



Monday 16th September

ROEBUCK ACADEMY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week
at our great school!

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Key Dates

19/9/24
Year 6 Mingle with
your mentor ses-
sion 8.15am

23/9/24
Year 1
Woods visit

23/9/24
Year group Indi-
vidual photos Y 1,
Rec, Y2

23/9/24 to 27/9/24
Year 6 PGL.

24/9/24
Individual photos
Y3, Y4, Y5

24/9/24
Golf festival

Welcome from the Headteacher

May I welcome you all back after the summer holidays, especially all the parents and children who are new to Roebuck. We hope you enjoy your time at the school. We are passionate about ensuring the children work hard in their learning but enjoy the curriculum that we have planned for them. This might include experiences in class, visiting workshops or trips out. The children have made an excellent start to the academic year and have really settled back into school, especially our youngest and newest pupils in Nursery and Reception.

Please take time to read the newsletter as it will showcase the varied and enriching curriculum taking place in the school as well as highlighting the amazing work of our children and teaching staff. I hope that you and our children are looking forward to the next few months at Roebuck Academy.

Car Park

We will be completing our annual review of car parking access arrangements and will contact parents who are on our access list. The office will be contacting those parents who currently use the car park and have need for a permit. If you require access to the car park due to a medical issue, please let the office know.

If you are using a car to drop your children around the local area, please park responsibly. Parking wardens might patrol the area during drop off and pick up times.

RSA

The RSA have already been hard at work in preparing for events this term including a Disco and Christmas Fair. Events like this are wonderful opportunities for the children and community to work together. If you are able to support the RSA in helping out at one of these events or even if you can help for an hour please contact RSA@roebuck.herts.sch.uk

Homework and Reading

At Roebuck we know how important Reading is for children. We devote a lot of our curriculum time teaching the children how to read from Nursery right up to Year 6. However we have limited time in school to do this. We know how busy parents are at home especially those who are working but please try and spend some time at home reading with or listening to your child read. At Roebuck we expect the children to read at least 5 times during the week.

27/9/24
Cross country
festival.

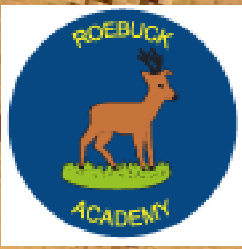
27/9/24
Macmillan
Coffee morning
and Bake off

27/9/24
Year 3 Celtic
Harmony trip

30/9/24- 4/10/24
Black History
week

30/9/24
Year 4 Greek
Workshop

1/10/24
Bridge Builders
assembly



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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

97%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

Attendance Awards



Juniper 99%



Maple/ Pear 98.7%



Cedar/Sycamore 98.3%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Juniper Class who had 99 % attendance!

[Please try and support your children achieving this expectation.](#)

Nursery Chestnut and Acorn

This week the children have been busy settling into their new environment. They have enjoyed exploring all of the different areas, both inside and outside. They have particularly enjoyed exploring the role play area, mud kitchen, sand pit and painting in the creative area.

Well done to all the Nursery children for such a fantastic start!

Reception Oak and Willow

Oak and Willow class have settled really well into routines at Roebuck Academy. This week has been the children's first full week in Reception, and everyone continues to look very smart in their new uniforms. We have shared stories, sang nursery rhymes and become familiar with our new classrooms. The children have played beautifully with each other and are starting to make new friends as well as re-establish old friendships. Lunchtime has been a new experience for the children, and they have coped with it very well. The children eat in the hall and are learning to become more independent by clearing away their lunch items themselves. We have also enjoyed our first PE lesson with our sports coach Mr K and shown our artistic skills by drawing our own self portraits.

The EYFS team have really enjoyed welcoming the children and getting to know them. We are all looking forward to the year ahead learning about lots of wonderful and exciting things together. Well done Oak and Willow class.





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Year 1 Elm & Maple

The Maple and Elm children have settled in extremely well to Year One and we have had a great few days of exciting learning.

In phonics we have been recapping our phonics monsters, including Yellow I and Miss Oh No! We enjoyed our whole school text of "Bottled" and we created our own bottles full of feelings, using pictures from familiar story books.



We started reading "We're going on a bear hunt" and have loved joining in with Michael Rosen to read along with the story. We are also maths wizards and have been ordering numbers to 10! What a busy start to the term

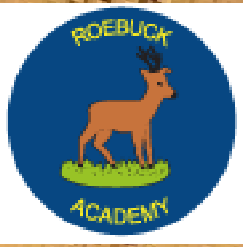
In Year one we are going on a Bear Hunt!



Year 2 Birch & Pine

Year 2 have had an excellent start to the new school year! We have enjoyed exploring our new text Bottled and completed different activities to understand different emotions. In History we have been learning about the Great fire of London! In Maths we have been exploring numbers to 100 and have been working together to solve problems. In Literacy, we have been using adjectives to describe different things. We loved drinking hot chocolate and then describing it afterwards!





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Year 3 Cherry & Pear

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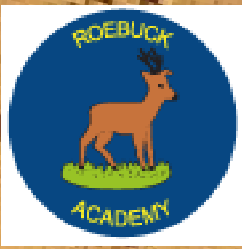


Year 4 Cedar & Rowan

WOW! What a wonderful start to the year we have had in year 4. We have explored the book 'Bottled' all based around our feelings and the importance of sharing our emotions. We were inspired by this book and Picasso to create art work based around cubism.

To begin in our unit of Literacy, we were visited by Timmy! We asked lots of questions and were very excited by our furry friend. We can not wait to see what else Autumn has in store for year 4!





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Year 5 Juniper & Sycamore

Year 5 have made a great start to the year. We are really enjoying our summer reading book Kick and we are now finding out more about child labour and making clothes ethically. This week we have started writing a persuasive letter to a famous footballer, John Stones, asking him to make certain his sponsored kit is manufactured in a Child Labour Free Zone.

In science, we have started our unit on forces by looking at how different forces may act on objects. We carried out a number of experiments and found some interesting results. One of our favourites was a bottle filled with rice. We inserted a pencil into the bottle and had to push it in and out of the rice continually. Eventually, we were able to hold the bottle with just the pencil. We think this happened because the little pockets of air between the rice started to reduce as the pencil was pushed in and out. As the grains of rice got pushed closer together, there was a lot less air between them. The grains were also rubbing against each other and friction allowed the pencil to get 'stuck' in the rice.

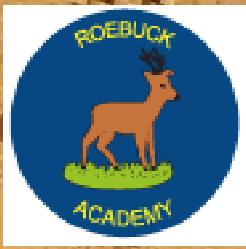


Year 6 Ash and Elder

What a fantastic start to the school year we've had with Year 6! It's great to see so many students settling in brilliantly, embracing their new roles as eldest in the school with such respect and enthusiasm. A remarkable number of children have thrown their hats in the ring for Head Boy/Girl and to be part of the DREAM Team demonstrating not only ambition but also courage to step into leadership positions.

This week, we've also enriched our learning through extensive collaborative activities. Whether working in pairs or larger groups, the children have exhibited exceptional teamwork. Mr Alden and Mrs Longhurst couldn't be more pleased with their effort and the high expectations they've already set for themselves – it's truly commendable! Keep up the fantastic work, Year 6!





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Outside school achievements- Roebuck has Talent!

We would like to continue to celebrate your child's outside school achievement in school. If you would like your child's outside achievements celebrated and recognised by the school, please email details, with photos if possible, to our Office staff, at:

admin@roebuck.herts.sch.uk Alternatively, it is always nice to see children's achievements first-hand. Children are allowed to bring certificate, badges and photographs into school to share with me, and their friends. We would like to celebrate all achievements, no success is too small.

Headteacher or Roebuck value awards will be presented depending on the type of achievement.

Roebuck Academy is working towards the Leading Parent Partnership Award and we have our Validation visit on the 18th September. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you as parents for all your feedback across the year. This may have been through a meeting, workshop, survey, face to face discussion, email or phone call. We take all your feedback to enhance the provision and learning experiences we can provide for pupils and for you as parents. Some changes we have made are included below. All feedback is read and a summary can be seen below:

You said... so... We did.

You said: the amount of homework was not appropriate to some of the age groups

We did: We read comments on the survey, shared and discussed with staff, gathered pupil voice, planned homework again through each Key Stage, re wrote our policy to reflect the changes.

You said: the school is a welcoming place, but some parents needed help to find a classroom.

We did: staff in key locations to direct in the mornings. We have reviewed and purchased new signage.

You said: a greater variety of workshops are needed at varied times in the school day.

We did: we approached and met with Steps to Skills who will be running a variety of workshops across the school year so please look out for posters.

Mrs Elson and Mrs Toal

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