

Tuesday 14th May

ROEBUCK ACADEMY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week
at our great school!

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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

Welcome from the Headteacher

I cannot believe that we are already just a couple of weeks away from the end of the first Summer Half term. With the change in the weather please make sure that on days where it is forecast for sun, your child has a sun hat and suncream applied.

This week will see Year 6 sit their SAT's tests and we wish them good luck for the week. They have really impressed staff with the hard work in class as well as their dedication in attending extra learning either before or after school in booster sessions.

Governing body

Chair of Governors Vacancy - Roebuck Academy (commencing 1st September)

We are currently recruiting for a new Chair of Governors for Roebuck Academy's local governing body. This is an excellent opportunity for a confident, committed chair who is keen to work with a strong and experienced leadership team at both school and trust level. If you are interested in finding out more about this role, please email Robert Dale, Governance Professional on rdale@nhc.ac.uk. Additionally please feel free to speak to Mr Mari or Mrs Toal at school.

Parking at drop off and pick up

Please try and park responsibly when dropping off or picking up your child. We have had reports of cars driving along pavements to get through at busy times. This puts pedestrians in danger, so please avoid this.

Snacks in school

Children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 are provided with a healthy fruit or vegetable snack during their morning breaktime. If you want to provide your child with a snack, during breaktime, please try and make sure that this is a healthy snack which could include fruit or vegetables.

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.

3/6/24 INSET
day School
closed

5/6/24
Year 4 Golf
Festival

6/6/24
KS1 Parent
Reading session
8.30 - 9.00

6/6/24
Y5 British
Museum Trip

6/6/24
Y6 Graduation
photos

6/6/24
Boys cricket
festival



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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



Juniper
97.9%



Elm
95.8%



Cherry
95.7%

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

This week in Nursery we have been learning about the life cycle of a frog.

We were very excited to see that we have our own tadpoles in Nursery, so we can observe how they change over time. Some of our tadpoles have begun to change into froglets and have small back legs.

We will continue to see how the tadpoles change over the coming weeks.

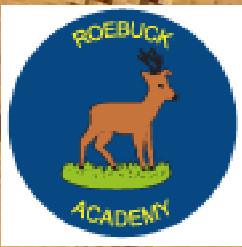
Watch this space!



Reception Oak and Willow

This week the children in Reception have helped their teachers build a bug hotel for our outdoor garden. The children have spent a long time collecting various natural materials like leaves and sticks to create a home for minibeasts. We have also planted wildflowers to encourage lots of visitors to our bug hotel. The children are now very busy looking after the seedlings and of course hunting for minibeasts. At roebuck we are minibeast hunters!





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Elm & Maple

In maths, Year 1 have enjoyed using clocks and learning to tell the time. We have used fantastic time vocabulary to describe different parts of our day. We have also been busy recapping all of our Phase 3 and Phase 5 sounds and reading a mixture of real and non-real words. Our history kicked off with learning about Grace O'Malley and ordering the events of her life on a timeline. We have also been learning to play the Glockenspiels in Music. We sound great! In Year 1 we are Historians and Musicians!



Birch & Pine

Year 2 have had a fantastic two weeks learning about knights and writing instructions on how to be one. We used our trip to Mountfitchet as inspiration and learned about knights and how they lived. Next week we will start to write another set of instructions on how to fence. We took part in a fencing lesson to learn all the different steps!

We have also been exploring 2d shapes in Maths and have especially enjoyed finding lines of symmetry!





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Dream catcher assembly.

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. We will be welcoming past Pupil Marcin Kurek on Thursday 24th May for our latest Dream Catcher assembly.



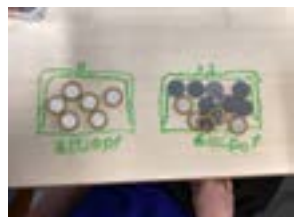
Cherry & Pear

This week, we have started our new Design and Technology unit. We recapped prior learning by threading a needle, tying knots, sewing a running stitch and a cross stitch. The children did very well and showed great determination. Stay tuned for our finished product.



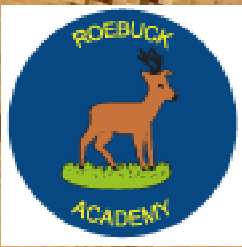
Cedar & Rowan

Year 4 have been busy completing their torch projects. They went back to their plans and then used different materials to clad their torch to help it fit the design brief. They then had the difficult job of putting their circuit into the housing without breaking the circuit. Lots of perseverance was needed at this point! We were really impressed with the creativity of the children and how they added extra features such as handles to their designs. In Maths, we have been using our work on decimals and applying this to money. The children have used their rounding skills to estimate before calculating worded problems. We have had lots of discussions about the relevance of this and how it is useful in real life experiences.



In Literacy, we have started to write a story based on the book called The Whale by Ethan and Vita Murrow. We started this unit by carrying out our own research about whales. We also had another experience day where we used items in a backpack to discover more about the main character in our story. Then, we made predictions about the choices she might make in the story.





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Juniper & Sycamore

Year 5 have had new topics coming in from all angles! (You'll see the pun later)

In literacy we have started our new literacy topic based on the book kick where we will be writing a letter to a professional sports person to try and persuade them to wear clothes with a label that show their clothes come from child labour free zones. We have completed our research and will begin starting our writing process.

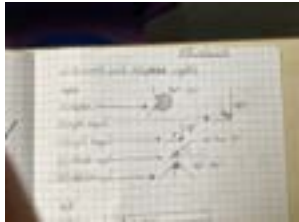
In maths our new topic, you guessed it, is angles!

We have been looking at the different types of angles and have been practising using a protractor to measure the angles accurately.

Take a look at our books and us practising using our protractors.

Ash and Elder

For one of our topic lessons, we sacrificed a member of the class to recreate a Maya ceremony. First we paid for our victim with red beans. Then, we held their arms and painted their face blue before pinning them down on the alter to perform the ritual. Once the sacrifice had been completed we had a go at writing up this process in a first person recount. In computing, we have been planning and composing blogs about topics of our choice. We planned using '2connect' in Purple Mash which helps us to plan a mind map. In the upcoming week, we shall be doing our exams commonly referred to as SAT's. To do revision, we split the classes into groups, so we could focus on specific areas. In art, we had compared Van Gogh to Adam Lister using Lister's pixelated art. During SPaG we played a quiz in teams to answer grammar questions. In Science we looked at reflection and refraction and used water and a glass to see how the glass and water can alter an image. At Roebuck, we are historians!



APPLICATIONS FOR NURSERY PLACES IN SEPTEMBER ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

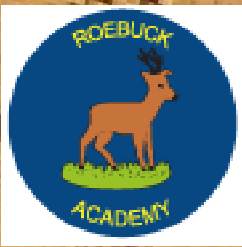
• Fully Funded 15 & 30 hour places • Wrap around care provided daily 7:30am - 6:00pm at Roebuck Buccaneers

"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."



Contact us today!
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Roebuck Sports update

Since the last update! We took part in the year 4 Speed stacking Finals coming 3rd in the team relay as well 3rd in the Boys relay. We took a team of KS2 children to the inspire and develop festival - picking up a silver in the golf and bronze in the cricket we were also awarded the school games value for teamwork. The KS1 Rapid fire cricket team game 2nd place missing out on gold by one run! Our Year 6 Hockey team finished 2nd and were awarded the schools game value for de-termination! In football our year 5/6 girls team have reached the Semi Final of the cup. We also took 11 Year four boys to Stevenage Rugby club to learn some tag rugby skills and play some practise matches - we had a great day playing rugby in the sun!



The Youth Mayor is currently carrying out consultation on a new PlayZones initiative. The Council will be partnering up with the Football Foundation to create exciting new community-led spaces, in which they want to hear the views of young people.

PlayZones are safe, inclusive and accessible outdoor facilities that bring communities together through recreational forms of football and a range of other sports.

Consultation has begun for the initiative and would be great to get a young person's perspective on the project.

Above is promotional material along with a link below to the survey.

Survey link - <https://forms.office.com/e/jwx7pxX9L1>

Have your say!

SURVEY DEADLINE MIDNIGHT 19th MAY

We're working with the Football Foundation to create an exciting new community-led space. We'd love to hear what activities you'd enjoy; it could be anything from football and basketball to netball and fitness classes.

Find out more and share your views:

Scan QR Code or use below link
<https://forms.office.com/e/jwx7pxX9L1>

For further info, please contact:
leisure@stevenage.gov.uk

