

Monday 17th June

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## Welcome from the Headteacher

Well the final half term is in full swing with lots happening. Last week saw Year 1 and 2 enjoying their football festival, despite the English weather. This week the children have sports week, where a number of local sports providers will be in school delivering sessions for the children. We hope the weather stays kind for us and we must thank Mr Kalaiarasu for all the organisation behind the scenes. We will also be fortunate to have Artist Amanda Jewitt visiting Roebuck again with the focus on sculpture. We hope to invite you in for a school gallery of the children's work in early July.

I know the Year 1 and 4 teachers were really proud of the children in their classes and their efforts in completing their phonic assessments and Multiplication checks last week. Well done.

### Book Fair

We have a book fair in school from Thursday 20th until Wednesday 26th, which will be on the playground outside of the dining hall. Alongside this the children have all been entered into a competition to win book tokens. This will be drawn by Miss Williams next Wednesday.



### Enterprise day

Year 6 really showed their entrepreneurial skills on Friday when they held their enterprise day. They planned out and ran their own stalls and managed to raise over £500, which will go towards their end of year activities.

## Key Dates

17/6/24 to 21/6/24  
Sports Week

17/6/24  
New Nursery  
parents meeting  
4pm

18/6/24  
Hazard Alley Year  
6 trip

19/6/24  
Fit Kidz in

20 to 21/6/24  
Amanda Jewitt  
artist in school

20/6/24  
New Reception  
parents meeting  
4pm

25/6/24  
Netball festival

25/6/24  
Y5 and 6 Gangs  
workshop

26/6/24  
EYFS Sports day

27/6/24  
KS1 Sports Day

28/6/24  
KS2 Sports Day

1/7/24 to 5/7/24  
Year 6 Bikeability



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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



Cedar  
98.3%



Birch  
97.7%

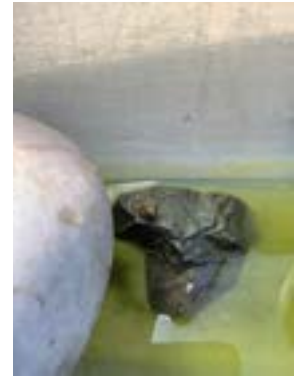


Oak and Willow  
96.7%

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

Over the past few weeks in Nursery we have observed the changes of our tadpoles. We were very excited to spot that some of our froglets have now become frogs! This week the frogs have started to change colour and grow bigger. We are hoping to release them into the stream very soon.



### Reception Oak and Willow

In Reception the children have been learning all about our senses as part of the topic 'Marvellous Me.' We learnt all about the 5 different senses: sight, touch, taste, hearing and smell. The children were then given a challenge to identify 5 different foods or drink by their smell. These included vinegar, hot chocolate and coffee. The children made a prediction before finding out if they had identified the smell correctly. The children have also been busy observing as our caterpillars have continued to grow. We have been talking all about the different stages of the life-cycle. We are now watching carefully to see when our caterpillars spin their cocoons. At Roebuck we are scientists!





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## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

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

#### Elm & Maple

This week, Year 1 have enjoyed a maths topic all about mass. We used the scales to weigh different objects and compared them using the language 'heavier, lighter, as heavy as'. In Literacy, we have been reading *The Storm Whale* by Benji Davies. We enjoyed rowing on the stormy seas, smelling fish and writing sentences to retell the story. In Geography, we have kicked off our topic going on a 'safari'. We sang a song to help us learn to remember the seven continents and five oceans. We also located them on a world map and zoomed in to Kenya in Africa. What a great week it has been!



#### Birch & Pine

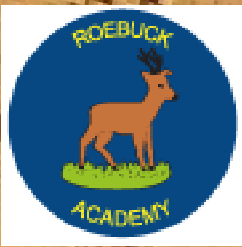
It has been a lovely few weeks back from the half term break. Year 2 have enjoyed exploring fractions in Maths. We have been working together to find half's, quarters and thirds. In writing we are reading *The Crows Tale* and will be writing our own ending of the narrative. We started by exploring the front cover first and making predictions about the text. In Art, we have been developing our colour mixing skills. We used primary colours to mix and used our sketch books to practise this.

#### Dream catcher assembly.

Marcin Kurek

Marcin Kurek used to go to Roebuck when he was young. He lived in Stevenage but now he lives in America, California. He plays American football. He was in the Cheetahs group in 2016-2019 in Hertfordshire. After a while, he moved to Filton Pride in 2019-2021. He has moved into many different teams. He tried very hard to be successful and win. He was very proud of himself. Now, he goes to CSUP. He practices 3 hours everyday. This has inspired many people to do American football. The team meetings last very long time as they need to ensure they talk about every aspect of the game. Many people asked fabulous questions. On weekends, he only gets 1 hour of free time/rest during 8pm to 9pm. Marcin has never stopped chasing his dreams and goals. Even though he had many different dreams when he was younger he had a main dream to reach. We hope he continues to have such an amazing career in American Football. Thank you for making Roebuck proud!





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## Charlotte and Sophie

They are both scientists at GSK and they like to study biology and research. Charlotte went to 2 schools in primary school. Their dreams always changed. They loved helping others who could be ill/ poorly to become better. Charlotte and Sophie are in a big team and work extremely hard on their projects. 99% of their drugs have failed. They also told us to never give up. They do many different experiments and tests. They have many meetings about the new inventions they made. This assembly has inspired lots of people to become scientists when they are older. Sophie was inspired by a fabulous secondary school teacher who taught science. In this assembly, these two people have made us confident that we are going to be able to follow and achieve our dreams.

By Jazmin, Deputy Head Girl

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](mailto:smithc@roebuck.herts.sch.uk).

## Cherry & Pear

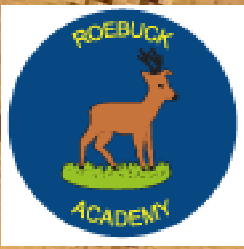
In preparation for our Art workshop this week, Year 3 have been exploring Lourdes Villagomez. We discovered what inspired her work and what impact she has had on other artists. The children created double page spreads using bold colours and information about the artist as their inspiration. Keep an eye out on our social media page on X (twitter) to see our final art piece next week.

## Cedar & Rowan

Year 4 have been busy revising their times tables this week. They have had fun playing a game with playing cards linked to this. We have also been exploring area and perimeter.

In preparation for our art workshop next week with Amanda Jewitt, we have been researching a number of artists and artwork linked to a theme – seafife. This has allowed us to learn that art is often used to raise awareness about important issues such as protecting the oceans.





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Year 5 dived straight into their history topic this half term with a trip to the British School Museum in Hitchin. We began our day learning about the great hall and how many children would have been taught by just one teacher, 800 children to only 1 teacher in the early days. We then explored the old headmasters house and spent time in each room discussing how life would have been different in those times for the people living there – including the lack of electricity, heating and running water! We looked at the creative ways they kept the bed warm, washed and dried their laundry and discussed what the pots were used for under the bed! We discussed the difference in the lives of the poor and rich and how life would have differed for boys and girls. Later we were transported back in time and took part in a Victorian style lesson learning the 3 R's (reading, writing & arithmetic). The children completed their work using slate and pencil and then tried out the ink - dipping their pens in the pot on the table. Some of our left handed children even tried writing with their right hand as they were told, 'The right hand, is the right hand to write with!'. To make the experience as authentic as possible a child was selected to wear the dunces caps and we even had one caning (well, a very good actress that made it seem believable anyway!). We finished our day with a PE lesson – drills in the yard – and then played with Victorian toys. All in all a fantastic day filled with memorable experiences and crammed full of learning.

## Ash and Elder

Over the past few weeks, we have learnt the 'All Star' dance for our 'Shrek' production, furthermore, Mr Alden and Miss Williams have provided us with a Costume List for the Year 6 students. In English, we are completing our independent writing which is 'Alma' (a horror story about a girl who turns into a doll). The Junior Librarians have been restocking the Book Corners with new books in many genres. On Monday, we have Graduation Photos and on Friday we have Class Photos. For Sports Week, we're going to be practising many different sports: Boxing (as you may be relieved to know we shall not be fighting each other), Football, Relay Race, Running and Netball. For Enterprise (which has involved us coming up with our own business ideas) we are trying to make profit on £5 and the money we make will go towards an end of year cinema trip. We were split into groups and had to consider our group name, logo and what products we would sell. Some of us have met with our new secondary schools to help us discuss our worries and concerns about moving up.





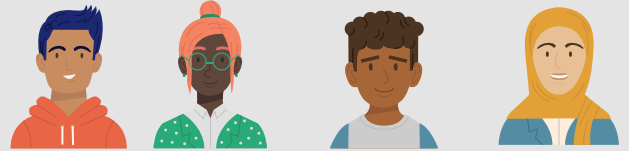
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### Sporting Success

Last week saw Roebuck teams participating in a number of Stevenage Sporting Futures events. Year 6 Girls participated in the rapid fire cricket festival on Wednesday and ended up victorious and qualifying for the Herts finals. We wish the girls good luck in the regional finals when representing Stevenage next week.

On Thursday the Year 4 and Year 5 and 6 athletics teams participated in the Stevenage Athletics festival at Ridlins. There were notable performances with medals won by Phoebe(Y6) in the girls 600m, Elodie (Y4) winning the 300m , Sophie( Y6) coming 3rd in the Y5/6 Long Jump , Sophia S(Y4) coming second in the Y4 Long jump. Then there was relay success in Boys relay winning a silver medal and bronze medals for the girls and mixed relay. With these individual performance and other strong performances by the team, Roebuck managed to win the Team Bronze medal. A wonderful achievement.

