCY CASTLE DAY!** **FOOTBALL & GYMNASTICS FRIDAY!** **PRIZES TO BE WON!**

Roebuck Academy Primary School
St Margarets, Broadwater, Stevenage SG2 8RF

28th May - 30th May

Full day: 9AM - 3PM
Year 1 - 6 Children

Half day: 9AM - 12:45PM
Reception - Year 7 Children

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★ Half Day
£14 per day
£42 for the week

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