



Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to all those children who took part in the KS1 Dance Festival at Bath Forum this week. Mrs Brooks and Miss Stephens were really proud of how enthusiastic the children were, working together as a team to put on a great performance. Well done and thank you to all staff involved.

We welcomed our new Reception children this week. They got to explore their new classroom and play together in the outdoor space. We look forward to welcoming the children and their families to our Paxcroft community in September.

You should have received a letter from Miss Stephens today with information regarding Sports Day. This will now be on Monday 10th July due to NEU teacher strike action on Friday 7th July, our original planned date.

I will write to you next week with further information about the NEU teacher strike action planned for Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July.

Lou Rhodes

Headteacher

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

Congratulations to **Rory S**, **Jai M**, **Shai A** and **Dylan R** 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!

Song writing Workshop...

On Wednesday 26 children from Years 3-6 were involved in a song-writing workshop led by a composer and performer called Louise Jordan. Louise is working with 10 different local schools and about 385 children and she is going to use as many of the children's ideas as she can to compose a song for everyone. The children worked well making up their short musical motifs.



Attendance ...

This week's whole school attendance ...

92.41%

Celebrating Achievements ...

Congratulations to Adrianna who was awarded a trophy from Trowbridge Wanderers for kindness.



Congratulations to Zak who plays for the St. Andrews U9 team and was voted by his peers to win the Players' Player trophy at his end of season presentation.



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.

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 we have been 'monkeying' around! We have enjoyed listening to the story Monkey Puzzle by Julia Donaldson and learning all about monkeys from non-fiction books. In maths, we have been recapping number patterns focussing on doubles and odd and even numbers. The children have been inventing their own verses for the song 'Daddy's taking us to the zoo tomorrow'. I wonder if they can sing it too you! We have also been continuing to learn our country dance for the Summer Fayre.

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

In Year 1/2 this week we have been focusing on writing character and setting descriptions using expanded noun phrases. The children have really impressed us with their choice of powerful adjectives! In Science, we have been exploring nutrition and what this means for living things. We looked at the diets of different animals to understand what a Carnivore, Herbivore and an Omnivore is. Finally, we used our knowledge to create food chains, recognising that each food chain begins with a Producer – a Living thing that creates its own food source.

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

This week in year 3/4 we have had a fun packed week. On Monday, we were lucky to have Mrs Sager join us for some French sessions. The children were really engaged. They were learning about the very important topic of ice creams! It was amazing to see the children's understanding and knowledge on display in the session. In Maths, we have been doing a number of different topics, in one group the focus was shape and in another it was money. We came together on Thursday to practice for Sports day, and some great performances were seen in the races, the children are looking forward to showing what they can do on the day!

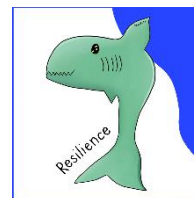
Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

In Year 5/6 this week, we have been continuing our learning about Greek Myths. We have looked at the myth, Theseus and the Minotaur, where the mighty Theseus must escape the labyrinth where the terrifying minotaur is lurking. The children have looked at different versions of this story and compared them, looking at key details and levels of description. In our History learning, the children have been looking at the two city-states of Sparta and Athens. They have looked at the very different ways in which both of these states were run during Ancient Greek times. We have also been looking at the Ancient Greek Olympics and learning some key facts about how these are different to today's Olympics. Did you know the competitors used to do their events naked? In our production of Aladdin this week, the children have been able to perform the play mostly off script, meaning the acting is coming to life even more! We had a successful cake sale this week to raise money for our production. Thank you to everyone who provided or bought cake!

Celebrations



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Wren	Jakub L - Kindness Florence T - Respect	
Robin		Sophie B - Positivity Archie H - Resilient
Woodpecker	Roman B-M - Respect	Adam C - Independence
Kingfisher	Ella-May H - Respect	Adrianna S - Independence & Resilience
Nightingale		Poppy T-G - Resilience George G - Independence
Skylark	Riley L - Respect	Lettia R K - Positivity
Housemartin		Starla B - Positivity & Independence Juniper A - Positivity & Independence
Swift	Isabelle T - Kindness	Filip L - Positivity Kyron T - Positivity & Resilience
Osprey		Lulu H - Resilience
Falcon	Maci B - All Values Isobel C - All Values	



Kestrel

Isla H - Respect &
Kindness
Jacob P - Respect

Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Elliot R – All Citizens Values

Olivia M – All Values



Diary dates for Summer Term 2023

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)
Thursday 29th June	Y6 Junior Good Citizen trip (No swimming today)
Friday 30th June	Non School Uniform (Sweet Donation)
Tuesday 4th July	Y6 transition day to secondary schools
Tuesday 4th July	Move Up Day – more information to follow
Wednesday 5th July	Year 5 Taster Day at John Of Gaunt (STILL GOING AHEAD DURING INDUSTRIAL ACTION)
Wednesday 5th July	Industrial Action - more information to follow
Friday 7th July	Industrial Action - more information to follow
Monday 10th July	Sports Day
Tuesday 11th July	Move Up Day 2 – more information to follow
Friday 14th July	KS1 Trip to Bristol Aquarium – more information to follow
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
Aquarium Trip	Y1/2	Information
July Dinner Menu	Whole School	Information
Forest School at JoG	Selected	Information
Menu Change	Whole School	Information
Trowbridge Youth Parliament	Selected	Information
Cake Sale	Whole School	Information
Nearly New Uniform	September 2023 intake	Information
Calling all Citizen Scientists	Y5/6	Information
Sports Day	Whole School	Information
Parents information Evening at JOG	Selected Children	Information
Music Tuition 2023/24	Y2-5	Information
Year 5/6 Production	Y5/6	Information & Action