



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another very warm week at Paxcroft! We are taking lots of care to ensure that we are using the green shade whenever outside, wearing our sunhats and drinking lots of water. Please can we remind parents about sunhats - we've still got a few children who aren't bringing them in, and everyone could do with the extra coverage.

End of year reports have been sent out this afternoon, and should have been with parents by 3.30pm at the latest. If you have not had your report or are struggling to access it, please contact the school office on Monday and we would be happy to provide you with a paper copy.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and manage to enjoy the glorious weather!

Best wishes,

Mr Alex George

Deputy Headteacher

Outside Achievements...

Congratulations to Ambrose, whose group won 2nd place in the Drama category in their Stagecoach talent show at The Civic on Saturday!



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.

Youth Parliament Meeting...

Sensory Garden update – We are very lucky to have been given a bit of land for our sensory garden. Although it has taken a little longer to get started, due to needing to raise a substantial amount of money to follow some terms and conditions we have to abide by for safety reasons such as fencing around the garden and a pathway. We are pleased to announce that Wiltshire council have agreed to pay half, this means we now need to raise £6000. Wiltshire Council have also agreed to help us source contractors to do the work so we can save money. They have also said they will maintain the garden for us. We are continuing to get quotes and hope to get the garden started soon.

After we had discussed the progress of the garden plans, we were asked if we had noticed any further development or improvements in our school around equality and diversity. We talked to the group about our Nurture Hub and how we provide support for any pupils needing help with social skills and anxieties. We explained that they spend time in the Nurture Hub at lunch times for a few weeks learning strategies by playing games with other pupils and spending time outside in the outside classroom where it is quieter so they can eventually manage better at school, particularly at play times.

We were grouped with pupils from other schools and went on a treasure hunt. We had to find 11 envelopes hidden in The Grove's Forest School area. Once we found the envelopes, we opened them to find letters and we had to work out the phrase. The phrase was 'HELLO SUMMER' we then enjoyed some refreshments and biscuits.

We were then asked to think about what qualities we thought you needed to be a parliamentarian. We all said something we thought was a good quality such as good listening, confident speaker and working as a team. We then had a go at writing a job description for recruiting a parliamentarian.

Ruby and Jacob




Times Tables Rockstars Leaderboard...

A reminder that Year 1 and 2 will be placed on the leaderboard through most correct answers in their Garage mode rather than studio speed. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be placed based on their studio speed recorded within the past 7 days. We will also be celebrating children in assembly, for the top three, most minutes played in each year group.

We recommend that all children play TTRS in Garage mode for at least 3 minutes a day and then free play as much as they like in Studio or any of the other modes. This enables the algorithm to register which times tables that the children need to practice.

Congratulations to everyone who has made it into the top three on the leaderboard this week 😊

Miss Beaven

	Y6	Y5	Y4	Y3	Y2	Y1	School Staff	Class
	Holly C	Kareem B	Terrell S	Meia C	Olaf R	Toluwalase O-A	Miss Smith	Swift
	Kiera R		Oliver K	Dexter H	George D	Sadie T-G	Mrs Sager	Housemartin
	Billy N		Ivy D	Frankie J	Thea H	Dawson D	Miss Granger	Skylark

Our Learning this week...

Owls

With the hot weather this week, we have been working hard to keep cool. The children have enjoyed playing with ice dinosaur eggs, excavating them with syringes and pipettes. We have been discussing sharks in more depth and whether we should be scared of them or if they should be more scared of humans! Did you know that every year, sharks kill 6 humans on average but humans kill 100 million sharks! Soon you might spot some 'Save the Sharks' posters popping up around school, to raise awareness. The class have written a letter to the Shark Trust. We are hoping to hear back soon!



Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

This week, Year 1/2 have been very busy with their learning. In Maths, the children have been learning to tell the time using an analogue clock. They began by reading the time to the hour and half past the hour, and then progressed to quarter past and quarter to the hour. It's been wonderful to see their confidence grow with this important skill. In English, we finished reading Mini Rabbit Not Lost. The children took part in thoughtful book talk, sharing their likes and dislikes about the story. Following this, they created detailed story maps to help them retell the narrative. These will serve as a useful tool next week as they begin writing their own version of the story. On Wednesday, the children took part in our exciting Multi-Sports Day. They thoroughly enjoyed trying out a range of activities, including Dodgeball, Frisbee, and golf. It was a fantastic opportunity to develop teamwork and have fun outdoors!

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

We have had a very jam-packed week in Year 3/4! In Maths, we have continued to focus on money and the children have been adding and subtracting different amounts. We have been using our persuasive skills to have a debate in English about Birds vs people. Ask the children about the arguments for and against our statement! We have been fortunate enough to enjoy the weather with Rugby and Multi-Sports Day followed by our Outdoor learning day to end our week! The children loved focusing on Andy Goldsworthy and exploring art using different outdoor materials and being inspired by his creative skills.

Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

In Year 5/6 this week in English we have been drafting poems summing up the plot and character of Macbeth. We have also been reading The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan, to enrich our learning about the Ancient Greeks. Year 5 have been working on writing a persuasive transcript which will persuade travellers to visit Athens, the port of Piraeus and various parts of the Ancient city. All of the children have attended First Aid workshops, where they have learnt key skills. Bath Rugby have continued coaching for the Year 5s and the sessions have been great. The lessons have been fun and fast paced, ensuring the children are engaged. Rehearsals for our play are in full swing and the children are beginning to read confidently off script. Please can we remind children to bring any remaining costumes in ahead of our dress rehearsal next Monday.

Diary dates from January 2025

Monday 14th July	Year 4/5 Bath Rugby Partnership
Monday 14th July	Woodpecker ICT Day
Tuesday 15th July	Nightingale ICT Day
Tuesday 15th July	Year 5/6 End of Year Production, 6pm
Wednesday 16th July	Year 5/6 End of Year Production, 1.45pm
Thursday 17th July	Year 5/6 End of Year Production, 6pm
Thursday 17th July	Kingfisher ICT Day

Thursday 17 th July	Year 6 swimming – last session
Friday 18 th July	KS1 Trip to Steam Museum
Friday 18 th July	Year 5/6 Outdoor Learning Day
Friday 18 th July	All Clubs finish for the school year
Monday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly, 9am - 10am
Monday 21 st July	Year 4/5 bath Rugby Partnership
Tuesday 22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers BBQ, 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 24 th July	Last day of Term 6

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
Multi Sports Day	Yr & Y3/4	Information &Action
Change to the Menu	Whole School	Information
Multi Sports Day Y1/2 & 5/6	Y1/2 & Y5/6	Information &Action
Sun Safety	Whole School	Information &Action
Yellow Heat Warning	Whole School	Information
Play Tickets	Y5/6	Information &Action
Maths Workshop Tomorrow	Selected Children	Information
Outdoor Learning Day- Tomorrow	Y3/4	Information &Action
Forest School Next Week	Selected Children	Information
Football Club Still Running Today	Selected Children	Information
Reports	Whole school	Information



Summer Club

MON-WED 28TH, 29TH & 30TH JULY
BRADFORD ON AVON
10AM - 4PM.
AGE 8 TO 13 YRS


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