



Robertswood School

Newsletter

2020-21 #1

Dear Parents, Guardians and Children

Welcome to the Christmas edition of the school's Newsletter. The children have been fantastic in their attitude to the COVID rules imposed on them this term and their response to the learning provided to them under these circumstances. The broad range of items captured in this newsletter should go some way to highlighting at least some of the activities that have been carried out this term in each year group. Well done everybody. A big thank you to the staff who have also coped brilliantly with a different landscape of teaching this term. And parents too, for your support and understanding, especially in the 'lines' outside school.

A final thanks needs to go to everybody who contributed to the Amazon wish list and the JustGiving page. We have had many deliveries over the past fortnight and the new resources have been quarantining in the hall until next term when we can use them with the children.



Year 5 ...writing in the third person

Here are 3 extracts from paragraphs that year 5 have written in order to practise writing in the third person - about themselves. A tricky task. Can you guess who they are describing in Y5?

This year 5 pupil has been learning gymnastics for seven years with a gymnastic coach. This has been an extra-curricular activity that she invests time in. Sessions commence with a warm up and then beam practice exercises including cat leaps and round offs. Consequently, the young lady's balance has improved. After that, vault exercises begin with run, jump and flip over. Penultimately, bar exercises begin harmoniously with flip, jump, flip over and land. Finally, floor exercisers begin with round offs, flicks and walkovers. Sessions finish with this year 5 pupil improving in all aspects. Overall, this sport has helped ameliorate skills, flexibility and agility...

This year 5 student enjoys playing drums. He has been playing since he was 2 years old (from 2013). This young man usually drums in his father's music studio to practise. He drums everyday and sometimes in the afternoons and before bed. He plays drums as he has a huge amount of interest in the hobby. He usually practises his drumming skills by doing flams, paradiddles, singles, doubles and triples. Flams are when you hit the sticks onto the drums quickly. Singles are just when you hit the drums one after the other. Doubles are when you hit the drums twice with one hand and then you do the same with the other hands and then keep on switching...

This year 5 pupil has been playing football for nearly six years. Her training is in Chalfont St Peter but this girl's matches can be in diverse locations. She trains before her matches on a Saturday so that her team is ready for the game. She plays football in order to become a more formidable striker and consequently leading to success in competitions. Her training should lead her to become a great striker. Learning from her mistakes and practising her drills are helping her develop her abilities as a striker. Her favourite drill is when you run from one cone and pass it to a friend. Next, you have to get past two defenders. Then you shoot at the goal...

Were you able to guess who wrote these extracts?

Nursery

Here's a brief look at what's been happening in Nursery during this half-term.

We had to choose 6 photos from well over a hundred as we have been so busy.



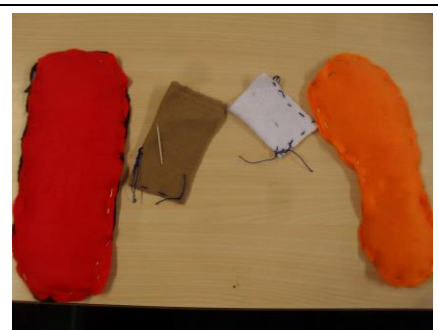
YEAR 6

Year 6's contribution to the newsletter comes in the form of Design and Technology and Art.

Children have worked hard over the last couple of weeks designing Christmas decorations, printing and making slippers.

The printing formed part of their 'printing' unit using designs based on images from Shackleton's Journey from Year 6's English unit. Children had to layer colours of yellow, red and blue paint with tissue paper placed between the layers.

Our Design and Technology project has been slippers, with the children choosing their own design and practising different sewing and stitching techniques.



Reception

What's this all about then in the pictures from Reception?

Do you mean the pictures that show how busy Reception have been this week doing lots of Christmas crafts. We've made calendars, Christmas tree decorations, reindeer food, Christmas cards and some chains. Thank you, Reception.

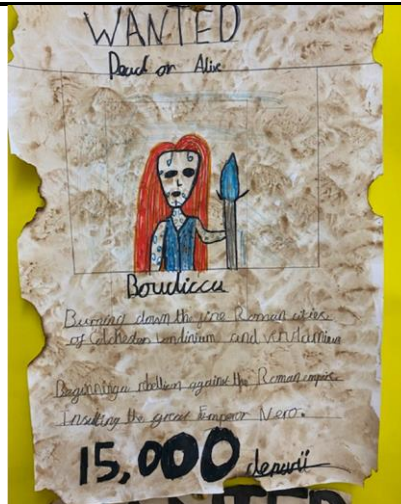
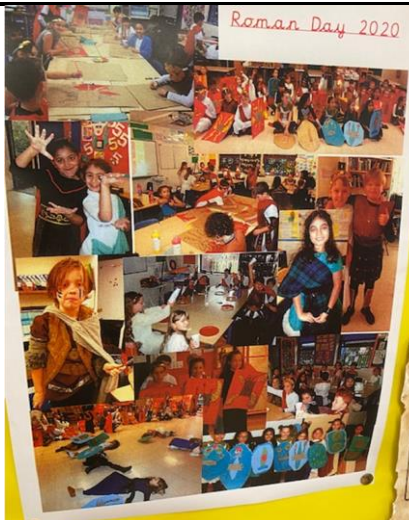


Romans in Year 4

A speech to the Celts, by Hettie 4W

Salutations my fearless fellow people of the Iceni. We are here to protect our land, our homes. If we lose, we are done. Boudicca's husband left us half of the land but the greedy Romans want it all. We have to fight for our tribe and the people in it. The Roman Emperor, Nero had our leader Boudicca whipped in front of us. If you join us we will be loyal and courageous. We are brave, we don't fear death. Romans have all that heavy armour to hold them down. The Romans are brutal and pathetic. They are rebellious and evil because they have tortured our fearless leader, the Queen Boudicca, they are savages and pathetic. Together, we can take down something, the Emperor Nero will sit and watch as we claim victory. We won't be defeated by the savage killing machines. God is on our side - who is with me? Down with the rotten Romans.

(Obviously, we wouldn't use these types of words and phrases outside of our lessons on the Romans)



Christmas is not cancelled!

Thank you so much to the PTA who reinstated Christmas fun after the Christmas Fair was cancelled. Children were able to pick presents from a wonderful selection. These were then wrapped and bagged up ready to be taken home after quarantining this week. Happy Christmas everybody and thank you again to the PTA for arranging this.



Year 3 – photo frames

What went well?

The sawing went well - you only have to push and pull it.

What didn't go well?

The sticking didn't go well because everything kept falling off.

What is your favourite thing about your frame?

My favourite thing about my frame was the painting because I like that colour.

What are you change?

I would change the wood because it is too thin maybe next time I would make it bigger.

What new skills have you learnt?

I improved my measuring skills.

by Caden 3B

What went well?

I think that my gems went well because I thought they would not stick but they did.

What didn't go well?

I think that my painting didn't go well because it kept smudging with the wood.

What is your favourite thing about your frame?

How the colours turned out because I thought it all turned out much smudged but it didn't.

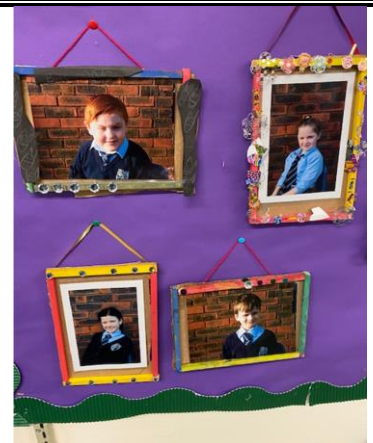
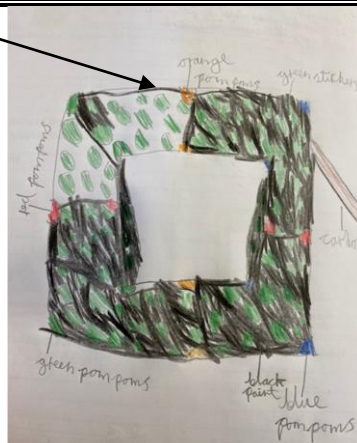
What are you change?

I would change the colour of the gems because I wanted red and blue berry I got a white.

What new skills have you learnt?

A new skill that I have learnt is sawing wood and being very creative.

by Jake 3TD



Year 2-Printing unit

Year 2 completed their printing unit this week where they learnt about how to make their own printing block (pictured below) which they then used to create a pattern for a calendar. These will be coming home in time for Christmas.

Everybody needs a calendar – maybe it will be the family organizer of 2021.



Stars of the Term – Autumn 2020

The last virtual assembly of the term on Friday saw the termly announcement of the Stars of the Term. A mixture of boys and girls stood out with a common theme of trying hard and working hard this term impressing staff from across the school. Each received a certificate and an automatic invitation to the end-of-term Tea Party next term.

Nursery	Costas
RH	Dylan
RF	Jai
1C	Parker
1KR	Hugo
2KK	Grace
2DK	Joshua
3B	Anabel
3TD	Jake
4C	Tula
4W	Sabrina
5T	Summer-Lily
5L	Lacie-Emily
6AC	Krrish
6C	Aimee G

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Finally, a thank you to the Pantomime group who managed to share a message from Father Christmas to the children of Robertswood. He was able to take time out of his busy schedule to record his message with the help of some very mischievous elves.

Year 1 – ...this term

This term in Year one we have been learning all about different materials, seasonal changes and how transport has changed over time. The children have been very creative and busy making chairs for Baby Bear, peg cars and mini umbrellas to show what we have learnt. It has been a fun and busy term, and we have been really impressed with the way the children have transitioned into Year 1 and the effort they put into their learning.



Quiz question

(in order to fill up the final page)

Two final photos of some sewing in action. But which year group is it in action?

