

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past couple of weeks we have been working hard with all of the children on developing a Growth Mindset. We re-launched the idea of what a Growth Mindset is through the use of the book, 'The Dot' by Peter H. Reynolds. In the book, the main character, Vashti is encouraged to have a go and to keep on trying even though she finds it almost impossible to draw well. With determination and resilience she is able to keep on trying and produces a wonderful gallery of brightly coloured dots.

In Roebuck this term, the teaching staff presented the children with a challenge which was to produce their very own Dot! Each class was allocated a specific colour and it was requested that they be as creative and imaginative as possible. The one rule was that they kept on going and did not give up! Children used a range of techniques and were as creative as possible. We then collaged all of the children's art work together which is now on display in our school hall. I think you'll agree that the outcome is Amazing! It just shows that with a little perseverance and the willingness to 'have a go' that anything is possible!



Lynsey Young

YEAR 6 SATs

Year 6 have worked exceptionally hard all year and their approach to the SATs tests last week was outstanding. Each morning, they all came into school full of enthusiasm and determination and tackled each test with hugely positive attitudes. Myself, the Year 6 team and the rest of the staff couldn't be more proud of them. Well done Year 6!

KS1 SATs

All of the year 2 adults are delighted with the positive attitudes that the children have demonstrated towards approaching their tests this week. All children have demonstrated a growth mindset and have faced challenges in a happy and confident way. Thank you to many of our parents who have checked how Year 2 have been doing throughout the month of May. Your support is very much appreciated.

Please remember we are unable to reveal any results until moderation is completed. There will be a results letter sent home with reports in July.

RECEPTION PLACES

We still have a few spaces available in our Reception classes for September 2018. If you know of any families who are looking for spaces then please let them know.

School Dinner, Swimming Money and Current Year 5 Kingswood

We still have a few families who owe money for school dinners, swimming lessons and Kingswood. This debt must be paid by the end of term. If you need to check your balance to ensure that the debt is paid, please just ask at the office.

EYFS – MRS PROSSER

Thank you so much to everybody who attended our Fantastic Finish. It was lovely to see so many of you enjoying the sunshine with your children. The Nursery children especially loved performing their wedding march and Reception their street dance of 'Hair Up'. Thank you to Aphia's mum and dad for cutting the ribbon and again everyone that has made the outdoor area look so special.

Reception have concluded their topic of transport for this half term. They have thoroughly enjoyed learning about cars, boats, planes and submarines to name a few.

Nursery have been learning all about the Royal Wedding which concluded during the Fantastic Finish with the wedding march. They also made flags, cakes and flower bouquets for the occasion.

This week we have joined in with the whole school Art week. Activities have all taken place around the artist 'Monet', and in particular we have focused on the painting of the water lilies and the Japanese garden.

We are starting to think about transition at this point in the year. Reception parents should have received a letter asking them to comment on any thoughts or concerns about transitioning to year 1. Please return to school by Friday 8th June so that we have time to consider your concerns as well as suggestions.

SCHOOL COUNCIL – MRS HOWARD

Our school council co-chairs have all attended the school parliament which took place on Monday 30th April. Important matters were discussed including their trip to the recycling plant and the up-coming trip to the Houses of Parliament.

School councillors are due after half-term to vote on the successful design for the badge for all E-Safety leaders across the school.

School Council are also currently preparing a safety book to display in the foyer which emphasises all the safety measures that the school have in place to keep our children safe.

TERM DATES 2018/19

Please note that the term dates for 2018/19 Summer Term have been updated and are now on the school website –please keep this to hand as the summer term is incredibly busy.

MRS THOMAS

We are delighted to report the birth of Mrs Thomas's twin girls. Jessica and Imogen arrived safely on 27th April and are both doing extremely well. We are certain that Mrs Thomas will be in soon with the new additions.

ONLINE SAFETY

Thank you to all the children who have entered the design a badge competition. School council and staff will be judging the competition after half term.

This week on-line digital leaders had their first training session with Mrs Elson. We looked at the website 'Think U Know' and prepared a lesson for our own classes. Each teacher will provide some time for on-line leaders at the start of the computing lessons.

Are you happy with the title of online digital leader?

If you can think of a better one, please let Mrs Elson know. Thank you.

DREAMCATCHER

The latest Dreamcatcher at Roebuck Academy saw actor and author Lee Wilkinson inspire the children with tales of how his career has transformed from a Physical Education Teacher, to actor to author. As well as telling us about how he left school aged 15 and worked in a circus, he shared how his career has developed and after a move to America he became an actor in stage plays. Having returned to the country after 20 years in America, he has been involved in working for Warner Brothers at the Harry Potter Studios and more recently has turned his hand to being an author of children's books. He left the children with some sound advice for their futures by stating that they shouldn't listen to people who say they can't be what they want to be. Instead they need to be brave and dare to do what they want to do!

ARTS WEEK

The children have spent 'Arts Week' studying the Water Lilly Garden painting by Monet. They have spent time recreating it in a variety of different ways.

Drama, music, art and dance have all been taught throughout the week with the painting as a focus to explore such subjects. Descriptive writing, poetry and stories have all being written by our very talented children this week and children above all have had fun and received a balanced and broad curriculum.

