



ROXETH MEAD NEWSLETTER

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From The Co-Headteachers

It is hard to believe that the end of the academic year is upon us – it has gone so quickly. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching your children – thank you for allowing us to undertake this wonderful task.

There have been so many memorable events this half term, starting with our Jubilee Celebrations, seen here. Congratulations Your Majesty!



Our “Animal World” topic has been so much fun, allowing us to learn about pets, jungle animals, farm animals and sea creatures. Our trip to Willows Farm was a great way to introduce this topic – we had so much fun, with a Peter Rabbit show, tractor ride and animal handling.



The warmer weather has meant that our wonderful garden has been fully utilised and we were blessed by perfect weather for our Sports Day and family picnic. Thank you for coming.



Sadly, the end of any year is always a time for goodbyes as we have a number of children transferring to new schools, including Orley Farm, Quainton Hall, Northwood College, Buckingham Prep and Roxeth Primary School. 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 for the future. We were pleased to present a special bookmark to our leavers with our Moving On poem. We hope this year's newsletters will serve as nice reminders of some wonderful times at Roxeth. Wishing you all a wonderful, restful summer.

Mrs Goodwin & Mrs Mackintosh

Moving On

Your time with us was special,
We've watched you learn and grow.
But now the time has come for you,
To spread your wings and go.
So hold your head up proudly,
We know that you'll go far.
You'll be a shining beacon,
Just being who you are!

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Baby & Toddler Class

We have come at the end of our academic year! This year has flown by as we have been having lots of fun, and the babies have really enjoyed their time at nursery.

This term we have been busy learning about different farm animals as part of our topic 'nursery rhymes'. We have also been learning about wild animals and sea animals. We enjoyed watching the rest of the school participate in sports day, which the babies sat beautifully for. The children enjoyed taking part and engaging in different activities such as painting, dancing, exploring outside on the climbing equipment and playing alongside their peers. Sadly, I would like to say goodbye to Myles who will be leaving us. We wish you every happiness in your new home.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Eid and a lovely summer break and I will be looking forward to seeing you all in September. Mrs Sheik & Miss Gohil



News from the Pre-School Classes

It seems unbelievable that we are approaching the end of another academic year! Once again, we have had receptive and lovely children to work with, all of whom are very different, all of whom have some wonderful little personalities!

This half term started with our celebration of the Queen's platinum jubilee where unfortunately the weather was inclement and we had to have our picnic in the hall, but the rain stopped in time for us all to join in a conga, wending our way in and out of all of the doors on the ground floor of the school! We enjoyed many games and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. That busy day was followed by another, our visit to Willows Farm. The sun shone and we can genuinely say the children were amazing. It is an honour that the children (even the ones who had been with us for just 6 weeks) were confident and secure enough to be taken out for the day. They all behaved impeccably and enjoyed the coach journey, watching a Peter Rabbit show, riding a tractor, playing in Peter Rabbit's garden as well as seeing and feeding some of the animals. There were a lot of sleepy children on the way home!



We have been enjoying lots of water play, 'painting' with water, sand play and our usual activities outside in our beautiful garden, ensuring the children are kept in the areas where there is plentiful shade.

As the academic year ends, we would like to wish all those children who are leaving us the very very best of luck along with every happiness for their future. It has been so rewarding to see those who joined us as 'lockdown' children, having spent virtually two years of their lives living in circumstances far from normal, thrive and flourish at our lovely little school and their foundations are now established.

We wish you all a very happy summer and look forward to another happy year for those of you returning.

Mrs L O'Neill, Mrs P Patel, Miss G Turei and Mrs K Azar







News from Nursery Class

We have come to the end of another academic year! 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 all the best at their new schools.

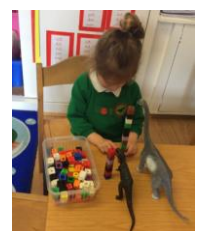
In literacy, the children have been consolidating their knowledge of phonics by practising the forming of letters correctly and linking the sounds to familiar objects. We have also had a go at writing CVC words such as cat, mat, sun, bun. The children understand rhyming words and enjoy making up their own rhymes.

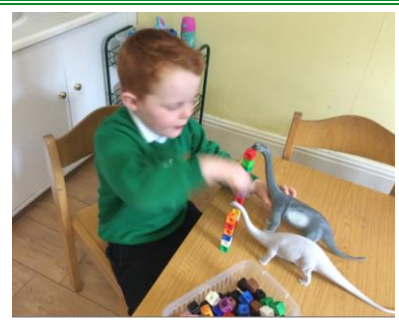
In numeracy, the children have been concentrating on recognising and forming the written numbers 1-10 correctly and counting objects to quantity. The children were also introduced to the concept of numbers before and after a given number. We have also been learning the names of some 3D shapes.

In Knowledge and Understanding of the World, the children have been learning about farm animals, wild animals, sea animals and summer. The children were so well behaved on the trip to Willows Farm and enjoyed looking at all the animals. The children were always enthusiastic during our topic related activities and our discussions at Circle Time and always contributed their ideas and knowledge. The children have particularly loved our art sessions as it allowed them to use a variety of materials and tools and develop their artistic traits.

The children had a wonderful time at Sports Day and should be proud of all their efforts. We would like to thank all the parents who supported their children in their learning.

We wish you a very happy and safe summer. Miss Afsari and Mrs Ghatora





News from Reception Class

As we come to the end of this academic year, the last few weeks have been quite hectic.



Our trip to Willow's Farm was one of the highlights of this term. The children enjoyed it thoroughly and had an opportunity to feed the animals and hold some. Our Sports Day was a great success and the children participated with enthusiasm and excitement followed by a picnic in the garden. We celebrated the Queen's diamond jubilee with a party at school and dressed up for the occasion. The children celebrated Father's Day by making a card, writing a message for their dad and making chocolate chip cookies.

Our topic work this half of the Summer Term has been about the 'Animal World'. While learning about Farm Animals the children got an opportunity to see the animals closely at the farm. They coloured pictures, learnt about caring for them, singing songs and listening to stories. Then we travelled to the different parts of the world to learn about Wild Animals. Our journey took us through the Rainforests, Savannah grasslands, the Polar region and the Asian subcontinent. The children made masks, engaged in role-play, painted pictures of their favourite wild animals, made a lion face and a giraffe. Our next topic led us on a Sea Adventure, where the children learnt about the smallest to the largest sea animals. They looked at non-fiction books to gain an in-depth knowledge about their favourite sea animal. They learnt about the endangered animals and what needs to be done to look after them.



Our last topic is 'Summer' and the children will be thinking of all the fun activities to engage in during Summer time and as I write, the children are busy practising for the end of year assembly for the parents.

The children have continued to make excellent progress in Reading and Writing and are now fluent and confident readers. Their progress through the RWI scheme has been superb and they have been excited to get their new book every week. They have consolidated their understanding of all the topics covered in Maths and enjoyed the practical activities. They have looked forward to their PE lessons and participated with enthusiasm. The weekly cookery lessons with Mrs Ghatora have inspired them and taught them skills that will continue to build on.



It has been a pleasure to teach all the children in our class and we shall miss them as they move to their new school. They have all worked hard and achieved so much in this academic year. I would like to thank all the parents for all their support and co-operation. We would like to wish all the children continued success in their learning journey ahead. Wishing you all happy holidays. Mrs Kalsi & Mrs Ghatora



News from Year 1 & 2

It was a very busy half term as we started by celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee and then a trip to Willows Farm along with sports day practises. Among all the excitement, the children have been very busy in the classroom too. In Maths they have been recapping on topics such as fractions, time, measure, long division, times tables 2-3-5 and 10. I know that measuring capacity using water and different objects such as cups, bottles and spoons while making a mess was a favourite lesson.



We have looked at different types and patterns of poems in Literacy. The children have written their own poems, which are very personal and are beautifully worded. They are getting better at creative story writing using their imagination and everyday experiences to write short stories. They are also much more familiar with nouns, adjectives and adverbs. The more they practise these over summer holidays will be better for them in September.



In science, the children have learnt a lot more about Everyday Materials and how they are made. We have also been learning how essential they are and how important it is to recycle material to help look after our planet. Some of the other topics, such as History, the children have researched and learnt about transport, schools and lifestyles by comparing life Then and Now. In Geography we have learnt about Earthquakes and what causes earthquakes. In PSHE, we have learnt about money and where it comes from. The children have learnt how to keep money safe and the importance and use of it. The children have learnt about Percussion Instruments and what they are. RE has taught the children the similarities when comparing different religions and that they all teach us one thing, which is to be respectful and kind to others always.

It is quite a sad term as we all know the time we spend together is coming to an end. I wish them all the best in their new schools in September and I do hope they will visit us when possible. Best wishes to you all and hope you all have a lovely summer holiday.

From Mrs Ranabahu



Sports Day

Thank you for joining us for Sports Day, to share in the delight of seeing the children compete against each other in a friendly and supportive atmosphere.



Be Sun Safe

Please remember to apply sun cream before sending your child into school or holiday club and ensure they have a hat and water bottle every day. This website link is good to remind us how to keep sun safe.

<https://soltansunready.com/for-families>

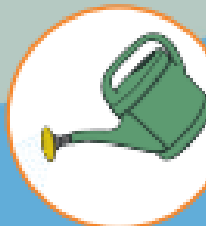
Sunny-Day Activity Ideas



Investigate shadows – create shadows with toys or draw around someone's shadow.
chalk, small toys



Try melting ice. Freeze small toys in tubs of water. Explore how to free the toys from the ice.
freezer, tubs, small toys (small world vehicles)



Create a den to provide shelter from the sunshine.



Play with water.

squirty bottles, watering cans, hosepipes

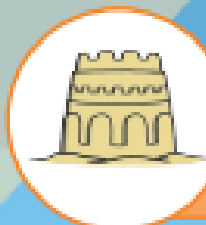


Have a teddy bears' picnic. Have lunch or a snack in the shade outside – don't forget to invite the teddy bears!



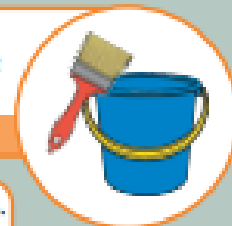
Create a fan to cool down.

paper or card, crayons, lolly sticks



Paint with water - you could paint on the walls, the floor, on natural materials or large pieces of paper.

paintbrushes, leaves, sticks, paper



Create your own beach and make sandcastles.

large activity tray, sand, buckets and spades, shells



Find a shady spot under a tree and read your favourite books.
books



Wash different objects and dry them in the sun.

water, sponges, toys, clothes, play cars, washing line and pegs



Activities at Harrow Arts Centre

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The Wagon of Dreams

Sat 16 July



The Three Little Pigs

Sat 6 August

Families Magazine

You can read the latest Families Magazine by clicking here... [Families NW London Magazine May-June 2022 issue 148 by Families Magazine - Issuu](#)



Wellbeing Calendar for June

Jump Back Up July 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 Take a small step to help overcome a problem or worry	2 Adopt a growth mindset. Change "I can't" into "I can't...yet"	3 Be willing to ask for help when you need it
4 Find something to look forward to today	5 Get the basics right: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	6 Pause, breathe and feel your feet firmly on the ground	Shift your mood by doing something you really enjoy	8 Avoid saying "must" or "should" to yourself today	9 Put a problem in perspective by seeing the bigger picture	10 Reach out to someone you trust and share your feelings with them
11 Look for something positive in a difficult situation	12 Write your worries down and save them for a specific 'worry time'	13 Challenge negative thoughts. Find an alternative interpretation	14 Get outside and move to help clear your head	15 Set yourself an achievable goal and take the first step	16 Find fun ways to distract yourself from unhelpful thoughts	17 Use one of your strengths to overcome a challenge today
18 Let go of the small stuff and focus on the things that matter	19 If you can't change it, change the way you think about it	20 When things go wrong, pause and be kind to yourself	21 Identify what helped you get through a tough time in your life	22 Find 3 things you feel hopeful about and write them down	23 Remember that all feelings and situations pass in time	24 Choose to see something good about what has gone wrong
25 Notice when you are feeling judgmental and be kind instead	26 Catch yourself over-reacting and take a deep breath	27 Write down 3 things you're grateful for (even if today was hard)	28 Think about what you can learn from a recent problem	29 Be a realistic optimist. Focus on what could go right	30 Reach out to a friend, family member or colleague for support	31 Remember we all struggle at times - it's part of being human

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Parent's Guide to Messy Play

What does messy play entail, how do children benefit from it, and what can you do to help them take part in such activities?

By Annette Rawstrone

It's a typical but frustrating scenario for parents – you take your bathed and neatly dressed child to nursery and return with one who is grubby. Their hands, clothes and sometimes their hair too can tell a story of their day – mud under their finger nails, thick paint on their top and glitter in their hair. Rest assured, childcare practitioners don't deliberately make your washing machine work overtime, but they do want to enable your child to explore a wide range of textures and materials. This form of play is called 'messy' – or 'sensory' – play.



WHAT IS MESSY PLAY?

The main feature of messy play is giving your child the freedom to investigate materials. This can include playing with sand and water, digging in mud or investigating porridge oats, shaving foam or 'gloop' (cornflour and water mixed together resulting in a fascinating substance). Nursery practitioners will try to keep your child protected by providing aprons, overalls and opportunities to wash their hands, but it is impossible to keep young children totally clean without inhibiting their important investigations.

BENEFITS OF MESSY PLAY

'Messy' often has negative connotations for parents, but there are many positive reasons why this form of play is offered in early years settings. It may seem to lack a particular focus as there is often not an end product, but the benefits of getting hands-on through messy play include:

- Exploration and independence as children are free to investigate what they choose – from digging a hole with a twig to pouring water into different containers. It's an opportunity to take responsibility for their own play, rather than being told what to do.
- Development of co-ordination and body control as children practise hand-eye co-ordination and develop their motor skills. Big movements, such as drawing in sand, can help to build large muscle groups which can enable the smaller muscles in the hands to make more precise movements.
- Stimulating their senses and imagination as they feel the sensation of shaving foam squidging through their fingers, hear cornflakes crunch under their feet or smell petals in their magic potion.
- Building curiosity and concentration as they have the freedom to experiment with different substances and investigate cause and effect: What happens when you push your finger through gloop? Why does sand stick together better when it's mixed with water? How can you stop your playdough creation from collapsing?
- Developing prediction skills as they start to learn that their model needs a firm base, or putting too much liquid into a bucket will make it overflow.
- Nurturing early writing skills by encouraging mark-making, such as using their fingers to make patterns in shaving foam or dragging a piece of chalk across the playground.
- Nurturing early numeracy skills by introducing them to concepts such as bigger and smaller, heavier and lighter, along with sequencing, patterns and problem-solving.
- Encouraging social interaction such as turn-taking, negotiation and conversation skills as children work together.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

Reassure yourself that it's unlikely that your child will become ill from messy play. Coming into contact with the bacteria in mud can actually help to build young children's immune systems.

RESOURCE IDEAS

Persil's Dirt is Good website has information on how to remove a range of stains from clothing and the benefits of 'embracing dirt'. Visit: www.persil.com/uk/home.html

A recipe for making slime out of household items, including troubleshooting tips, is available at: www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-make-slime



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



JULY		
Monday 4 th	9.30am	Year 1 & 2 End of Year Assembly to parents
Tuesday 5 th	9.15	Nursery End of Year Assembly to parents
	10.00	Reception End of Year Assembly to parents
Thursday 7 th	12 noon	Break up for Summer Holiday. Children may wear their own clothes on this day – we will have an end of year party in the morning.
Monday 11 th July to Friday 26 th August	8 – 4pm	Holiday Club for pupils and siblings
SEPTEMBER		
Monday 5 th	All day	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th	am	Training
Tuesday 6 th	pm	New pupils and parents invited in to meet teachers – individual time slots given
Tuesday 6 th	4 – 5pm	All parents invited in to meet the teachers and see classrooms
Wednesday 7 th	8.30am	New term starts
OCTOBER		
17 th – 28 th		Half Term

Term Dates 2022-23

Autumn Term 2022

Inset for Staff: Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th September

Term Begins:

Wednesday 7th September

Half Term:

Monday 17th October – Friday 28th October

Term Ends:

Tuesday 13th December at midday after Christmas Nativity

Spring Term 2023

Inset for Staff: Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th January

Term Begins:

Thursday 5th January

Half Term:

Monday 13th – Friday 17th February

Term Ends:

Friday 24th March at midday

Summer Term 2023

Inset for Staff: Tuesday 18th April

Term Begins:

Wednesday 19th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May

Half Term:

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Term Ends:

Wednesday 12th July at midday

N.B. Holiday Club is available at additional cost for childcare during the school holidays, ensuring childcare for 48 weeks a year. We are fully closed for 2 weeks at Christmas and 2 weeks at the end of the Summer break for deep cleaning.