



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy week at Paxcroft. Classes have been using the sunny weather to get as much rehearsal in for Sport's Day as they can! Meanwhile, we have been privileged to host the Trowbridge Youth Parliament on Wednesday, as Hollie and Nadya report on below, and Y6 have had their trip to Junior Good Citizen, as Harry and Maci tell us about in their report.

Everyone is very excited about our first transition day on Tuesday 4th July, and finding out who is joining which class and which teacher they will have.

A reminder, as per our recent communication, that industrial action will be taking place on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July and that the school will have a partial closure, open only to an invited group of children. On Wednesday 5th, the Y5 taster day at John of Gaunt will still be going ahead and Y5 children should arrive at school wearing PE kit.

School will be open as usual on Thursday 6th July.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Alex George

Assistant Headteacher

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

Congratulations to **Dominic B**, **Agam S**, **Isabelle M** and **Brooke B** who have all been recognised this week for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.

Is your child due to start school in September 2024?

Please see below our Open Days for September 2024:

- Thurs 28th September, 9.30am
- Sat 14th October, 10am
- Tues 14th November, 9.30am

Please contact the School Office to book your place!

Junior Good Citizen...

On Thursday morning, Year 6 attended the fantastic Junior Good Citizen event at Pottern. We thought it was very interesting and would definitely go again. Several members of staff, including Police Officers, PCSO's, Wiltshire council and others, ran this. We learned many things that will help all of Year 6: how to stay safe and be responsible good citizens. They told us about how to stay safe on roads and train safety. We learned about being responsible citizens and how to recognise hate crime and what to do about it if we encountered it. We also learned that 10 and over is when the law says you are responsible for your actions. We learned about who is able to have knives in a public place (chefs on their way to work, for example) and how to report our concerns. We did other amazing things. During a

session when the instructors were telling us about drugs and alcohol, they had a special pair of goggles that showed us what it would be like to be drunk!

We also learned about how hi energy drinks are bad for our bodies as well as the dangers of vaping. We learned about antisocial behaviour and how a simple game of knock down ginger could have very serious consequences. Finally, we spent time in a cell. No one would want to go back there voluntarily.

Harry T and Maci B.

All the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Attendance ...

This week's whole school attendance ...

92.98

Celebrating Achievements ...

Congratulations to Rosa who achieved a distinction in her ballet exam recently. Well done, Rosa!



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.

Youth Parliament...

On Wednesday, our school hosted the Youth Parliament meeting. We found out how much money we raised at the 2K fun run in the park. At the fun run, each school had a stall and ours was Adopt an Animal. Just Paxcroft raised £52 in total. During the fun run all schools raised £600 for the Julian House Charity. Gavin and the others are extremely proud of us.

A big Thankyou to everyone who donated a soft toy.

Hollie and Nadya
Youth Parliament



Duplicate Reports...

It's that time of year again where teachers have been busy preparing the end of year reports for your children.

If you require a duplicate copy of your child's report please contact the school office by **Friday 7th July**.

Teacher Development Days for the next academic year...

Friday 1st September
Monday 4th September
Thursday 4th January 2024
Friday 5th January 2024
Monday 10th June 2024

Our learning this week...

Wren & Robin

This week in reception, we have been working hard on our number bonds to 5. We have been using the rekenreks to find ways of making 5. We have been having lots of fun taking part in running races on the field as we prepare for sports day. In English, we have been writing our own fact files about monkeys. We have learnt a funny song about jungle animals with actions. There has been many elephant activities in our continuous provision this week, we have been threading pasta on to pipe cleaners to make our own trunks. We have decorated Elmer using collage materials and had a go at labelling elephants in the writing area.

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

In Year 1/2 this week we have been very busy indeed. In Maths, we have been exploring numbers to 100 and have been Maths detectives to find the clues in the problems that tell us what operations to use. In Design and Technology, we have continued to develop our knowledge of linkages and have started to construct our 'Moving Monsters'. Finally, in Science Woodpecker class had a surprise visitor in their Microhabitat and he had a 'hopping' good time meeting the children!



Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

It has been yet another busy week in Year 3 and 4! At the beginning of the week, we had a fun assembly led by the 'Open the Book' group. In English, we have started to look at persuasive texts and the language used in them. We have been learning about rhetorical questions and using emotive language to persuade. In Maths, the different groups have been completing work on telling the time, plotting coordinates and decimals. We have been learning more about the Ancient Egyptians and have found out all the gory details of the mummification process. We then had great fun turning our friends into mummies! In Science, we investigated whether gasses could be weighed and we found out they could. We have continued to practise for Sports Day and have read more of our class book – Varjak Paw.



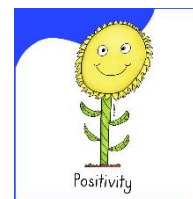
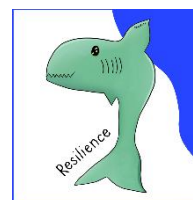
Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

We have been continuing to look at Greek Mythology in English this week and have been reading Arachne, the story of a spider. The children enjoyed hearing the story and discussing the idea behind the myth. During the week, the children have been revising speech punctuation and considering ways to extend this in their writing. In reading, we have been continuing to enjoy our book Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan. In science, we have been discussing changes that happen to humans during their life-span and considering why these changes occur. During the week, we have continued to rehearse for our upcoming show of Aladdin (make sure you get your tickets!) and we have had our technical team using the stage lights, which has been very exciting. We want to say a huge thank you to everyone that provided cakes for the Year 5/6 cake sale last week. We managed to raise nearly £130, which has helped considerably with the costs for covering our production.

Celebrations



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Wren		Corey C - All Values Esme T - All Values
Robin	Eli P - Kindness Jude E - Kindness	
Woodpecker	Arabella J - Kindness	Ethan W - Positivity & Independence
Kingfisher	Hector L-B – Respect	Lily W - Positivity
Nightingale	Frankie J - Kindness & Respect Charlie L - Kindness & Respect	
Skylark		Shannon B - Positivity Archie W-C - Positivity
Housemartin	Lilly M - Respect	Woody S - Positivity
Swift	Izzabella S - Kindness & Respect	Holly C - Positivity & Independence
Osprey	Evie L - Respect	Jacob B-H - Resilience
Falcon	Florence T - Resilience	Nikola B - Positivity
Kestrel		Corey M - Resilience & Independence Joe P - Resilience & Independence



Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Mila C – All Values

Alice B – All Values



Diary dates for Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 4 th July	Move Up Day – more information to follow
Wednesday 5 th July	Year 5 Taster Day at John Of Gaunt (STILL GOING AHEAD DURING INDUSTRIAL ACTION)
Wednesday 5 th July	Industrial Action
Friday 7 th July	Industrial Action

Monday 10th July	Sports Day
Tuesday 11th July	Move Up Day 2 – more information to follow
Friday 14th July	KS1 Trip to Bristol Aquarium
Tuesday 18th July	Y5/6 Production Afternoon Performance (1.45pm)
Wednesday 19th July	Y5/6 Production Evening Performance (6pm)
Thursday 20th July	Y5/6 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	Y6 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
Clarendon Taster Day	Y5	Information
Clarendon Taster Day Cancellation	Y5	Information
Industrial Action	Whole School	Information
Industrial Action Forms Link	Whole School	Information
Home Visits	Pre Admission	Information
New Reception WhatsApp Group	Pre Admission	Information
Aquarium Trip – Payment Reminder	Y1/2	Information
Headlice	Y3/4	Information
Dance Festival DVD	Selected Children	Information
Non School Uniform Day Friday 30 th June	Whole School	Information
Y6 junior Good Citizen - Tomorrow	Selected Children	Information
Induction Plan for September	Pre Admission	Information
Induction Plan and Menu for Reception	Pre Admission	Information
Reception 2023 Staffing update	Pre Admission	Information