

WEEK 13



Last week, 8 children from Year 3 and 4 took part in an archery competition. The event took place at Flitch Green Academy and the children were competing against other schools. All the children managed to hit the target and improved throughout the competition. Some of them even scored a 10! They tried extremely hard and the teams came 4th and 5th in the competition. Due to the positive re-



sponse to the event, we at Roseacres Primary School are planning on ordering our own archery equipment. Well done to all who took part. You were fantastic! On Thursday Y1 and Y3 took part in an inter-school's cheerleading competition where they were up against some stiff competition. Well done to everyone for their splendid efforts and politeness—which they were complemented on.



It seems we have gone sport mad! On Wednesday, Roseacres children had a visitor from a fitFENCE coach

who ran a fencing day. The coach spent an hour with each class in Year 1,2,3 and 4/5 teaching them all the basic skills of fencing. He introduced the concepts of attacking, defending and co-ordination of hands and feet through a variety of exciting games and exercises. The children learnt how to use plastic and foam swords safely and the basic footwork for fencing. A lot of children commented that 'it was fun', 'stupendous' 'amazing' and 'fantastic'.



BUILDING UPDATE

Finally, this week the huge mound of spoil was removed—thank you to Y1 and Y4/5 parents for your understanding and patience with the change in drop off and collection arrangements whilst this happened.

Works continued inside. The electricians and plasterers have been really busy. All internal walls have now been plastered.



PARENT LUNCHES



Thank you to the parents and family members of Y4/5 who joined their children for lunch this week.



We would also welcome feedback about the new school menu and caterers once you have attended either verbally, by email or by completing one of the 'general comment' slips available at the main office.



IMPORTANT DATES

12 DEC RECEPTION CHRISTMAS SING ALONG 9.30AM

13 DEC KS1 CHRISTMAS PLAY 2.00PM

14 DEC KS2 CONCERT 2.15PM

19 DEC CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

20 DEC LAST DAY OF TERM

7 JAN INSET DAY—CLOSED TO PUPILS

8 JAN PUPILS RETURN 8.45AM

10 JAN SWIMMING STARTS Y4/5 (WEEKLY)

14 JAN GUITAR LESSONS RECOMMENCE

8 FEB MUSIC WORKSHOP

14 FEB BREAK UP—LAST DAY

15 FEB INSET DAY—CLOSED TO PUPILS

HALF TERM 18-22 FEBRUARY

Celebration of Achievement

Assembly

Well done to the following children for their efforts and achievement with learning this week...

Y1: Susanna

Y2: Finley O

Y3: Kyla

Y4/5: Amber

Keep it up!

Guitar lesson: Guitar 1:1 lessons—have finished for this term; recommence Monday 14th January. Please ensure that you make the advance payment via ParentMail when prompted to do so.

Clubs: All clubs finished this week except for Multi-Sports and Magical Maths.

New clubs list will be circulated shortly. We aim to confirm places prior to breaking up and at this point payment can be made. Karate will continue all year and will recommence the first week back (10.1.19). A massive thank you to our staff who always give over and above to enrich the learning and opportunities for the children by giving up their time to run clubs and enrichment activities.

ROSEACRES TERM DATES 2019/20

The term dates and inset days for next year are on the website.

FRIENDS/PTA

Friends welcome new members as well as suggestions or the offer of talents/business.

Contact email

friends@roseacres.essex.sch.uk

XMAS RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

XMAS TEA TOWEL ON SALE £4!

DINNER MENU

NEW MENU: next week: **WEEK 1** See website/ notice board.

Polite Reminders

Safety:

Pedestrians:

Please always **use the path** when entering or leaving the site and not exit via the car park on foot.

Drivers:

Please park safely and responsibly on the road without obstructing the driveways or access to local residents' properties/garages. Please park further down the road from the school and avoid, stopping, turning or reversing in front of the school. This is a very busy place for children and adults crossing. Very young children often run or scoot ahead of their parents and we would like to avoid a nasty accident occurring.

Attendance/sickness absence:

If your child is off school, please ring on the first day of absence **BEFORE 9.15am**. If we have not heard from you we will activate our 'First Day Call' procedure. If your child should get sickness and/or diarrhoea then they should be clear for **48 hours** from the last episode, before returning to school.

Punctuality/drop off & collection: The gates and class doors open at **8.45am** each day (15 mins early) to ease congestion. The gates are **locked** at **9am**. We would kindly ask you to be prompt. Latecomers must enter via the main office and provide a valid reason for late arrival (which is a legal duty placed upon schools). At drop off time: KS2 children should say goodbye to their parents in the main playground; please only go around to the class door if you have a message for the teacher. KS1 parents may drop off and collect at the class door (please keep the entrance way clear). Reception parents may come into the class to help settle their child/ make a lunch choice but please leave the site by 9am so that we can secure the site and begin the day's learning. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Dental/eye appointments

General check ups. These should be booked for outside the school day or during school holidays.

Medical/hospital appointments:

If this occurs during the school day, please let us know in advance and provide us with the letter/ appointment card so that we may copy it for the records. On the day, come to the main office to sign your child out.

Contact details: If you or your other named contacts update your phone number or move, please remember to inform the office **as soon as possible**. Thank you.

Class Information

This year the classes have been given class names with the theme of composers:

Year group	Teacher	Class Name	Topic	PE Day/s
Reception:	Miss Mann	Elgar	LIGHT, COLOUR,	Wednesday
	Miss MacKinnon	Beethoven	SHAPE AND PATTERN	Wednesday
Year 1	Miss Cook	Vivaldi	Amazing Animals	Tuesday & Friday
Year 2	Mrs Watson	Holst	CHINA	Monday & Thursday
Year 3	Miss Whates	Mozart	Egyptians	Monday & Friday
Year 4/5	Miss Bruce	Britten	KENSUKIE'S KINGDOM	Wednesday & Thursday

LEARNING NEWS:

ARE booklets and curriculum leaflets for all year groups are now on the class pages of the website. This term there are new curriculum leaflets for Reception, Y2 and Y4/5.

Reception: Elgar & Beethoven: In Reception this week the children have enjoyed learning how to program the bee-bots. The children have been learning how to make the bee bots move forwards, backwards and turn left and right. In Maths they have been adding two groups together to find the total. They have really enjoyed the book of the week- 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. A huge congratulations to James Ruby and Heidi, who have received the Orange certificate for being able to read all the phase 2 high frequency words!

Year 1: This week Y1 have been practising their cheerleading sequence for the competition on Thursday. The children worked really hard to learn a tricky sequence and they all tried their hardest yesterday. I would like to say well done Year 1 for your effort yesterday! They were commended for their routine and their manners and politeness.

Year 2: This week the children have been developing their understanding of adding and subtracting multiples of 10, as well as learning to solve missing number problems. They have also been researching China so that they can write an information book next week.

Year 3: Mozart class have had a sport-tastic week. They had PE with their sports coach on Monday improving football skills. On Wednesday they had the opportunity of trying a new sport, fencing with a specialist coach and on Thursday they took part in a cheerleading competition with other local schools and came second! They were wonderful and had big smiles on their faces. In science, the class continued their learning of Forces through investigating the strength of a magnet using various equipment, for example, water.



Year 4/5: This week around doing the end of term assessments, the class have managed to squeeze in lots of fun activities, including FitFence. This was a fantastic new experience for all the children in our class. They learnt how to salute each other before the duel; how to duel properly and how to bow graciously when a partner won the point. Well done everyone!



Curriculum Enrichment

Monday: sports coach Y2 & Y3; Dance Tues/ Thurs Y1 & Y4/5; Thursday: Y2 swimming (weekly) Y3 ukulele.

Autumn 2: Afterschool Clubs: unless mentioned below all other clubs have now finished until next year!

Monday: Multi-sports: lunchtime- (free) all pupils; Afterschool (field/hall) - last session 10.12.18

Tuesday: PM- Magical Maths KS2 (Practical room) 3.15-4.15- last session 11.12.18

Wednesday: lunchtime choir (free- Miss Bruce) Yr1-5

OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CLUB FOR ROSEACRES PUPILS:

PLACES AVAILABLE for pupils who attend Roseacres school for full time/part time/ ad-hoc child care.

learningtoflychildcareservices@mail.com website: <https://leighparnell.wixsite.com/learningtofly>. Please be aware that this is a privately owned and run club and operates independently of Roseacres Primary School. It is registered with Ofsted, meeting their requirements for this facility. Whilst we are able to signpost childcare and other provision in our office foyer, parents are advised to assure themselves of the suitability of any external provider.