

Roxbourne Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th January 2023

A busy week!

It was nice to see all the excitement around the school this week with the start of the after school clubs. We are pleased to inform you that we still have available spaces in our school clubs (see the table below for your reference). Please remember to book and pay the membership to secure a place for your child.

Day	Club Lead	Club Name	Year group	Description	Cost per session	Pupil Premium Cost per session	
Monday 9th J	anuary to Moi	nday 20th N	/larch 2023	(10 weeks)			
Monday	BeActive	Football	Rec	Come and practice your footballing skills. This is your chance to develop your skills and play in a team!	£3.50	£1.75	
Monday	Ms Khurmi	Arts & Crafts	Rec, Y1 and Y2	Come and develop your art skills in this exciting arts and crafts club.	£3.50	£1.75	
Monday	Mr Knight	Football	Y1 and Y2	Come and practice your footballing skills. This is your chance to develop your skills and play in a team!	£3.50	£1.75	
Monday	Ms Ilankovan	Yoga	Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6	Come and join in on Ms Ilankovan's weekly yoga sessions!	£3.50	£1.75	Full
Monday	Mr Duah	Rugby	Y5 and Y6	A fantastic new opportunity to join rugby and try out for a team! Come and join in!	£3.50	£1.75	
Tuesday 10th	January to Tu	esday 21st	March 2023	(10 weeks)			
Tuesday	Be Active	Multi Skills	Rec and Y1	A chance to practice a number of skills in different games!	£3.50	£1.75	
Tuesday	Ms Vigneswaran	Lego	Rec, Y1 and Y2	Develop building skills in lego!	£3.50	£1.75	
Tuesday	Mr Knight	Athletics	Y3 and Y4	Come and join in with competitive running, jumping, and throwing!	£3.50	£1.75	
Tuesday	Ms Choi	Knitting and Crochet	Y3, Y4 and Y5	Come and learn a new craft and be able to make your own hats, scarves and gloves with your own designs.	£3.50	£1.75	
Tuesday	Ms Hulse	Creative Writing	Y4, Y5 and Y6	Come and practice your writing skills. Create exciting stories and use your imagination.	£3.50	£1.75	
Tuesday	Mr Elliot-Rey	Basketball	Y5 and Y6	Get ready for upcoming competitions and practice	£3.50	£1.75	

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Wednesday	Be Active	Ball skills and skipping	Rec and Y1	Skipping is a fantastic activity for young people; it develops heart and lung fitness, co- ordination, balance, concentration – the list goes on! Come and join us!	£3.50	£1.75	
Wednesday	Ms Sawhney & Ms Vigneswaran	Cooking	Y3 and Y4	Ready, steady, cook! Come and practise your cooking skills and take home some yummy dishes for mum and dad!	£3.50	£1.75	
Wednesday	Mr. Hirani	Badminto n	Y3 and Y4	Join in and practise a new sport! An exciting and intense racket sport for children of all abilities!	£3.50	£1.75	
Wednesday	Dr Siva	Chess	Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6	Think you're a chess master? See if you can outsmart your opponent in this ancient strategy game.	£3.75	£1.85	Full
Thursday 12tl	h January to T	hursday 23ı	rd March 20	023 (10 weeks)			
Thursday	Ms Pirmohamed & Mr Andreopoulos	Cooking	Rec, Y1 and Y2	Ready, steady, cook! Come and practise your cooking skills and take home some yummy dishes for mum and dad!	£3.50	£1.75	Ful I
Thursday	Ms Ilankovan	Yoga	Rec, Y1 and Y2	Come and join in on Ms Ilankovan's weekly yoga sessions!	£3.50	£1.75	
Thursday	Mr Knight	Basketball	Y3 and Y4	Get ready for upcoming competitions and practice your basketball skills.	£3.50	£1.75	
Thursday	Sensei Doug	Karate	Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6	Come along and learn some new self defence skills and start your journey to becoming a black belt!	£4.95	£2.45	
Thursday	Be Active	DodgeBall	Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6	A high paced exciting game which involves speed and accuracy!	£3.50	£1.75	
Thursday	Ms Sayed	Debate Club	Y5 and Y6	Learn to speak with style, strategy and quick-thinking. Take part in our debate challenge! https://debatemate.org/	£3.50	£1.75	
Friday 13th January to Friday 24th March 2023 (10 weeks)							
Friday	Ms Hodges	Singing	Rec and Y1	Come and sing with us - learn songs and perform to your parents!	£3.50	£1.75	
Friday	Mr Knight	Dance	Y1 and Y2	Enjoy dancing? Come along and practise some new routines!	£3.50	£1.75	Ful I
Friday	Be Active	Football	Y3 and Y4	Come and practise your footballing skills. This is your chance to develop your skills and play in a team!	£3.50	£1.75	
Friday	Mr Benserghin & Mr Hirani	Football	Y5 and Y6	Come and practise your footballing skills. This is your chance to get picked for the school team and compete in Harrow leagues!	£3.50	£1.75	

Cookery Club: Wednesday 11th January 2023

Ginger Cookies: Yr3 and Yr 4 children enjoyed their first session of the club making cookies by weighing, mixing, patting and making shapes using cookie cutters. Great fun and excitement!









Cookery Club: Thursday 12th January 2023

Pizzas - Key stage 1 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their first session making pizzas. They got busy chopping their favourite toppings and decorating their pizzas. We look forward to our next session and we will be making chocolate chip rock cakes.







Pen Licences

We are extremely excited to announce that we are re-launching our pen licence awards from next week. For the first time, children from **Year 2 upwards** will have the chance to get a pen licence card and handwriting pen, if their handwriting is neat, joined and consistent in books. We will be announcing the pen licence winners every fortnight and teachers will award pens and cards in our whole school assembly on a Friday. Look out for any social media posts!



Thursday 9th February 2023 - Valentine's Disco - Save the Date!

The disco will take place on Thursday 9th February, 15:25 to 16:30.

Booking will open on Monday 16th January at 19:00 to all our Roxbourne children and will close on Wednesday 8th February 2022 at 19:00.

There will be two booking options available on Arbor:

- Option 1: Non Uniform Day and Disco entry. Cost £2
- Option 2: Non Uniform Day only. Cost £1

Instructions will be shared separately.

Please note:

- if your child attends an After School Club on a Thursday, they will visit the disco as part of their club so you do not need to book your child for the disco.
- Nursery children will have free entry to the disco during their morning or afternoon Nursery time. If you want your child to wear their own clothes on that day, you only need to book your Nursery child for 'Non Uniform Day Only (£1).

All children attending the disco should be collected promptly at 16:30 from the Torbay Road entrance.



Year Group Updates

Nursery Update

This week we were excited to welcome four new pupils to our Nursery and pupils were fascinated to see a set of identical twins:). We helped them by showing them all the different areas and activities in the classroom.

In maths we have been learning about 3D shapes and we made 3D rockets using recyclable material for our space display.

In Literacy children are developing their tripod grip and have been involved in various mark making activities using chalks, crayons and pencils. We have been roleplaying our focus story in our roleplay area as well as learning new vocabulary linked to the story.

In PE pupils are learning to move in different ways as well as learning to balance on the apparatus.

Our topic continues to be on transport and we have been learning to name different kinds of vehicles and what they're used for.





Reception Update

Reception has had a fantastic week! We have continued with our writing story 'The Three Little Pigs' and have really enjoyed learning the actions and sequence of the story.

In maths this week we have been learning and practicing our addition up to 10 with the help of number lines. <u>Here</u> is a game that you can play at home to practice addition.

In science this half term we are learning all about different materials and what these different materials can be used for. We have been exploring all of the different materials in the classroom this week. This half term we are learning about Buddhism in RE and have really enjoyed listening to the story of how Buddhism started.

Show and Tell

Please note that our show and tell sessions for children will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. So please send in your child's updated home link book or an item they would like to talk about on these days.

Enrichment Trip - 25th January 2023

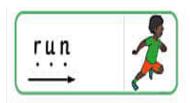
We are excited to let you know that the Reception Team has organised an educational visit to KidZania. KidZania London is an interactive indoor city made for kids aged 4-14. From an airline pilot to a surgeon, firefighter to a radio DJ, kids can work, play, earn and learn whilst having fun in a range of role play activities. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to explore occupations and the skills that accompany these jobs whilst exploring the magic city of KidZania.

Here are some Phonics Games for you to play at home!

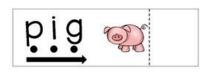
Fred Says - Body parts



Fred Says - Actions



Fred's Farm



Learning to Blend - Lesson 12



Learning to Blend - Lesson 13



Y1 Update

Year 1 has had a great week, we have continued with our story 'Mr Gumpy's motor car'. This week we used a box plan to help us plan and write our own narratives. The focus has been on adjectives to make our stories more interesting. In Maths, we have been focusing on using various strategies such as; 'Make ten', 'Near doubles', 'Count on' and 'Known facts'. In Geography we learnt about how people travel safely around the local area. We also looked at how traffic lights work and other things that help us to travel safely e.g zebra crossing, footpaths and road signs.

For science this half term our topic is Amazing Animals. We have started our topic by investigating different types of animals. We know animals are living things. They eat, grow, breathe, reproduce, move, react and get rid of waste.

Finally, we would like to thank all parents and carers of Year 1 with their continued support and engagement so far, and in particular this week during our Parent consultations. It was wonderful to discuss and celebrate children's successes so far, but also to share strategies for further improvement.



Learning to blend at home - Lesson 13

Please practise the sounds below with your child.

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Y2 Update

Thank you for all attending parents evening, it was great to meet you all face to face.

In Writing this week we have been focusing on our class text 'The Secret Sky Garden'. We have been using some super adjectives to describe the main character from our book. In preparation for next week please read/ watch the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' and talk to your child about the main characters- appearance/personality.

In Maths we have been consolidating our knowledge of multiplication and division. It has been great to see how confident they have become with their rolling numbers. Please continue to practise their rolling numbers at home. Next week we will be focusing on time, in preparation for this please look at a clock with your child and talk through basic timings. Eg. What time do we wake up? When do you eat lunch?

We have continued our topics this week- In Geography we looked at different countries in Europe and their capital cities. We have looked at the five different oceans that we have on Planet Earth. In Science we have been identifying if things are not living, living and have never lived. The children have really enjoyed starting our new topics!

Please continue to support your child by listening to them read every day for at least 15 minutes and filling in their reading record with comments afterwards. Please also support your child in engaging and interacting with their homework. We are giving a new Maths book for your child to complete weekly. (5 pages per week- day 1-5)

Your child will have also received a reading comprehension activity that needs to be completed and returned back on Friday 27th January. Ensure that your child is practising their spellings every week in preparation for the spelling tests on Friday mornings.

Y3 Update

In Reading, we have started looking at an extract on Roman Baths. We deep delved into our key vocabulary words by looking at the definition, how it's used in the correct context, and thinking about synonyms and antonyms. After reading the extract, we answered some retrieval and inference questions to test our understanding and to think about the specific language that the author has chosen to use.

In Mathematics, we have continued with looking at our topic on length. We have looked at how to measure different objects in the classroom in centimetres, millimetres and in mixed units. We also came up with some of our own estimations beforehand to see how close we were when accurately measuring afterwards. We have now moved on to looking at how to find the perimeter of different 2-D shapes.

In Writing, we have started to write our persuasive letters after completing our box plans. Our persuasive letters are written to parents and carers to convince them that school dinners are better than packed lunches and to allow their children to have school dinners instead. Year 3 has enjoyed thinking about this point of view and there were lots of unique ideas which led to a fantastic debate.

In Science, we have continued to look at our topic on Lights and Shadows. We started writing about the different light sources that we found around the school and within our own classroom. We made sure that we used our key vocabulary (light source, natural and man-made) in our writing to explain the differences between the light sources and what light sources we didn't see and the reasons for this.

In Art, we have started our topic on Ancient Egypt. The children were very excited to learn some new facts about Ancient Egyptian art and they browsed through a variety of some famous pieces, including the Great Sphinx, Queen Nefertiti's bust, and Tutankhamun's gold mask. We looked at how these art pieces can be categorised into types of architecture, sculptures, or paintings. We then focused on one of the art pieces in more detail, The Book of Dead, and learnt about its importance in Ancient Egyptian religion.

In Geography, we have started our topic on Europe. We first looked at the different parts that Europe can be separated into: North, South, East, and West, and the different countries that are located in these areas. The children then really enjoyed using an atlas to find the different countries in Europe to annotate and colour in their own maps.

Please continue to support your child by listening to them read every day for at least 15 minutes and filling in their reading record with comments afterwards. When they complete a book, **they should also complete a quiz about the book on Accelerated Reader**. Please also support your child in engaging and interacting with Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) as

this will help them to improve their multiplication fluency. Ensure that your child is practising their spellings every week in preparation for the spelling tests on Friday mornings. Please find the information on homework on Google Classroom and support your child in completing those.

Y4 Update

This week in Reading, Year 4 have been reading an extract from an online travel guide about the Amazon. They looked at the different activities that various types of travellers might be interested in, and practised using new vocabulary in sentences. Pupils also practised skills in inference, retrieval and summary, choosing important details of the text to include.

In Writing, we have completed an advertisement for travelling to London. The children were able to use their advertisement toolkits and persuade visitors to come to this wonderful city. They included imperative verbs and rhetorical questions as grammar features, and chose different landmarks to write about.

In Maths, we have continued to learn about equivalent fractions. The children investigated the difference between fractions with the same denominator but different numerator, and fractions with the same numerator but different denominator. They then arranged different fractions on a number line. We have also started looking at improper fractions and their representations.

In Geography, we have continued our topic on the Amazon and South America. Children learned about the different countries of South America and their geographical location in the continent. In Science, we have started our new topic on Classification systems and Environments. Pupils were introduced to the key terms 'habitat', microhabitat', and 'ecosystem'.

Please continue to ensure children are reading for **at least 15 minutes each day.** Accelerated reader quizzes should be taken immediately after a book is completed, ideally every 2 weeks. It is also important that children are consistently accessing Times Tables Rockstars to ensure they recall their multiplication tables. Finally, please ensure that children are completing their Mathletics homework.

Y5 Update

This week, we have been reading an extract on Earthquakes, exploring how earthquakes occur and how these can cause tsunamis and avalanches in certain areas of the world. We read information about the San Francisco earthquake, Japan earthquake and Peru earthquake and answered some test-style questions about the text. In Writing, we took inspiration from Greta Thunberg and we have written persuasive speeches urging governments to do everything they can to stop climate change. In Mathematics we have begun our new unit, angles and we have begun drawing and measuring angles. Please can children continue to practise this at home. In Geography we have continued looking at Asia and its human geography, population in different countries as well as life expectancy. We researched different languages and religions for each country in Asia. In Science, we have been investigating the properties of materials and their importance, such as the materials used for waterproof jackets as well as houses and buildings.

Please can children continue to complete their weekly homework, including practising on TTRS, doing an AR quiz, completing their Mathletics tasks and filling in pages from their English CGP book. Children should also be reading and adding this to their Reading Records.

Y6 Update

In Reading, we have focused on an extract on president Barack Obama's victory speech in 2008. When reading, the children have focused on their delivery, through good tone and expression in their voices. We have also focused on retrieval and inference style questions. In Maths, we have focused on translating and reflecting 2D shapes on a grid.

In Writing, we have looked at some examples of persuasive speeches: Barack Obama (which we read in Reading!) and Sir Edward Grey, who delivered a speech to the nation informing Britain about the outbreak of World War 1. The children did a fantastic job practising and delivering part of both speeches in front of their classes.

In History, we have begun our topic, 'Conflict and Resolution'. We have focused on World War 1 and learned about the chain of events that led to the outbreak of war. We also studied a primary source which illustrated some key information about



the power of each major nation going into war. In Science we have begun our topic, 'Evolution and Inheritance'. This week we have learned about the importance of fossils. We also learned about a woman named Mary Anning, whose fossil discoveries began to make people aware that species on Earth can become extinct.

In Art, we have focused on gothic and neoclassical architecture. Below you will find some examples of our iterations of the House of Parliament with a more modern focus!

Value of the Week: Independent

Class	This week's certificates go to				
R Oxford	Thisha and Linisha for fantastic independent writing in this weeks writing task.				
R Southampton	Kush for showing great independence in class particularly in this weeks writing task.				
	Rahaf for taking the initiative to independently practise writing her name.				
1 Bath	Ayla and George for showing independence in writing by using their box plan to help them write a narrative. Well done!				
1 Bristol	Nefertari and Hussain for their Independent oral retelling of the Mr Gumpy story. Well done!				
2 Cambridge	Sakthei and Lakshana for independently completing work on a consistent basis				
2 Colchester	Ashvikan and Rania for working independently during their Geography lesson - when identifying capital cities in Europe. Well done!				
2 Norwich	Erisha and Idiris for becoming more independent during our Writing lessons.				
3 Birmingham	Cassie and Aylah - for showing fantastic independent thinking and contributing their ideas to the rest of the class! Great work!				
3 Warwick	Fabio for working independently on his persuasive letter, really thinking about how he wants to set it out and what language he wants to use.				
	Olivia for showing independence in using her box plan to help her write a persuasive letter.				
4 Sheffield	Mohammad for working independently on his advertisement and thinking carefully about the persuasive features.				

	Yashi for her independent work in Writing and consistently upleveling her work without prompts.
4 York	Shayni and Maira for working independently and producing impressive adverts. Well done!
5 Liverpool	Pravinth and Lilly for their independence this week during our Writing lessons.
5 Manchester	Zaki for staying focused during lessons when working independently and always being the first to begin his task. Anaya for performing her persuasive speech to the class independently with confidence and flair.
6 Cardiff	Iannis for developing your independence during independent tasks in reading. Alyssa for demonstrating fantastic independence during maths lessons.
6 Edinburgh	Narjis and Mustafa - for demonstrating good independence in their Reading lessons this week when answering retrieval and inference questions.

PE Star of the Week

Reception	Ella for amazing coordination during our ball skills lesson
Year 1	Veer for always trying his best in Pe. Well done Mr Whittick
Year 2	Inaayah, for showing good team work within the Pe lesson. Well done Mr Whittick
Year 3	Arooj for showing good ability in this term fitness lesson. Well done Mr whittick
Year 4	Avira for being a brilliant sports person during netball
Year 5	Azaan for showing great honesty whilst playing netball
Year 6	Navin For marking a brilliant start to netball

TTRS

Individual Awards: TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars)



Yr 3 Leadership Board



Yr 4 Leadership Board



Yr 5 Leadership Board



Yr 6 Leadership Board



General Notices

Call for Parents to come and speak to Early Years!

We are looking for parents with interesting occupations to come in and talk to our Nursery and Reception children as part of our 'People who help us' termly enrichment opportunity. This has been really successful in the past and the children have always really looked forward to someone coming in. We are interested in all careers - previous visitors have included post officers, doctors, artists and a herbalist. Parents will be asked to speak about what they do followed by an opportunity for the children to ask questions. Please fill out this google form if interested.

Young Harrow Foundation

Young Harrow Foundation have developed a new hub for cost of living support on their website: www.youngharrowfoundation.org/cost-of-living-support

This hub aims to signpost people to local services from the voluntary sector and local authority - and is particularly aimed at families or carers that have children and young people in their household.

The online hub, developed by Young Harrow Foundation, lists services that can help with things like, mental health and wellbeing, warm hubs in the borough, help with accessing food, housing support and low cost furniture providers

Winter advice and support services

If you, or a family you know, are struggling this winter, here are some useful support organisations:

Harrow Food Support

SHINE

West London Green Doctors



Important Dates

Date	Time	Event
Monday 23rd January 2023	09:00 - 12:00	Year 3 RE Educational Visit to Lelung Dharma Centre
Tuesday 24th January 2023	All Day	HT3 Year 4 Educational Visit to the Thames Explorer Trust
Wednesday 25th January 2023	All Day	HT3 Year Reception Educational Visit to Kidzania
Tuesday 31st January 2023	All Day	HT3 Year 2 Educational Visit to London Wetland Centre
Thursday 2nd February 2023	All Day	HT3 Year 1 Educational Visit to the London Transport Museum
Monday 6th February 2023	All Day	HT3 Year 6 Education Visit to the Imperial War Museum
Monday 6th February 2023	All Day	Odd Socks Day to raise awareness for Children Mental Health Week
Wednesday 8th February 2023	All Day	HT3 Year 3 Educational Visit to the British Museum
Thursday 9th February 2023	15:25 - 16:30	FORC Valentines Disco
Friday 10th February 2023	15:25	Last day of HT3
Monday 20th February 2023	08:40	First day of HT4

School admissions

Applications are now open for Nursery and Reception school places for September 2023. Due to high demand, places at Roxbourne Primary School fill very quickly. Should you have family, friends or neighbours with Nursery or Reception aged children, please let them know that applications are now open as detailed below.

Open Days

We are running a series of Open mornings to allow prospective parents to visit the school during a teaching day, meet with our Head Teacher Mr Benserghin and ask any questions they may have. If any of your family, friends or neighbours, who are interested in applying to Roxbourne for a place for their child, would like to attend one of our Open Mornings, please ask them to register on our Open Morning booking <u>form</u>.

Nursery Admissions

Choosing the right nursery for your child can be difficult. **Roxbourne Nursery** provides high quality early years education, giving priority to the developmental needs and happiness of our children and their families in a safe environment where the wellbeing of every child is our utmost concern. Our teachers and support staff are passionate in their role of working with children and provide the necessary skills and knowledge to enhance the child's learning and development. As part of this process we recognise and value the diverse community that we are part of, believing that quality can be achieved by working together in partnership with parents and other service providers. We would love you to visit our beautiful homely environment to see how settled and happy the children are.







All three and four year olds are entitled to 15 hours per week of early year's education each academic year from the start of the term after their third birthday, up until the term after their fifth birthday. This is known as the *universal entitlement*.

Three and four year olds, whose parents meet the criteria, will be eligible for an additional 15 hours per week. This is known as the *extended entitlement*. Eligibility guidelines for free full-time nursery can be found at https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare. If you are not eligible but would still be interested in a full-time place, please contact the school office on 020 8422 9207.

We offer three nursery sessions: morning only, afternoon only and full-time.

Nursery Admissions (Starting in September 2023)

Applications are now open for nursery school places for September 2023, if your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020.

You must apply through the Harrow Council nursery school place website.

Important dates for Nursery school admissions for September 2023

Date	Time	Event
Saturday 15th January 2023	-	Application closing date
Tuesday 15th March 2023	-	Receive outcome of application

Nursery Admissions (in-year admissions)

If you need a nursery school place for the current academic year, please contact the school office: office@roxbourneprimaryschool.co.uk

Reception Admissions (Starting September 2023)

Applications are now open for Reception school places for September 2023, if your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019.

You must apply through the Harrow Council primary school place website.

Important dates for Reception admissions for September 2023

Date	Time	Event
Saturday 15th January 2023	-	Application closing date
Tuesday 19th April 2023	-	Receive outcome of application

In-year admissions for pupils in Y1 - Y6

School places for children who are changing schools or have recently moved to Harrow.

If you have recently moved to Harrow and need an immediate school place for your child or you would like to transfer your child to a new school, please complete the <u>in-year admission form</u>.

Miss Ottrey's Online Safety Message



