



Dear Parents/carers

Welcome to this month's newsletter and to the Summer term here at Robinswood. We hope that you all had a restful break and are back to school looking forward to lots of fun activities this term and warmer weather too.

This term is 6 weeks long but there are already lots of events going on. As always, please check the dates on the back page to ensure that you keep up to date with events going on at school.

NEWSLETTER



Our Coronation picnic will be held on our school field from 12.00pm on Friday 5th May. Parents/families can bring a picnic lunch for them and their children (no alcohol please) to share. Please bring a picnic rug/camp chairs/sun umbrellas (if hot) etc. to set up a space for your family and friends.

The children will be brought out by their class teacher to join you. The class teacher will have their own picnic space and food for any children whose families cannot make the event. School can provide packed school lunches for any free school meal children.

We will all join in the National Anthem together and our classes will perform a song or dance. There will be an ice-cream van, bouncy castles and a fundraising stall that the Year 6 children are running to support their end of year leaver's celebrations. Please bring some cash with you for these.

All the children can come dressed in either red, white and blue or a 'royal' costume such as a Princess, King or Queen.

The children will be taken back into their classes when the picnic finishes and parents will be asked to wait in the usual playground places to collect them.

Each child will bring home some Coronation 'Memorabilia' to commemorate the event. Please ask your class teacher or give the office a ring if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Pre-School places for September 2022

We are currently organising our Pre-school for September 2023. If you know anyone who would like their child to join us please ask them to email us at admin@robinswoodtrust.co.uk or pop into the school reception to collect a form. This needs to be completed and returned promptly. The child's date of birth needs to be between September 2019 and August 2020 for a September 2023 start.

ATTENDANCE

We are still seeing a high number of children arriving late to school. Your child starts learning the minute they walk into the classroom and are therefore often missing initial instruction. Not only is this disruptive for your child, it is for the teacher and the rest of the class.

As school starting times move forward in September, it is a really good opportunity now for children to get into a good routine of arriving on time. We are now able to issue penalty notices to parents whose children regularly arrive after the register has closed. This is a maximum fine of £120 per parent.

Please see below for a reminder of school opening times from September:

Following the Government guidelines from 1st September 2023 the school times will be as follows;

8.30am Gates open

8.35am Classroom doors open.

8.40am Gates close.

8.45am Classroom doors close.

8.50am Register closes.

8.50 – 9.00am is a late mark.

9.00am onwards will be unauthorised absence mark.



Staff will be on the gate from 8.30 – 8.40am to allow ENTRY and until 8.50am for EXIT ONLY. This is to allow families to walk children around to classes and leave by the gate.

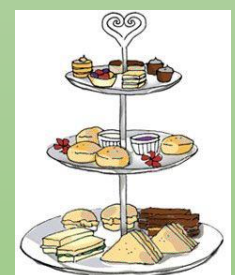
Children WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER AFTER 8.40AM.

Please arrive at school on time between 8.30 – 8.40am.

Staff will be on classroom doors from 8.35am – 8.45am when the doors will close.

Register will take place from 8.45am – 8.50am.

On the last day of term, Miss Walker and Mrs Andrews had a lovely afternoon celebrating with Chestnut for being the first class to complete their 'Attendance Bingo' card. The class were treated to a lovely afternoon tea, full of delicious cakes. It was also a double celebration, as they had also won the 'Best Attendance' award in KS2 for Term 4 that day. Here are a couple of pictures from the party. Unfortunately, the photographer wasn't quick enough to get a picture before the children started to devour the cakes! Juniper and Pine have also completed their 'Attendance Bingo' cards, and we look for to celebrating with them in the coming weeks.



Pre-School

The children have been introduced to Read Write Inc. phonics this week. They have met Fred the frog who only talks in sounds. The children have engaged well and are excited to see what sounds they will be learning next. So far they have learnt 'm', 'a' and 's'. Next week we will be learning 'd', 't' and 'i'. All the children have been given a RWI pack with information for you to support them at home. The children will explore a variety of activities linked to the sounds they have learnt when exploring the classroom in learning times. This is to help them to remember and recall them.



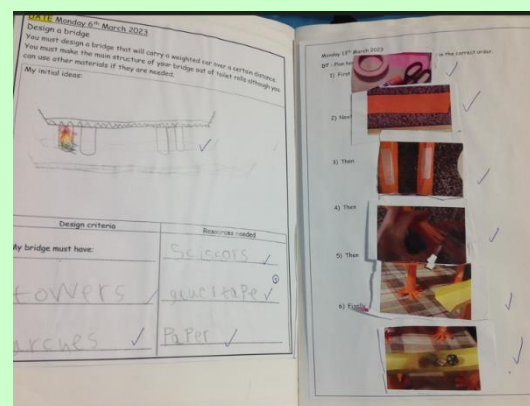
Reception

Reception children had the wonderful experience of learning about real chicks and watching them grow and develop. They helped to look after them and even got to hold them. Next, we will be learning about giants!



Year 1

In Term 3 we were artists and in Term 4 in DT we became engineers! First, we researched different types of bridges e.g. beam, arch, cantilever and suspension. Then we designed our bridges and talked about the materials we could use. Finally, we made a plan and then created our bridges choosing the beam design. The children really enjoyed spending the afternoon being creative and having fun with construction.



Year 2

Beech and Pine class have started the term with an amazing trip to Gloucester museum. This introduced our science topic on 'Living things and their habitats'. We learnt all about habitats and the different food chains we find in them. Outside we worked in a group and made some amazing food chains, which started with the sun. At the end of the day, we used a collage to make some different animals, which we had learnt about. Well done Year 2!!



Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic sunny day at Nature in Art. We made nature sculptures, met the resident artist and created butterflies out of wire.



Year 4

Year 4 have had an amazing start to the term, where we kicked it off with a trip to the Everyman theatre. We watched an Unexpected Twist - a modern version of Oliver Twist. It was interactive and the children fully enjoyed themselves, bouncing along to the beatboxing, singing and dancing.

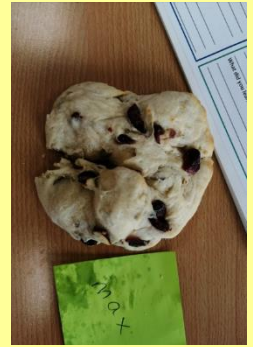
This term we are challenging ourselves by learning about decimals and fractions in maths. Deciding on how important the Mayans were. Exploring our new story - Arthur and the Golden Rope which is based in Iceland.

We are still doing P.E. on a Tuesday and Thursday and as the weather heats up it is very important to have an outside P.E. kit in school.



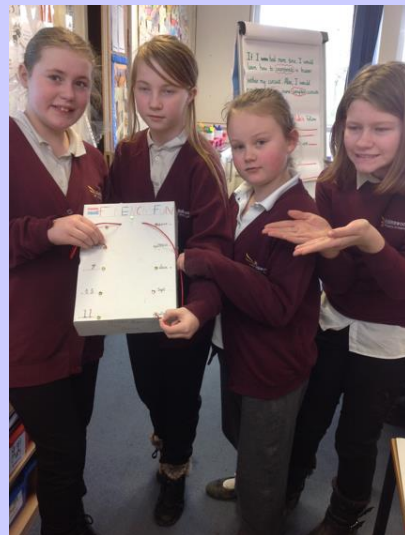
Year 5

For our DT in year 5, last term, we were investigating bread with a focus upon all the different types of bread from around the world. We investigated the process of baking bread and explored what different ingredients we could add to a basic bread dough, finally writing our own recipes and baking our own flavoured bread. Some delicious new bread flavours were created - Paul Hollywood would have been impressed!!



Year 6

In DT last term, year 6 made electronic games- they had to design and make these themselves using the skills they'd been learning and practising. This involved making circuits, using electrical tape and connecting wires. So many of them worked and were educational to play!



Sporting News

It is with great excitement that Robinswood Primary Academy have had funding approved for the next two years to promote cricket for the school and the community. With the help of the Sports Leaders, this is going to be an exciting time ahead. Keep watch for further information.



Illustrator competition

Congratulations to our winners of the illustrator competition. Two winners were chosen to illustrate each of our three stories from World Book Day. The competition was fierce and it was a difficult decision to choose just these six children.

Congratulations to Amiera, Sienna R, Lola, Freya, Ayman and Jasmine for their wonderful work. They each received a book in BEST assembly today and their illustrations will soon feature in the shared books.

Thanks to all the entrants for taking the time over their entries. We certainly have a talented bunch of children at Robinswood!



April 2023 edition

Key dates and events

Date	School Event
Monday 24th April	Y5 Dance workshop-PE kits needed every Monday SEND parents group 2pm
Wednesday 26 th April	Y5/6 swimming every Wednesday
Thursday 27 th April	Tag Rugby fixture (home)-after school
Monday 1st May	BANK HOLIDAY – No children in school
Tuesday 2 nd May	Phonics screening Check Parent’s meeting-bottom hall (all Year 1 and invited Year 2 parents only)
Thursday 4 th May	Rags 2 Riches clothing collection Pre-school Perrygrove Railway trip (a.m group only) Pre-School closed to afternoon group Tag Rugby fixture (away)-after school at Coney Hill Primary
Friday 5th May	School Coronation event-save the date!
Monday 8th May	EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY – No children in school
Week beginning 9th May	Y6 SATs week Breakfast available at school daily
Friday 12 th May	STEMAMAZING Year 3 workshop
Thursday 18 th May	Pre-school Perrygrove Railway trip (p.m group only) Pre-School closed to morning group
Wednesday 24 th May	Year 3 Assembly-parents invited-9 a.m bottom hall
Thursday 25th May	Last day before Half Term-3:15pm finish BEST Assemblies
Friday 26th May	Teachers INSET day – No children in school
Saturday 27th May- Sunday 4th June	Half Term
Monday 5th June	Back to School Adult Education Mindfulness course 1:30
Week beginning 5 th - 9 th June	Year 4 Multiplication tests
Wednesday 7 th June	Reception-Dinky Street Trip Year 5/6 swimming every Wednesday
Thursday 8 th June	Tag Rugby Semi Final/Playoffs after school
Week beginning Monday 12 th June	Year 1 (+ some Year 2) Phonics Screening Check
Monday 12 th June	Adult Education Mindfulness course 1:30
Week beginning 12 th -16 th June	Year 4 Multiplication tests
Wednesday 14 th June	Cattle Country trip Year 5 Opera workshop
Friday 16 th June	STEMAMAZING Year 3 workshop
Tuesday 20 th June	1pm Sports day for Year 5 & 6
Wednesday 21 st June	Reception, Year 1 & 2 Sports day (9.00 am) Year 3 & 4 sports day (1pm)
Friday 23 rd June	No Pens Day STEMAMAZING Year 3 workshop
Tuesday 27 th June	Year 1 Assembly-parents invited-9 a.m bottom hall
Wednesday 28 th June	Careers day Strike A Light Dance Performance - GL1 5-8pm
Monday 3 rd July	Adult Education Mindfulness course 1:30pm

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Wednesday 5 th July	Y6 Science trip to Oxford
Thursday 6 th July	EYFS to Year 5 End of Year Reports sent home
Tuesday 11 th July	Gloucester Rugby Year 5 History of Gloucester lessons
Thursday 13 th July	Thrive Day Year 6 End of Year Reports sent home
Friday 14 th July	Leaver's party/prom (Year 6 only 6-9pm)
Monday 17 th July	Adult Education Mindfulness course 1:30pm
Thursday 20 th July	Y4 Cricket festival Final BEST assembly
Friday 21 st July	Leaver's Assembly Last day of term-3:15pm finish
Monday 24 & Tuesday 25 th July	Teacher's INSET days – No children in school
Wednesday 26 th July	Summer Holidays
Monday 4 th & Tuesday 5 th September	Teacher's INSET days – No children in school
Wednesday 6 th September	Back to School

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS
2023/24



SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER									
Mon	4	11	18	25	Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	6	13	20	27				
Tues	5	12	19	26	Tues	3	10	17	24	31	Tues	7	14	21	28				
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Thur		7	14	21	28	Thur	5	12	19	26	Thur	2	9	16	23	30			
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Sun		3	10	17	24	Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun		5	12	19	26		
DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY									
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MARCH					APRIL					MAY									
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JUNE					JULY					AUGUST									
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Term Time	Holidays
Bank Holiday	Inset Days
22nd July to be taken as twilights over academic year	
Term 1: Mon 4 th Sept – Fri 27 th Oct 2023	40 days
Term 2: Mon 6 th Nov – Fri 22 nd Dec 2023	35 days
Term 3: Mon 8 th Jan - Fri 9 th Feb 2024	25 days
Term 4: Mon 19 th Feb – Fri 22 nd Mar 2024	25 days
Term 5: Mon 8 th April – Fri 24 th May 2024	34 days
Term 6: Mon 3 rd June – Mon 22 nd July 2024	36 days
Total	195 days*

Christmas Bank Holidays	25 th December 2023
	26 th December 2023
New Year Bank Holiday	1 st January 2024
Good Friday	29 th March 2024
Easter Monday	1 st April 2024
Early May Bank Holiday	6 th May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 th May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 th August 2024