



Dear Parents/Carers

The children have quickly settled back into school after the Christmas break. It has been really pleasing to see them getting stuck into their learning this week and I have certainly seen plenty of evidence of our school values.

Our Paxcroft Playground Pals have been working hard at lunchtime to support positive lunchtime play and to ensure that all children have a friend to play with. Thank you to Mrs Aland for organising the Playground Pals team.

A reminder that the school library is open after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mrs Frost has been working hard to broaden our range of books and comics so please do come in and take a look/share a story.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend and wish you and your families a healthy and happy 2023.

Lou Rhodes,

Headteacher

Job Vacancies

We are seeking Midday Supervisory Assistants to join our friendly school team. The role involves a mixture of supervision of children in the lunch hall and encouraging happy, positive play on the playgrounds (and occasionally in classrooms if it is too wet for outside play.)

Some of our current MDSAs cover all 5 days each week but we are happy to consider candidates that can work 2 or 3 lunchtimes per week on a job share basis.

Role information:

Hours of work: 5 hours per week. Mon-Fri, 12.15pm-1.15pm (job share possible).

Salary: Grade B, SCP 1-2 (£10.50-10.60 per hour)

Working pattern: term time (38 weeks per year plus paid holiday)

Contract type: permanent

Interview date: TBC

Commencement date: January/February 2023

The successful candidate will have to demonstrate that they will be able to:

- Manage behaviour in a positive and constructive manner, in accordance with the school behaviour policy
- Communicate clearly with other school staff
- Respond to a situation involving first aid in accordance with school policy
- Be aware of Health and Safety issues relating to the school premises
- Maintain confidentiality in line with school policy

Road Safety...

Please be aware that there is a Zebra crossing at the entrance of the road coming into school. We are aware that it is need of repainting to make it more visible but please take care when driving in and out as pedestrians do have priority on the crossing.



SAFEGUARDING CONCERN

We have received a report of a male behaving strangely and seen on several occasions in the nearby vicinity of school wearing a camouflage jacket with a camouflaged bodycam on his chest. He is described as just under 6', dark hair with a stocky build. This has been reported to the police. Please be vigilant and report any concerns to the school office. Thank you for your assistance.

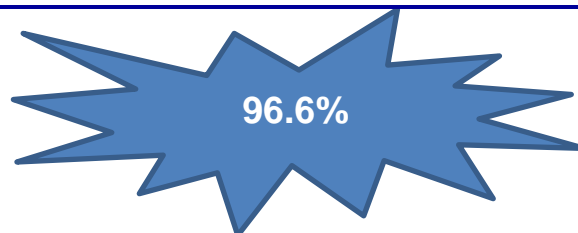
Strep A and Scarlet Fever...

Strep A and Scarlet Fever are still circulating in the local area. If you think that your child may have Strep A please do not send them to school until you have sought medical advice. You should also seek medical advice if you feel your child may have or Scarlet Fever as early treatment is advisable. Please follow the link below for more information and advice.

https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/12/07/strep-a-and-scarlet-fever-what-are-they-and-what-are-the-symptoms-information-for-parents-schools-colleges-and-early-years-providers/?utm_source=13%20January%202023%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Attendance ...

This week's whole school attendance ...



Our learning this week...

Wren & Robin

This week the children have had great fun inventing their own super hero passports. They have decided on their name, what they look like and what super power they have! We have been impressed with the children's writing. We can really see the children starting to use the skills they have been developing in our Sounds Write sessions. The children have also been investigating the super powers of magnetism and freezing in their independent learning. They were very excited to help free the toys that had been frozen. In Maths, we have continued to develop our understanding of patterns we can see when looking at groups of spots up to 5.



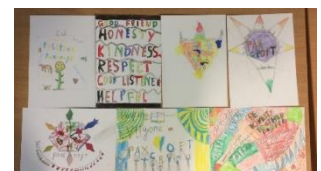
Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale



This week Year 1s started our History unit on castles and the Year 2's started the rehearsals for our production. We were very impressed with all the children that have already learnt their lines off by heart. In English we have been looking at the features of letter and started to recognise the difference between formal and informal letters. In maths we have been looking at addition using number lines and dienes. We also started our Science unit on seasonal changes, we have set up a weather experiment where we will be checking the amount of rain fall and temperature over the next 4 weeks. We also had an RE day where we were looking at inspirational people, we had great fun having a go at a trust fall with the friends we trust.

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

What a brilliantly productive first full week back! We started the week by thinking about our ambitions and goals, then contemplated the steps needed to achieve these. RE day helped us to become more open minded, respectful and appreciative. We learnt about Islam and Sikhism, as well as why and how people follow influential leaders. We designed posters and symbols that reflected what makes a good leader and what we believe is important to us at



Paxcroft. In addition to reading Charlotte's Web, we have explored the story of Beowulf. The children have created their own mythical heroes and used superlatives to make their warriors sound like they're best person to take on monsters. In maths, we have continued to expand our understanding of multiplication and division. Our History learning had us looking into why Britain was invaded.

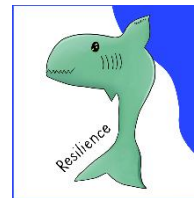
Kestrel, Osprey & Falcon

We have truly got back into the swing of things this week in Year 5/6. In English, we have been beginning our unit of writing based around Newspaper reports and we have written our own newspaper reports about the evacuation of children during World War 2. In our Topic learning, we have been looking at artefacts from the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age and comparing the differences between the three time periods. We even had a go at making our own Stone Age weapons out of soap! On our RE morning, we learnt about Judaism and the importance of the Passover meal to Jews. Maybe your child could tell you about what they learnt. We are looking forward to having our visitor, Iris Segall, to tell us more about Judaism and her beliefs next week. In PE, we have been looking at dance through the ages and trying to replicate some of those moves. The Charlston was harder than it looks!

Celebrations



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Wren	Evie L - All Values	Evie L - All Values Olaf R - Independence
Robin		Ryan T - Resilience & Positivity Lola-Rose W - Independence
Woodpecker	Kasey D - Respect	Ethan W - Independence
Kingfisher	Hunter D - Honesty and Respect	Isabelle N - Independence
Nightingale	Grace M - Independence Terrell S - Positivity	
Skylark	Poppy W - Kindness	Joseph P - Positivity
Housemartin	James H - Kindness	Woody S - Positivity and Resilience
Swift	Kiera R - Kindness and Respect	Gabriel W - Independence
Osprey		Lola H - Positivity Jacob BH - Independence
Falcon		Archie E - Resilience Isobel C - Positivity
Kestrel		Codee C - Resilience Aliyssia T - Positivity



Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Archie W-C - All values

Sofia V – All Values



Diary dates for Spring Term 2023

Sunday 15th January	Application deadline for Reception Admissions 2023
Monday 16th January	Bikeability – Day 1
Tuesday 17th January	Bikeability – Day 2
Tuesday 17th January	Iris Gursul (Bristol Progressive Jewish Synagogue) to visit Y5/6
Tuesday 31st January	Parents' evening 3.30 – 7pm <i>more information to follow</i>
Thursday 2nd February	Parents' evening 3.30 – 6.30pm <i>more information to follow</i>
Tuesday 7th February	Dance Festival
Wednesday 8th February	KS1 Performance 1.45pm
Thursday 9th February	KS1 Performance 6pm
Friday 10th February	Last day of term

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
New football Club Try Outs	Y5/6	Information
RE Visitor	Y5/6	Information and Action
Taekwon - Do	Y1-6	Information
Y3/4 Homework Project	Y3/4	Information
Lost Property Overload	Whole School	Information
Change to Dinner Menu	Whole School	Information
Fine Motor Skills Activity	Reception	Information