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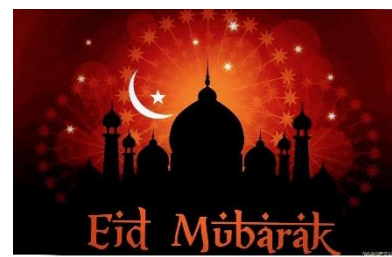
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From The Co-Headteachers

They say that time flies when you are having fun, so we must have had loads of fun this year as we cannot believe the end of the year is here already!

In assemblies this half term we enhanced our knowledge of different religions by learning about the Muslim and Jewish faiths. Mrs Kalsi taught us about Ramadan and Eid. We learnt that Muslims worldwide fast during the daylight hours during Ramadan. They also focus on reading the Quran and donating to charities. At the end of Ramadan is Eid- al-Fitr (an Arabic term which translates as the “feast of breaking the fast”) when people traditionally greet each other with the phrase “Eid Mubarak”, which means “blessed celebration”. In assembly we all learnt to say this.



In a separate assembly, Mrs Conway talked about the Jewish religion and the festival of Shavuot. Here we can see Jesse wearing a traditional Jewish shawl (tallit) and a kippah on his head. The custom of wearing a kippah comes from the Jewish holy book which states that there is a divine presence over one's head therefore it should be covered to show respect to God.

The warmer weather recently has meant that our wonderful garden has been fully utilised. It was great to see so many of you at our Sports Day and the Summer Fair. We extend an enormous thank you to Mrs Anand and her team of PTA helpers for all the organisation and hard work that went into making it such a success.

It was lovely to be able to end this year on a high, celebrating at the class assemblies some of the learning that has taken place. I'm sure parents were amazed at how the children have developed over the year. Seeing the confidence and presentation skills of so many of the children was just a delight.

Sadly, the end of any year is always a time for goodbyes. We have a number of children who are transferring to new schools, mostly to Orley Farm and a few to Quainton Hall. We are sad to see them go, but we are sending them off with pride, knowing that we have given them the best possible foundations for success as they move on. Here we see the Year 1 and 2 children celebrating the end of the year at an outdoor party! We also say goodbye to Mrs Diab who, even though she has only been with us a very short time, is leaving to spend more time with her family. For all those who are leaving, we hope this years' newsletters will serve as nice reminders of some wonderful Roxeth memories.



Wishing you all a wonderful, restful summer break.
Mrs Goodwin & Mrs Mackintosh

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Roxeth Mead PTA



Thank you to everyone who attended our Summer Fair. What an amazing event!

Thank you to Neena Anand and her PTA team for organising such a wonderful occasion that the whole family could enjoy. The event made £175 profit.

Thank you to all those who donated.



Sports Day

Our Sports Day on 5th July was just delightful. We had a lovely mix of different races, healthy competition and some good sportsmanship, but most importantly a lot of laughs! Sports day is often a child's first encounter of competition and learning to win or lose gracefully, a very important life lesson to learn. Well done to all!



Summer Term Trip



Our trip to "The Tiger Who Came to Tea" on Wednesday 26th June was certainly one to remember. The children left school in excited anticipation and walked to the coach in Lower Road. When we arrived at The Beck Theatre everyone found their seats and, after several toilet runs and munching of our snacks, the performance eventually began. The actors were superb and the tiger was extremely funny, particularly when he was dancing. At the end we clapped loudly to show our appreciation for the production. It was then back on to the coach. However the excitement did not end there, we walked back into school to find it all decorated ready for a party. There were bright tablecloths, bunting and balloons, and after eating our lunch we played party games. Pass the parcel seemed to be the favourite. It was a wonderful day. Thank you to the teachers who made this memorable day happen. The photo shows us enjoying ourselves outside doing Head Shoulders Knees and Toes.

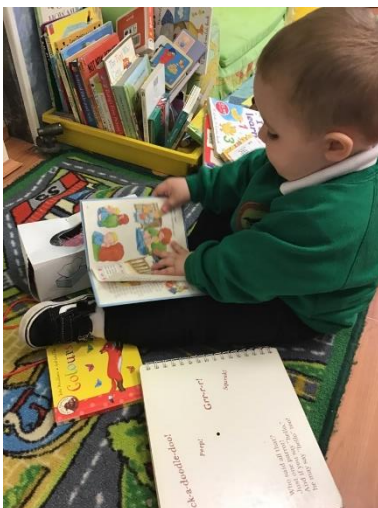
OLIVIER AWARD NOMINEE
The Tiger Who Came to Tea



News from the Baby Room

Some of the older children from the Baby and Toddler room have started their transition into the pre-school class this half term so it has been a little quieter than usual. However we are still enjoying ourselves, having lots of fun and different experiences in the Baby and Toddler room and we still see our big friends when they come in to visit us.

Mrs Samson



News from Pre-School

This term has once again been very busy. We have been learning about new life and the children enjoyed watching the caterpillars emerge into butterflies and flutter off into the garden. We have been on a hunt for mini beasts and have recently been enjoying the lovely weather with lots of water play. The children have really enjoyed our topic work about various animals and have become familiar with some names of baby animals and their habitats. All the children (and adults!!) had great fun at the Beck Theatre watching *The Tiger Who Came To Tea* and a wonderful picnic and party was arranged for afterwards where the children played pass the parcel, musical games and other traditional games.



As ever the children are receptive learners and continue to enjoy books and stories. We have built up a repertoire of favourite stories which the children enjoy joining in with the familiar phrases.

As I write this we are preparing for Sports Day and our class assembly. I do hope the children perform as well for you as they do for us!

It has been a pleasure this year to meet and work with new colleagues and I have enjoyed learning the EY log and I know you have enjoyed seeing your child's learning. Once again a huge thank you for giving us such delightful children to work with and it has been a complete pleasure to see all your children flourish and Roxeth Mead.

Linda O'Neill



News from Nursery Class

We have got to the end of another academic year! It has as always been really busy and enjoyable. We are going to miss all the children who are moving on to different schools. We wish them and their families the best of luck for the future and wish our children moving up to Reception all the best.

In literacy, the children have been consolidating their knowledge of phonics by segmenting 3 CVC and 4 CVVC words using picture cards and words. In numeracy, the children have been concentrating on forming their numbers 1-10 correcting and counting objects to quantity. The children have also been learning their 3D shapes.



In Knowledge and Understanding of the World, the children have been learning about sea animals, jungle animals and about a famous artist. The artist that we focused on was Vincent Van Gogh and the children had the

opportunity to observe real sunflowers before painting their own. During one of our assemblies, Mrs Conway talked about a Jewish festival called Shavuot (Feast of Weeks). Jessie has the opportunity to wear a prayer shawl (Tallit) and a head cover, (Kippah). His photo is on the front page.

The children had lots of fun on our trip to the theatre and we carried on with the fun back at school with our 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea' tea party.

We wish you a very happy and safe summer.

Miss Afsari and Mrs Diab



News from Reception Class

It has been a very busy Summer term for Reception Class. This term our topics have led us on a journey of discovery, whether it was learning about the sea creatures living in the Twilight or Midnight zone in the Oceans or the animals in the Savannah grasslands of Africa.



The life under the sea caught the imagination of the children and led us to learn about the Giant Squid, Dumbo Octopus, Whale Shark and other fascinating creatures. The children looked at a Coral and we spoke about looking after our Oceans and the beautiful creatures that live in it. Our storybook 'Commotion in the Ocean' inspired us to have our assembly for the parents about Sea creatures. We made animal masks and learnt about them. Our school trip to watch 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' being performed on stage was exciting and the party afterwards was fun. For our Art work we chose the French artist Henri Matisse. The children created a collage inspired by his creation 'The Snail'.

Along with all this the children have been practising their reading and writing skills. Our practical maths activities led us to measuring Dinosaur footprints with cubes, learning about weight, capacity and length and revisiting all the topics learnt before. The children have been practising for Sports Day and are excited about the Summer Fair. It has been a pleasure teaching Reception class this year and we wish them all the best as they move up to their new year group.

Mr Kalsi & Mrs Turei



News from Year 1

Year one and two have definitely ended the year on a high. There has been so much excitement leading up to our end of year performance and the children have amazed me with their enthusiasm and dedication. We hope you enjoy it and recognise all the hard work they put into it.

Our theme this term has been based around our Geography topic 'Sensational Safari' and we have been studying the book Zeraffa Giraffa, by Dianne Hofmeyr. This is a year two text and the children have all risen to the challenge, using it as stimulus for role play, writing letters as the character of Atir and designing the most incredible giraffes in Art (see picture).



The class have also amazed me with their enthusiasm for learning about Kenya and their research skills have been sharpened. We were treated to a visit from Celly in her Massai costume (see photo) to share with us about her country and she kindly remarked that the children knew more about Kenya than most Kenyans!



I have seen amazing progress in Maths and we have revised many areas of the curriculum this term - children have been collecting data on favourite foods to make graphs (see picture) and using pizzas as inspiration for halves and quarters, among other topics. In PE, we have been practising races for sports day (when we can escape the rain!) - we look forward to showing you all our skills on the day!

Thank you to all the parents who came to watch our class assembly. The children have worked so hard to share their learning with you and they did not disappoint. The professionalism with which they performed was amazing.

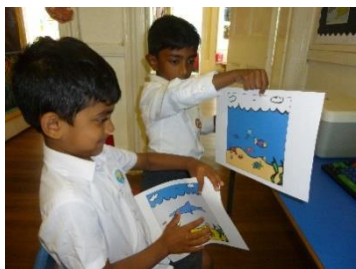
It is a poignant time watching the children move onto their new schools and I will miss them greatly! I look forward to teaching some of the children again who are returning in September. I wish you all a very happy holiday and keep up the good work over the Summer!



Best wishes, Mrs Conway

Computing

The final half-term of this year has found our Nursery children using a paint program to create some wonderful ocean pictures – this linked in with their 'Under the Sea' topic. They were excited to see them on display in their classroom. They also enjoyed hunting for examples of technology around the school and helping the Beebots to go shopping on Busy Street!



Our Reception children have been using their research skills to find out all about oceans and jungles – their classroom display looked lovely and they were able to use software to answer questions about the creatures living in both types of habitat. They had so much knowledge about endangered animals and how some animals use camouflage to keep themselves safe. They have also been experimenting with software to arrange an assortment of shapes to create various pictures.



The lessons for Year 1 have focussed largely on their understanding of algorithms. They have created crazy algorithm characters (and realised the importance of giving precise instructions when each character looked different!), used their debugging skills to put online stories back into the correct order and started to break down nursery rhymes to look at loops and repetition. They have also used an interactive drawing tool to produce some great creations.



It has been an absolute pleasure teaching the children and I hope they all have a lovely, relaxing summer!

Mrs Ellis

Parents' Information



Topics for Next Half Term - EYFS:

In our recent survey, parents requested that we send home details of what the children will be studying. We have sent home a year plan already in our end of term packs, but will also add each half term's plans to the newsletter. We hope you find this useful.

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Week Beginning</u>	<u>Supporting Books</u>
	Settling In	5 th September	Harry & the dinosaurs go to school / All are Welcome
My World	All About Me	9 th September	What Makes me a Me?
	My Family	16 th September	All about Families
	Nursery Rhymes	23 rd September	Nursery Rhymes
	Story Land Part 1	30 th September	Peace at Last
	Harvest	7 th October	Handa's Surprise
	Autumn	14 th October	Hodge the Hedgehog / Going on a Leaf Hunt

Topics for Next Half Term - Year 1&2:

	Half Term 1 – TOYS
CLASS TEXT	Toys in Space
Maths	Number and Place Value
English	Fiction writing / writing instructions
Science	Animals, including humans
Humanities	History - Changes within living memory
Music	Introduction to instruments
Art	Drawing
PE	Gym and Dance
PHSE	Staying safe online Democracy

After School Clubs - Advance Notice for Autumn Term

All clubs start in Week Beginning September 16th. There will be 2 weeks off for half term (w/b 21st and 28th October) and end in week beginning December 2nd. All clubs are for children aged 3 and a half upwards.

Monday 3-4pm Mother Nature Science



Price for the term - £110 (£11 per session). Sign up online at <http://www.mnature.co.uk/booking>

Science System 1 - *A New Science Topic Every Week from:*
See all you can see- The science of vision, make a Benham's disc.
Feeling Hot, Hot, Hot- The effect of temperature, take home a heat sensitive strip.
Balancing on a Pinhead- Strength and centre of gravity, make a balancing toy.
Eggonauts- Save Eddy the Egg by designing a drop zone! Learn about momentum
Balloon Hovercrafts- Overcome friction, make your own hovercraft.
Tube Tubas- Make your own tuba while picking up some (good) vibrations.
Breathe in Breathe out- Learn about your lungs and make your own lung model!
Air Rockets- Investigate the history of rockets and make your own rocket!
Catapult Comp- Discover gravitational potential energy and make your own catapult!
Periscope Down- Diffraction and Refraction- make your own Periscope!
Hoop gliders- Can Hoops fly? Investigate and make hoop gliders!
Butterflies and Mini-beasts- Camouflage your butterfly so it can hide from our hungry bird.

Tuesday 3 - 4pm Yoga



Price for the term - £100 (£10 per session). To sign up email vanessa@flyingyogis.co.uk
Watch the video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5v4_4bwjTA&t=7s
Flying Yogis brings the joy of yoga to children. We run engaging and creative classes that are tailored to kids. Our classes utilise play, movement, music, breathing and relaxation to support their educational journey. We believe yoga is a fantastic tool for child development, helping nurture calmness, resilience and concentration for kids to focus in class while developing physical strength and self esteem.

Wednesday 3 - 4pm Lego



Price for the term - £75 (£7.50 per session). Sign up at <https://clubs.school/roxeth-mead/>. Lego Club empowers children to explore Design techniques, Engineering principles and Physics – learning how things work. Children make it and watch principles work in front of their eyes in real time. Each session, new models will be built to demonstrate different concepts. Buildings, people, robots, cities, furniture and houses are just a few examples of what will be build. Please visit the link below to register and pay for your child's position in the club. If you have difficulties with payment or have further questions you can contact us at 0208 123 1013. Once the club is full the page will be updated and we will not be able to add any more children into the club. **Payment Link:** <https://clubs.school/roxeth-mead/>

Thursday 3 - 4pm Art & Crafts



Price for the term - £75 (£7.50 per session). Sign up at <https://clubs.school/roxeth-mead/>
Arts & Crafts Club is a fun session which involves painting, crafts, mask making, jewellery, drawing and designing. No week is the same and every session we will change the objective and style of art so that by the end of the session students would have learnt a new artistic skill and will have something to take home.
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Reminder - hot lunches are available



Our hot lunches are provided by The Pantry Catering Company. If you wish your child to have hot lunches....

- 1) Visit the website:
https://www.thepantrycatering.co.uk/school_meals/register.php
register to create a new account
- 2) Fill in the details requested, choosing 'Roxeth Mead School' from the drop down box
- 3) Choose 'Person eating is in year'
- 4) Enter payments details (please note that no child in an Independent School is eligible for free school meals)
- 5) Select your option each day.
- 6) Follow steps to complete payment and booking.

Local Holiday Clubs

Mother Nature Science will be running a holiday club at Roxeth Mead during the summer. Call 020 8863 8832 for more information.



Our sister school, The Hall School, Northwood, is also offering a Holiday Club.

The fees are as follows:

- 1 year olds - £25.00 per morning or afternoon session, £50.00 daily 9-3pm
 - 2 year olds - £20.00 per morning or afternoon session, £40.00 daily 9-3pm
 - 3+ year olds - £15.00 per morning or afternoon session, £30.00 daily 9-3pm
- Breakfast and afterschool club £10.00 per session, all ages

Please note that children staying for the whole day will require a packed lunch as there is no hot lunch provision during this time.

Please email Mrs Wilson at The Hall School on info@thehallschool.com to check availability and book a place.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



SEPTEMBER

Thursday 5 th	8.30am	Term starts for all children
Monday 16 th		After School Clubs start this week

OCTOBER

Tuesday 8 th		Harvest Festival (please donate some non-perishable goods for our assembly)
Monday 21 st		Half Term (2 weeks)

NOVEMBER

Friday 1 st		Last day of half term
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DECEMBER

Monday 2 nd		Last week of after school clubs
Thursday 12 th	12noon	Break up for Christmas

JANUARY

Tuesday 7 th January		Staff Training Day
Wednesday 8 th January		Children back for new term

FEBRUARY

Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st		Half Term
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MARCH

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APRIL

Friday 3 rd April	12 noon	Break up for Easter
Monday 20 th		Staff Training Day
Tuesday 21 st		Staff Training Day
Wednesday 22 nd		Children back for new term

MAY

Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th		Half Term
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JUNE

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JULY

Friday 3 rd July	12 noon	Break up for Summer Holiday
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