



Dear Parents/Carers...

A huge thank you for your support for Children in Need today and well done to our Paxcroft School Council for organising all our fundraising activities. We are still counting but so far, we have raised over £200- a fantastic amount for a worthy cause. Even Trowbridge Ted popped in to see how the fundraising was going!

This week we were delighted to welcome Trowbridge Youth Parliament for their termly meeting. This involved children representing 15 local primary schools. Our Paxcroft Youth Parliamentarians, Nadya and Ruby, have written in more detail about this later in the newsletter.

Our Year 4 children have had a wonderful time on their residential visit to Braeside Activity Centre this week. We are very proud of all the children. Thank you to staff involved in supporting this-especially Miss Parkes, who organised and lead this trip. Residential visits provide the children with valuable opportunities to try out new activities, to enjoy new experiences, to work together as a team and to build independence. Photos and blog can be accessed via the school website-Children tab/Class Pages/Housemartin and then scroll down to Term 2/Braeside Residential diaries

Next week, the children will be discussing friendship and the differences between bullying and falling-out with a friend, as part of National Anti-Bullying Week.

Low Rhodes

Headteacher



Outdoor Learning



Remembrance at Paxcroft

Trowbridge Youth Parliament...

On Wednesday 15th November, we were very proud to host this term's Youth Parliament meeting here at Paxcroft School. We welcomed about 15 local primary school representatives to discuss our future projects and vote for our Chair and Vice Chair. Prospective candidates were invited to deliver a speech detailing why they think they would make a good Chair or Vice Chair. A total of 13 students gave speeches and all of them demonstrated real courage and tenacity. Then followed the vote and we would like to offer our warmest congratulations to Rose from St Johns School and Martha from The Mead School as our new Chair and Vice chair respectively.

Both Nadya (Kestrel) and Ruby (Osprey) gave amazing speeches and were so self-assured. They really made Paxcroft School proud and Mrs Pepler would like to commend them for the confidence and eloquence they demonstrated.

At our last meeting, Ruby and Nadya championed the idea of contributing to equality and diversity in Trowbridge with a focus on meeting the needs of disability groups. We are so pleased that our ideas have gathered momentum and most other schools are in agreement that this would be a worthwhile theme to explore further.

'Hi, this is Nadya and I just want to say I am really happy because my idea was the most popular idea and I am really happy because all I want is people to know about the struggles I have on a daily basis because my brother has autism. I just want to raise awareness because sometimes it's heartbreaking.'

'Hi this is Ruby, we were really happy that a popular idea was to raise awareness of people that have additional needs.'

Our next Youth Parliament meeting will be after Christmas. We will make sure we keep you updated.

Nadya, Ruby and Mrs Pepler

Coffee and Chat Morning

Tuesday 28th Nov

8:45am - 10am



In the School Hall

Please come along and take the opportunity to meet our

Paxcroft Pastoral Support Team

(Mrs Evans, Ms Williams and Mrs Jessup)

Everyone welcome for an informal chat and refreshments.

This will be an opportunity to meet the team as well as other parents.

We will also have information available about a range of support services for children and families.

Toys for little ones provided!

Coats

Please ensure your child comes to school with a warm and waterproof coat every day. Thank you for your co-operation.



Paxcroft 'Top Table' to celebrate respect and positive behaviour at lunchtime...

Congratulations to Jackson L, Hollie Mc C, Elliot R and Esmae McD who have all been recognised this week for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.

Our learning this week...

Owls

This week in Owls, we have been learning to write simple sentences using our initial sounds in literacy relating to the story 'Superbat'. In maths, we have been learning to recognise what makes a part of a whole. We have been enjoying creating our own patterns and pictures with the 'tap a shape' in our continuous provision to support the development of our fine motor and maths skills.

The children have been enjoying small word role-play using superhero puppets and a secret superhero hideaway. We are not sure whether to mention it yet...but we have also started practising our nativity songs so don't be surprised if all you adults know the words and actions to 'twinkly nativity' by the end of November! The children have been doing a fantastic job learning the actions and words so far!

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

This week we had a very special visitor – Harold! Harold came with Coram Life Education to teach our Year 1/2 children about their wonderful bodies. They talked about what their body needs to stay healthy and what their mind might need to keep focussed. The children had a fabulous time meeting Harold and his friends Kiki and Derek.







Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

It's been another busy and fun week in Year 3/4. On Wednesday, Year 4 left for Braeside and had an amazing few days filled with adventure! Please check out our website pages for more information on what they have been up to <https://www.paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk/day-1-1/> . Whilst the Year 4s were at Braeside, the Year 3s got together to work on a mini topic about Autumn. They have written some lovely Autumn poems and completed some great Autumn inspired artwork. We have also been talking a lot about how we can 'Make a Noise' about bullying as part of Anti-Bullying Week. We rounded the week off with a pyjama day in aid of Children in Need.

Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

This week in Year 5/6, we have been busy completing assessments in Reading and Maths. In our geography Topic, we have been learning about geothermal and tidal energy and the advantages and disadvantages of these renewable and sustainable resources. Building on our UK Parliament Week last week, we have been talking about the government and the recent cabinet reshuffle. We have also been discussing current events such as the protest marches in London re the situation in Gaza and whether there should be a ceasefire on humanitarian grounds. We are thoroughly enjoying reading Harry Potter and looking forward to designing a new shop for Diagon Alley.

Celebrations

	Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values	
	Woodpecker	Florence T - Respect	Jakub L - Independence	
	Kingfisher	Agamjot S - Kindness & Respect	Jayden-Daniel I - Independence	
	Nightingale	Raheem B - Kindness	Dominic B - Resilience	
	Skylark	Logan C - Kindness Isla L - Kindness & Respect		
	Housemartin	Felix P - Respect Amiyah J - Respect & Kindness		
	Swift	Olivia M - Respect & Kindness Oliver K - All Values	Oliver K - All Values	
	Osprey	Noah N - Respect	Zak C - Resilience	
	Falcon	Faye W - All Values	Isla H - All Values	
	Kestrel	Jacob P - Respect	Juliet Mc H J - Independence	

Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Honey W-S – All Values

Daisy Mc M – All Values



Diary dates for Autumn Term 2023

Monday 20th – Friday 24th November

Anti-bullying week

Tuesday 28th November

Pastoral Team Coffee Morning

Wednesday 29th November

Owls class walk to the post box

Friday 8th December

Flu immunisations – more information to follow

Tuesday 12th December

Owls class nativity – more information to follow

Wednesday 13th December

KS2 Christmas Dinner

Thursday 14th December

Owls class nativity – more information to follow

Friday 15th December

KS1 Christmas Dinner

Monday 18th December

Superhero Day – Reception

Wednesday 20th December

Last day of term 2

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
Walk to the Post Box	Owls	Information & Action
Bikeability	Y6	Information & Action
Christmas Crafting Flyer	Whole School	Information
Trowbridge Players – Sleeping Beauty	Whole School	Information
Children in Need – Friday 17 th November	Whole School	Information & Action
Braeside Update	Y4	Information
Braeside Day 1	Y4	Information
		Information