



Dear Parents/Carers

There has certainly been plenty going on this week to celebrate reading! Our school library transformed into Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory, every class has been learning about a particular children's author and the children (and staff) looked fantastic in their World Book Day outfits. It was also lovely to come together to share stories over a mug of hot chocolate yesterday evening. Thank you very much for your support and thank you to all staff involved in organising and helping with the activities.

Next week we have our Red Nose fundraiser on Friday 15th March. The children are encouraged to wear something red to school and bring a donation. The School Council will be working hard in the school kitchen baking cakes with our lovely school cooks. We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes or cookies on the day and there will be a cake sale by the school hall doors on Friday at 3.15pm. Children can also pay 20p to guess the number of sweets in the jar and 20p for the chance to face paint a School Councillor or member of staff.

Thank you again for your support.

Lou Rhodes
Headteacher

Message from the governors- Parent Survey 2024

Please find a link to our Parent Survey below:

[Paxcroft Survey 2024](#)

Your feedback is really valuable to us and helps us to find out what we are doing well and to identify areas for school improvement.

Please take the time to complete this short survey (approx. 5 minutes) to help us make Paxcroft Primary School the best it can be.

Thank you very much for your feedback.

Please submit your completed survey by Sunday 10th March

Parent Governor Elections

The governing body recognise the importance of parent voice and welcome representation from all year groups in the school. The election is open to all that are interested; however, we are especially interested in parents with children in years 2, 3, 5 and/or 6.

The deadline to return Governor Nomination forms is 12pm on Wednesday 13th March 2024.

To find out more about what being a governor at this school is like, please contact the Chair of Governors, Andrew Ross, chairofgovernors@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk, who will be very willing to answer any questions. Further information and a Governor's Recruitment Pack can be found [here](#).

Our Learning this week...

Owls

We have been very resilient in Owls class this week as we have had a few changes of adults, but all children have taken to it well. We had a fantastic World Book Day yesterday where we learnt about the author Julia Donaldson. We were able to hear and watch some of her stories. Our favourite was The Gruffalo! In Literacy, we have been using our imaginations to pretend we are in a picture of a castle and we have used our senses to write about it. The children had some great ideas.



Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

This week, KS1 have wowed us with all their learning. In maths, Year 1's have been learning to subtract and count back within 20, using their number bond skills to help. Meanwhile, Year 2's have been using their amazing division skills, dividing into equal groups and practising their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. In English lessons, the children have been writing their own repeating poems called "I am..." based on a poem we read by Pie Corbett earlier this term. They have amazed us with their imaginative ideas! In History, we have learnt to label the key parts of a Pirate ship and met a new famous Pirate called Calico Jack. Although we were disappointed that we weren't able to visit the library, we still managed to have the best time in school celebrating World Book Day.

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

This week we have finished our writing to entertain, and written some fantastic wishing stories. The children were fantastically imaginative and creative during this process. In maths, we have continued our fraction learning, which the children are enjoying and starting to get a really good understanding of. We had some incredible costumes on World Book Day and the effort made by everyone was brilliant. On this day, we learned all about C.S Lewis. Can your children tell you any facts that they learned about him? We have also continued our rehearsals for our performance this week and this is starting to take shape. At this point we are keen for the children to now start putting their scripts down. Please help them learn their lines so they can feel confident on stage and develop their acting.



Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

Another busy week in Year 5/6!

In our topic lessons this week, we have extended our knowledge of grid references. We are now able to use Eastings and Northings to find six figure grid references. We have also investigated Bristol, its culture and development. In Maths Year 6 have been honing their algebraic skills; forming equations, developing formulae and solving one and two-step equations. Year 5 have been very busy calculating with decimals. In English, we have been varying our punctuation skills and sentence structures to apply to our mystery narrative writing. For World Book Day 2024, we have been examining the works of Tolkien by writing our own story using a prompt from the Hobbit. We had a lot of fun dressing up as our favourite book characters!

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



Congratulations to Evie McE, Eadie KT, Riley R and Lottie W who have all been recognised this week for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.



Alice The Musical ...

With only a couple of weeks to go until the Y3/4 performance of Alice The Musical, please make sure you order your tickets to avoid missing out!

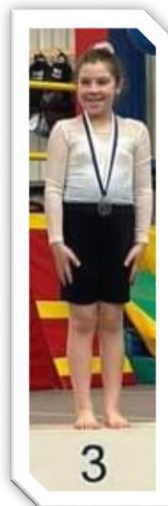
Tickets will be given out by class teachers.



Outside Achievements...



Well done to Darcie, who participated in her first ever gymnastics competition recently and came third! Congratulations, Darcie.



Congratulations to Rex and Bobby who successfully climbed Pen y Fan in Wales last weekend. Bobby was preparing for his Ben Nevis attempt in two weeks! He is raising money for Comic Relief. Link below:

[Bobby's Just Giving Page](#)



We are proud of all the children at Paxcroft and want to celebrate their successes inside and outside the classroom. We mark their successes at school in a range of ways, including certificates to celebrate children who are demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen and Learning Values, the 'Book of Brilliance' for excellent individual pieces of work, our Citizen Value cups, house points and class rewards that are earned collectively over the term and rewarded with a class treat. If your child has achieved something special outside school, we would love to celebrate those achievements too. Please send details FAO Mrs Aland to admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk and we will endeavour to add to the Paxcroft Post.

Paxcroft Pastoral Team – supporting wellbeing...

Are you aware that it is 'Mindful March'? Mindful March invites people all around the world to explore and practice mindfulness. Mindfulness is everywhere, from colouring books for adults to school-based meditation for children. It can be beneficial to help with anxiety and depression.

Have a look at our page on the school website, which is located under the 'School Community tab/Parent Support Advisor.' Here you will find useful information about anxiety and how to support you and your child. You will also find links to other useful resources. [Support for parents - Wiltshire Together](#)

Date for your diary: Thursday 25th April, 9am

Wiltshire Mind will run a parent workshop on how to talk to and support children with anxiety at home. All are welcome.



Mrs Evans, Mrs Williams and Mrs Weeks - Paxcroft Pastoral Team

Diary dates for Spring Terms 2024

W/C Monday 11th March	STEM week
Monday 11th March	Falcon Parents Evening (3.30 – 7pm)
Tuesday 12th March	Y6 Parents' SATs Information Meeting (3.15pm)
Wednesday 13th March	Falcon Parents Evening (3.30 – 6.30pm)
Wednesday 13th March	Y6 Maths Booster (weekly)
Wednesday 13th March	Reception Heights & Weights
Thursday 14th March	Red Nose Day Disco
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day – Including After School Cake Sale
Wednesday 20th March	Youth Parliament Meeting
Wednesday 20th March	Stay Safe Workshop
Thursday 21st March	Y6 Easter Experience at St James' Church
Thursday 21st March	PSA Uniform Sale – 3.15pm
Tuesday 26th March	Y1/2 Outdoor learning day
Tuesday 26th March	Y3/4 Performance to parents
Wednesday 27th March	Y3/4 Performance to parents
Wednesday 27th March	Y5/6 Outdoor learning day
Thursday 28th March	Y3/4 Outdoor learning day
Thursday 28th March	Last day of Term 4

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
Library Open All Week!	Whole School	Information
Red Nose Day Disco	Whole School	Information & Action
Paxcroft Red Nose Day 2024	Whole School	Information & Action
Yr5 Swimming – April 24	Yr5	Information & Action
World Book Day	Whole School	Information
Y6 Maths Revision Club	Y6	Information
Library Trip Postponed	Owls	Information
Letter From Mrs Rhodes	Skylark	Information
IMPORTANT – Y1/2 Library Trip Tomorrow Postponed	Y1/2	Information
Astronomy Evening at John Of Gaunt	Y5/6	Information
School Council - Red Nose Day	Whole School	Information
School Council - Red Nose Day – Amended	Whole School	Information