



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.



Our “Animal World” topic has been so much fun, allowing us to learn about pets, farm animals, wild animals and sea creatures. Our trip to Willows Farm was a great way to introduce this topic – we had so much fun.

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 and Haberdashers. 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 years’ newsletters will serve as nice reminders of some wonderful times at Roxeth.

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!

It is not just pupils we are saying good bye to. Mrs. Afsari is leaving us to take on a manager role in another Nursery. We thank her for everything she has done at Roxeth. We will miss her, but send her off with our very best wishes. Miss Raza will be replacing Mrs Afsari and we also welcome Mrs Akter and Mrs Kerai who will be joining our team to add capacity for September. Those coming to holiday club will also meet Miss Gloria and Miss Wasira. The staffing for September is as follows:

Class		Staff (Key Workers in Bold)
Ladybirds (Babies)		Mrs Sheikh Mrs Turei
Butterflies (Toddlers)		Miss Gordon Miss Hayes
Parrots (Lower Pre School)		Mrs O'Neill Mrs Akter Miss Pallavi Miss Gohill
Squirrels (Lower Nursery)		Mrs Raza Mrs Ghatora Mrs Kerai
Tigers (Upper Nursery & Reception)		Mrs Kalsi Mrs Ghatora

Wishing you a lovely summer break.

Mrs Goodwin & Mrs Mackintosh

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Willows Farm Trip

On Thursday 15th June, we went to Willows Activity Farm, near St Albans Farm. This fitted with our topic of Farm Animals. The children had a wonderful time, as these photos show.



Sports Day

Thankfully, the sun shone on Friday 7th July for our Sports day and picnic. Thank you for supporting this event. Everyone had a wonderful time, as these photos show.

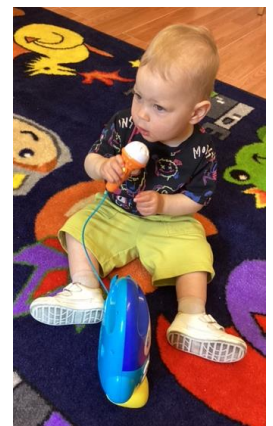


News from Baby (Ladybird) Class

It has come to the end of a lovely academic year. This year has flown by and we have had an amazing and exciting journey. This term has been very enjoyable. The children have learnt about different animals - farm animals, jungle animals and sea creatures. We have been encouraging the children to recognise each animal and say the sounds each animal makes. We have created some art works in relation to each topic. We have also been learning our numbers and colours. Some children were able to say certain numbers which was lovely to see. We have had lovely weather and it is been amazing to see the children play outside on the climbing frame and enjoying the lovely sunshine. I am sad to see a few children moving up to the toddler room, but is heartening to watch these children grow and blossom since they were babies and now they are becoming amazing little toddlers. I hope you all have a lovely summer and will be looking forward to another exciting academic year.



Mrs K Sheikh & Miss G Turei



News from Toddler (Butterfly) Class



The children have been an absolute pleasure to work with this year. Each with such individual characters and little personalities. The children have learnt about different animals, from farm animals, jungle animals and sea creatures. They are now very good at identifying each animal and saying the correct noise that the animal makes. The songs, "Old Macdonald" and "Baby Shark" have been very popular this term and we have also created lots of lovely art work. The summer has enabled us to take advantage of our beautiful garden and to develop the gross motor skills and core strength of the children by climbing, running, jumping and cycling. They have made so much progress and are so happy. We hope you all have a lovely summer. See you again in September.

Miss Gordon and Miss Hayes.



News From The Lower Pre-School (Parrot Class)



Another academic year is almost complete and, as ever, where does the time go? Another happy year for all the staff and pupils at our lovely setting and I have to say this is one of the most rewarding jobs. It gives me enormous satisfaction to see the children settle so well in every class and, even if it takes some children longer than others, they all without exception run into school beaming broadly! It really is delightful to see!

This half term has seen the children enjoy a trip to Willows Farm and I know several parents who helped out commented on how well the children behaved and sat when eating. We have looked at various animals (wild, farm and sea) and the children have created some beautiful art work for our displays. Some of the children have even remembered that cats have paws, horses hooves and pigs have trotters!

The warmer weather has seen us increasingly in our garden and we have painted our playhouse with water and anything else as well! We have washed socks and pegged them on a washing line and enjoyed various animals in our water trough. It is the time of year for goodbyes and for those leaving Roxeth Mead I would like to send a fond farewell to the children and families and wish you all the very best for the future. We hope to see you again. In the meantime enjoy a lovely summer and happy holidays!

Mrs L O'Neill, Mrs P Ghatora and Miss Pallavi





News From The Upper Pre-School Room (Squirrels)

It's that time of year again, and what a wonderful year it has been. The children have really thrived this half term with their growing confidence, problem solving skills and knowledge.

We have really enjoyed learning about African animals, Farm Animals, Sea Animals and Summer. The children have an abundance of knowledge regarding these topics.

Our trip to Willows Farm was very successful as the children had an opportunity to see up close some of the animals that they have been learning about.

In Communication and Language, we have been reading lots of stories relating to our topic, a firm favourite is 'Cock-a-Moo-Moo' during our topic on Farm Animals.

In Literacy, we have continued our phonics sessions. The children have been linking familiar sounds to familiar letters and attempting to form those letters in a variety of ways such as on whiteboards, sand and shaving foam.

In Mathematics, we have been focusing on the recognition of the written numerals 1-10. We have also been working on shape recognition and counting up to 10 objects reliably as well as singing lots of number rhymes during Circle Time, amongst the favourites is '5 Little Fishes Swimming in the Sea.'

In Knowledge and Understanding, we have been talking about the key features of some African animals particularly giraffes and cheetahs.

During our topic on Summer, we learned about how to stay safe in the sun and how to keep cool.

Finally I would like to add that it has been an absolute pleasure to have taught your children and I will miss seeing their lovely faces every day. All the children are so special and unique in their own way and they have all given me joy. Thank you for all your support.

I wish you all a very happy summer. Kind regards, Mrs Afsari





News From The Nursery and Reception Room (Tigers)



It seems unbelievable that we have come to the end of this academic year and getting ready for the Summer holidays. Time has truly flown by and the children who started in Tiger class last September have grown into confident and independent individuals. We shall be saying goodbye to some who will be moving to their next schools and a few staying for the next academic year. Their end of year reports are a testament to how hard they have worked and achieved so much in all the areas of the curriculum.

The highlight of this half of the Summer term has been our trip to Willows Farm and the children's excitement was very evident. They enjoyed looking at all the farm animals and feeding them. They have been practising for Sports Day and are very excited about having a picnic afterwards. Tiger class have also been rehearsing for our end of year assembly for the parents with enthusiasm.

Some of the topics we covered this term were Jungle & Farm animals, Sea creatures and Summer. The children painted beautiful Jungle pictures with different animals in it. They listened to stories and learnt songs about Jungle & Farm animals. Delving into the fascinating world of sea creatures was very interesting and all the children had something to share about their trip to the seaside. They



coloured pictures of fish with chalk and learnt to blend the colours. For our next topic 'Summer' the children talked about the weather, clothes, food, sandcastles, beach and created a beautiful seaside picture. They also conducted a 'Sink & Float' experiment and chose objects to put in the water and learnt to make predictions.

The children's progress in reading and writing through the RWI scheme has been excellent. They have enjoyed our Phonics lessons every day. Our practical Maths activities have been a great success and the children have consolidated their understanding of the topics and participated with enthusiasm. The children have looked forward to their weekly cooking lessons and have become confident chefs.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for their cooperation and support through this academic year. It has been an absolute pleasure having your children in my class and teaching them. I wish them all the best as they move to their new school in September and look forward to teaching the ones staying for the next academic year.

The message for the children in my class is that, "You have all worked hard and done so well and I want to tell you how proud I am of all of you. I know that your love of learning will continue and you will achieve even greater success in the future".

Wishing you all a very happy and relaxing Summer holidays.

Mrs Kalsi, Mrs Ghatora & Miss Gohil.





Parents' Information



Topics for Next Term:

AUTUMN TERM			
W/b	Babies & Toddlers	Pre-School	Nursery
4 September	Settling in / Routines	Settling In / Rules & routines Book "Goat Goes to Playgroup"	Settling In / Rules & Routines
11	My Special People (Family)	All About Me: Family / My Body . Song- Head, Shoulders Knees & Toes Book "Owl Babies"	All About Me: Family / My Senses and Emotions / Memorable events in my family
18			
25			
2 October	Fairy-tale: Goldilocks	Fairy-tale: 3 Little Pigs	Fairy-tale: Jack & Beanstalk
9			
16 & 23 Half Term 2 weeks			
30	Autumn & Festivals incl. Fireworks & Diwali	Autumn & Festivals incl. Fireworks & Diwali	Autumn & Festivals incl. Fireworks & Diwali The Gruffalo
6 November			
13	Nursery Rhymes: Round & Round the Garden / Twinkl Twinkl Wind The Bobbin Up The Wheels on the Bus	Dinosaurs Dinosaur Roar If I had a Dinosaur	Dinosaurs Dinosaur Song Dinosaurs Galore, If Dinosaurs Came to Town. Ultimate Book of Dinosaurs (n/f)
20		Nursery Rhymes (ch'n choices)	
27	Christmas. Pantomime (7 th) & Nativity prep Xmas Cards	Christmas. Pantomime (7 th) & Nativity prep Xmas Cards	Christmas. Pantomime (7 th) & Nativity prep Xmas Cards
4 December			
11 Ends Wed 13 th			

Uniform

We now have a new uniform supplier.



<https://www.aceclothing.co.uk/products-school/roxeth-mead/uniform-3/boys-girls>

Please note that everything is made to order, so you need to allow 7-10 working days for the order to be ready. A reminder that the uniform is...

All Pupils aged 18 months to 5 years:

Winter:

Plain black jogging bottoms
White polo shirt
Green logo'd sweatshirt
Grey logo'd fleece (optional)
Warm coat
Grey woollen hat
Black shoes or trainers with Velcro fitting

Summer:

White, grey or bottle green shorts
White polo shirt
Green gingham summer dress (girls)
Green logo'd sweatshirt
Legionnaires style sun hat
Raincoat (any)
Black shoes with Velcro fitting or
White trainers with Velcro fitting

Pupils age 2+ will also need a book bag and rucksack.

Changes to Funding for Children Aged 9 to 36 Months

Many parents will already be aware of the existing Government-funded childcare hours available to all 3 and 4-year-olds in England (plus some disadvantaged 2-year-olds). This scheme will be extended in 2024 to children aged from just 9 months of age if they suit eligibility requirements.

Here's how the free childcare will be rolled out:

1. From April 2024, children aged 2 from eligible working families will be able to claim 570 hours of free childcare each year. This is typically taken as 15 hours of free childcare each week over 38 weeks.
2. From September 2024, the same free childcare scheme will be extended to eligible children aged from just 9 months of age. This comes later so that childcare providers have time to adapt to the extra capacity.
3. From September 2025, eligible children aged from 9 to 36 months will be able to claim double the amount of free childcare hours, taking their annual free childcare allowance up to 1140 hours. These will typically be taken as 30 free hours per week for 38 weeks of the year.

In each case, eligibility for children aged from 9 to 36 months will use the same criteria as for those **3- and 4-year-olds receiving 30 hours of free childcare** for 38 weeks of the year in the existing scheme. That scheme will continue to run too, meaning that children from 9 months to the age of four (inclusive) are all supported, right up until they start school.

Wellbeing Calendar for July

Jump Back Up July 2023

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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	7 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				

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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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

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



JULY		
Wednesday 12 th July	9.30 – 11.30	End of Year Garden Party
Wednesday 12 th	12 noon	Break up for Summer Holiday
Wednesday 12 th	12 – 5pm	After School Club available for this who have booked
Thursday 13 th to Friday 18 th August	All day	Holiday Club available. See Booking Sheet that has been emailed.
SEPTEMBER		
Monday 4 th	All day	INSET Day
Tuesday 5 th	pm	New pupils and parents invited in to meet teachers
Wednesday 6 th	8.30am	New term starts for all pupils
OCTOBER		
16 th – 27 th		Half Term

Autumn Term 2023

Inset for Staff: Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September

Term Begins:

Wednesday 6th September

Half Term:

Monday 16th October – Friday 27th October

Term Ends:

Wednesday 13th December at midday after Christmas Nativity

Holiday Club - 14th and 15th December

School Closed 2 weeks over Christmas

Spring Term 2024

Inset for Staff: Monday 8th January

Term Begins:

Tuesday 9th January

Half Term:

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February

Term Ends:

Thursday 28th March at midday

Summer Term 2024

Inset for Staff: Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd April

Term Begins:

Wednesday 24th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Half Term:

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Term Ends:

Friday 12th July at midday