



Dear Parents/Carers,

I want to say a big thank you to our Paxcroft School Association volunteers and staff helpers who supported with the KS1 and KS2 discos on Thursday evening. The children had lots of fun, burnt off lots of energy and had the opportunity to show off some truly spectacular dance moves! As a school, we are very appreciative of all the hard work that is going into getting the PSA back on its feet after disruption caused by the pandemic.

I have been so impressed by the quality of learning that has been shared with me this week, particularly the writing outcomes that several children have been proud to show me.

Even though it is the last week of term, and the sun is finally starting to make itself known, the children are still working hard demonstrating the Paxcroft Learners' Values.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable half term break, and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 5th June for the last stretch of the school year.

Low Rhodes
Headteacher

Celebrating Achievements

Well done to Finnley who has completed some challenges at Sea Cadets and received medals for doing so. Congratulations!



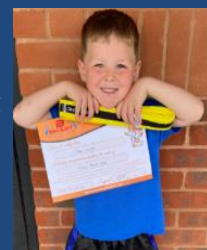
Huge congratulations to Joe, Toby, Charlie and James for winning their Mid Wilts cup final, playing for Trowbridge Wanderers FC. Great achievement everyone!



Last weekend, Lottie represented Team Bath, in gymnastics, at the National League in Walsall. Her team came away with medals and they are hoping to be promoted to level 4. Congratulations, Lottie!



Very well done to Ethan who has earned his yellow stripe belt and moved up a class in martial arts. Congratulations, Ethan!



Congratulations to Darcie who completed her 3rd ballet exam this weekend. Good work, Darcie!



Congratulations to Archie who was awarded 'Coach's Player of the Season' for the U10s of Trowbridge Rugby Club. It has proved to him that hard work and determination really pays off! Well done, Archie!



If your child has achieved something special outside school, we would love to celebrate their achievements.

Please send details FAO Mrs Aland to admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk and we will endeavour to add to the Paxcroft Post.

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

Congratulations to **Araminta P- M, Eadie K-T , Eli C and Finnley A** who have all been recognised this week for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.

Youth Parliament news...date for your diary: Sunday 25th June

Heroes and Villains Fun Run/Donations of soft animal toys needed please!

Trowbridge Youth Parliament, in conjunction with Julian House, are hosting a Heroes and Villains 2K fun run. All are welcome so look out for the posters around school.

Each school in Trowbridge will have a stall at the event, but we need donations.

If you have any soft toys you no longer need then we would be very grateful if you could bring them in to school so that we can sell them on our 'adopt an animal' stall.

All proceeds go to Julian House. Children can bring any donated soft toys to Mrs Frost. Thank you!

Mobile Phones...

If your child needs to bring in a mobile phone to school because they walk to or from school on their own, they need permission to do so, following our school policy. The form can be found on the school website or can be collected from the school office.

- Your child will need to hand their mobile to their class teacher in the morning. The phone will be placed in a tray/cupboard and stored during the school day.
- Your child should make sure that their phone is switched off before it is handed in and aware that it cannot be used during the day.
- The phone will be returned to your child at the end of the school day.

The school bears no responsibility for loss or damage to a mobile phone.

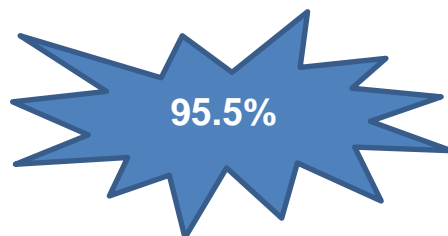
Should your child be found using their phone inappropriately, the school reserves the right to withdraw this privilege and they will no longer be able to bring their phone into school.

Request from Reception Classes...

Robin and Wren classes would like to ask for any kitchen roll tubes to be collected and brought in please.

Attendance ...

This week's whole school attendance ...



Dates for next year's diary...

We have recently confirmed the 5 TD days (Teacher Development days) for next academic year. A reminder that on these teacher training days, no children attend school. The days for 23/24 are:

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 4th September 2023

Thursday 4th January 2023

Friday 5th January 2023

Monday 10th June 2024

Our learning this week...

Wren & Robin

This week we went on a walk around Trowbridge looking for significant features. The children were fantastic and found lots! When back at school we talked about what we had found and where we had walked. We then placed photos of these features on a large map. After that the children all had a go at drawing their own maps of the walk. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of measure and using the language to compare for example shorter than, taller than, longer than. In Sounds write we are continuing to consolidate our learning. We are really focussing on the digraphs (2 letters, 1 sound) and blending to read words with 5 sounds. We have had a super busy term and are all ready for a break. We hope the sun continues to shine for you all over half term!

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

In Year 1/2 this week, we have been writing our recounts following our amazing trip to the park on Friday. We have tried our best to remember all of the features that we need to showcase our best learning. In Science, we have been continuing to explore living things and their habitats, by taking our learning outside of the classroom to investigate different habitats and the living things that might call them home. We made the most of the weather by designing and creating our very own class microhabitats!

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

This week, in Year 3/4 we have been hard at work with our learning. We have been doing fractions and capacity in maths. In English, we have been using our imagination writing a chapter of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and we have continued our history and geography learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We were really excited about the disco and it was a great end to the term! Enjoy the lovely weather and we look forward to Term 6.

Kestrel, Osprey & Falcon

This week in English, we have been watching and analysing scenes from the film 'Holes' to help us write descriptive settings to create authentic pictures in our reader's mind. We have also been planning, drafting and editing a short narrative based on Stanley Yelnat's journey to Camp Green Lake and his arrival at the correctional facility where he meets Mr. Sir.

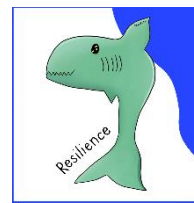
In our topic, we have been learning about the Moon and how it appears to change shape. In Art, we have been experimenting with mark - making to create texture before going on to make a collagraph printing board which will be the background to our futuristic space visions.

Rehearsals for Aladdin are in full swing and we are all enjoying learning the songs.

Celebrations



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
<i>Wren</i>	Charlie H – Kindness	Jayden-Daniel – Independence
<i>Robin</i>		Elliott R – Positivity Darcie-Grace L – Positivity
<i>Woodpecker</i>	Carter C – Kindness & Respect	Kasey D – Positivity
<i>Kingfisher</i>	Willow G – Kindness & Respect	Elijah M – Independence
<i>Nightingale</i>		Ollie R – Resilience Hollie Mc – Independence
<i>Skylark</i>		Lettia R-K – positivity Aubree C- positivity
<i>Housemartin</i>	Jacob K – Kindness	Rhys B – Positivity Wyatt B – All Values Ptryk S – All Values
<i>Swift</i>	Izzabella S – Kindness & Respect	Gabriel W - Independence & Resilience
<i>Osprey</i>	Andile M – All Values	Harriet G – All Values
<i>Falcon</i>	Jacob P – All Values	Kayden G - All Values
<i>Kestrel</i>	Kajetan W – Respect	Elliot C – Positivity



Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Alex M - All Values

Jim A - All Values



Diary dates for Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 6th June	Reception Intake Sept 2023 – Parents Information Meeting (9am & 6pm)
W/C Monday 29th May	May Half Term
Wednesday 7th June – Friday 9th June	Y6 Residential – Mill on the Brue
Wednesday 14th June	Paxcroft School Association Meeting (7 – 8pm)
Wednesday 14th June	Whole School RE Day

Thursday 15th June	Governors' meeting – Finance & Premises committee
Monday 19th June	Reception Starting Sept 2023 Transition – Group 1 (1.30 – 3pm)
Wednesday 21st June	Dance Festival
Friday 23rd June	Reception Starting Sept 2023 Transition – Group 2 (1.30 – 3pm)
Sunday 25th June	Heroes and Villains Fun Run
Monday 26th June	Reception Starting Sept 2023 Transition – Group 2 (1.30 – 3pm)
Tuesday 27th June	Year 5 Taster Day at Clarendon
Thursday 29th June	Reception Starting Sept 2023 Transition – Group 1 (1.30 – 3pm)
Friday 30th June	Non School Uniform (Sweet Donation)
Wednesday 5th July	Year 5 Taster Day at John Of Gaunt
Friday 7th July	Sports Day
Monday 10th July	Reserve Sports Day (in case of bad weather)
Friday 14th July	KS1 Trip to Bristol Aquarium – more information to follow
Tuesday 18th July	Y6 Production Afternoon Performance (1.45pm)
Wednesday 19th July	Y6 Production Evening Performance (6pm)
Thursday 20th July	Y6 Production Evening Performance (6pm)
Friday 21st July	Y6 Cricket Tournament
Friday 21st July	Non School Uniform (Bottle Donation)
Saturday 22nd July	Paxcroft Summer Fayre (11am – 2pm)
Monday 24th July	Leavers Assembly (9.15am)
Monday 24th July	Y6 Leavers Party (5.30 – 7.30pm)
Wednesday 26th July	School Summer Holidays Begin

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
Lost Item	Whole School	Information
Request For Soft Toys	Whole School	Information
Term 6 Cookery Club	Selected Children	Information
Meal Vouchers	Selected Children	Information
Clarendon Summer School	Y5/6	Information
Reception Walk	Wren and Robin	Information
Aquarium Trip	Woodpecker	Information
TD Days 2023-24	Whole School	Information
School Disco	Whole School	Information

Y5 Taster Days	Y5	Information & Action
School Open Tomorrow	Whole School	Information