



Monday 30th September

ROEBUCK ACADEMY

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome from the Headteacher

The last two weeks have flown by with lots happening in school. Year 6 have safely arrived back after a successful, although a bit wet PGL in Osmington Bay in Dorset. The children had a great time and I was so proud of not only their wonderful attitude and behaviour while away, but also the determination and resilience shown when trying new things and challenging themselves in . They were pleasure to take away. A huge thank you also must go to the Year 6 team of Mr Alden, Mrs Bell, Mrs Heritage and Mrs Barton who gave up their time to ensure the trip ran smoothly.

### Harvest

We will be celebrating Harvest festival in the next couple of weeks, with Reverend Kate conducting assemblies for KS1 and KS2. Donations of non perishable food can be sent in before next weeks assemblies and will be donated to a local charity.

### EAL Coffee morning

Thursday will see the first EAL coffee morning hosted by Mrs Mechalewska in Buccaneers from 9.00am. Please feel free to drop in. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more details.

### Dream team

This years dream team was announced on Monday in assembly. With nearly 30 applications of a very high standard from children for the posts, this years decision was really tough.

The following children have been selected as Roebuck Dream Team

Head Girl - Sofia Malanciuc , Head boy Lucas Flynn

Dream Team members- Isla Morrison, Sophia Douglas, Grace Britter, Noah Alden, Harley Thomas and Mason Lambert. Congratulations to these children. I know they will fulfill their duties with determination and energy.

### LPPA award

We were visited by the Assessor for the Leading parent Partnership Award(LPPA) and have successfully been re

## Key Dates

30/9/24  
Year 4  
Greek Workshop

1/10/24  
KS1 Bridgebuilders  
assembly

2/10/24  
KS2 Bridgebuilders  
assembly

3/10/24  
EAL coffee  
morning.

3/10/24  
KS1 Crystal Maze

3/10/24  
National Poetry  
Day

7/10/24  
KS2 Harvest  
Festival 9.05am

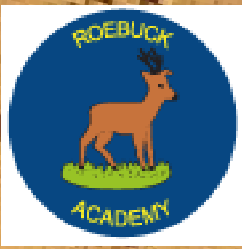
7/10/24  
KS1 Harvest  
Festival 9.45am

9/10/24  
Table Tennis  
festival

10/10/24  
Wear Yellow day  
World Mental  
Health Day

16/10/24  
Boccia Festival

16/10/24  
Zones of  
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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



Pine  
98.3%



Cherry  
97.4%



Juniper  
97.2%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Pine Class who had 98.3 % attendance!



awarded the LPPA award. Congratulations to Mrs Elson and Mrs Toal who spent hours putting together the application as well as the parents who kindly supported the school on the day.

### MacMillan Coffee Morning

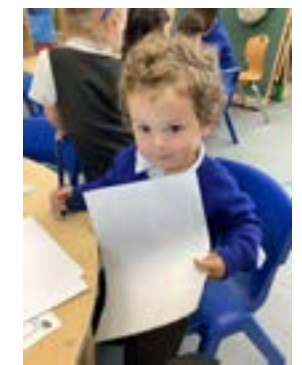
Many thanks to Mrs Toal who organised the Coffee morning last Friday - £164.65 was raised from the cake sale and this will be passed onto the charity. A big thank you to the families who supplied cakes. The winners Judged by Mrs Toal were: Year 5 Alice M, Year 4 Dylan Hashemi, Year 3 Matthew R, Year 2 Reggie R Year 1 Mark P and Reception Mason H. Congratulations to all these children and Mrs Franklin, who won the staff award for best cake.

### Nursery Chestnut and Acorn

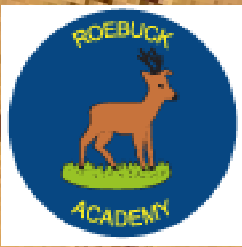
This week in Nursery we have been discussing how we are all special and unique. We have been painting and drawing self-portraits and looking at the features of our faces. We have also talked about our families and what makes them so special to us.

### Reception Oak and Willow

It has been a dinosaur filled week in our reception classes and the children are enjoying learning about different types of dinosaurs. We have been learning about fossils and dinosaur bones and the children have enjoyed making their own fossils out of salt dough. The children worked in groups to make salt dough which was lots of fun. We then rolled and kneaded the playdough into small







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balls and had fun pressing a dinosaur into the dough to make an impression. At Roebuck we are palaeontologists! Well done everyone.

#### Year 1 Elm & Maple

The Elm and Maple children have had a busy few weeks with lots of exploring!

In maths we have been using lots of different resources to help us with counting. We completed a scavenger hunt in science spotting all the different signs of Autumn. We then put on our wellies for our walk to celebrate 'Camping Out'. We collected lots of leaves and sticks which we used to make leaf and bark rubbings. We then had some yummy marshmallows around the (pretend) fire and sang some campfire songs!

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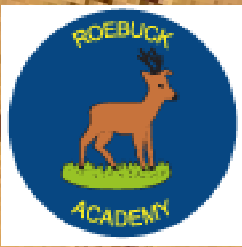


#### Year 2 Birch & Pine

Year 2 have been very busy! We have had lots of experience days to inspire our writing, including a campfire, roasting marshmallows and bread baking! In Science we have been exploring the properties of different materials and conducting experiments. In DT we have been exploring structures, we have explored the stability of different shapes and have worked together to create our own structures. We have continued to develop our understanding of number in maths and continue to use different equipment to build numbers to help us solve problems. In history we have enjoyed learning more about the Great Fire of London and created a breaking news story on why we think it happened!







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Year 3 went to Celtic Harmony Camp to learn more about how people lived in the Stone Age. We watched how fire was made, practised our hunting skills, traded coins in for gifts and built dens



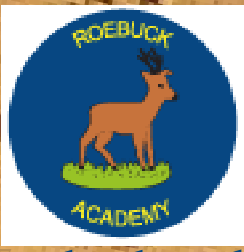
## Year 4 Cedar & Rowan

Year four have really enjoyed using drama and music to develop their descriptive writing. We used body percussion and musical instruments to create a soundscape of a storm in our classroom. We then used this experience to develop vocabulary which we will be using in our writing.

In Maths we have been learning about rounding and using this alongside our calculations to check for accuracy. We have been working towards mastery using maths equipment and a range of representations to represent, explain and prove our ideas.







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## Year 5 Juniper & Sycamore

Year 5 have been looking deeper into Anglo-Saxon Britain history by having a go at being archaeologists and hunting around our rooms to find clues about who was in the burial ship found at Sutton Hoo.

In literacy, we also completed our letters to football clubs asking them to use Fairtrade footballs for the good of underpaid workers in Pakistan.

We have also continued our investigation into forces and how forces effect different objects that have a different mass. We investigated this using cup cake cases. Unfortunately there was no cake inside them.



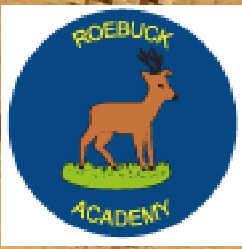
## Year 6 Ash and Elder

Year 6 spent five damp but active days in Osmington Bay, Dorset. The whole week was non stop action with the children enjoying a large range of events including Problem solving, Survivor skills, Aeroball (Basketball meets trampolining) Archery, Fencing. Added to this the rope activities Abseiling, Climbing, Giant swing and Zip line. Highlight of the week was visiting the Olympic sailing venue at Portland where the children experienced watersports including kayaking, Keel boating and Raft building. There were lots of opportunities for collaboration and team building as well as the experience of staying away from home.

For the children who were back home they were treated to a range of adventurous activities including a camping day and eating marshmallows around a campfire. Thanks to Mrs Longhurst for organising the events during the week.







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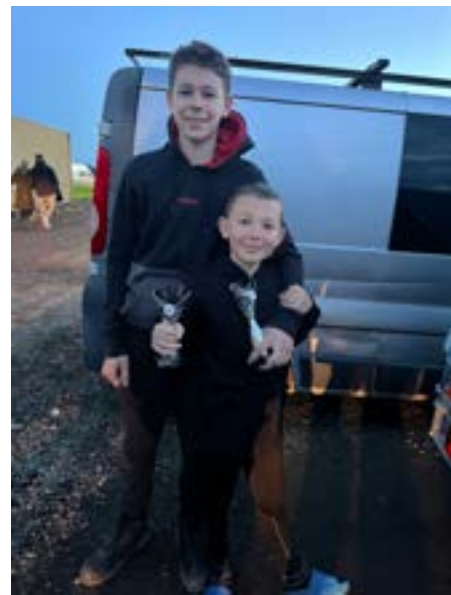


## EAL COFFEE MORNING



Our first coffee morning after the summer holidays will take place on the 3rd October at 9:00. Don't miss it!!

We look forward to seeing you ALL.



At Roebuck we love celebrating achievements outside of school.

Mason competed in his first race day for natska go karting meeting at Fulbeck on Saturday. Even after returning from PGL just the night before he had a 4.30am start on Saturday morning to travel to Fulbeck.

Mason entered into class 4 cadet novice, which is his first ever competitive race, that consisted of one practice and 4 heats over the whole day.

It was an eventful day to say the least but after a little knock Mason went back out at heat 4 and because of his driving, safety, progression of lap times and control of his kart throughout the 4 heats Mason came away with cadet novice of the day trophy. Well done Mason!