



Dear Parents/Carers

This week, we welcomed prospective parents and pupils to Paxcroft for our open morning. Our Year 6 children gave everyone a tour of the school, answered questions and spoke about their own experiences at Paxcroft with confidence and enthusiasm. They were excellent ambassadors for the school and truly embodied our Paxcroft Values. On Wednesday, we held a Bilingual Conference for around 20 of our Key Stage 2 children. This was an opportunity for children to discuss their different languages and cultures and they shared some of their discussions with the rest of the school in assembly. It was a wonderful to focus on and celebrate the diversity of our school community. We saw some superb examples of our Citizen Values being demonstrated, as we participated in the local Collaborative Schools Youth Parliament meeting and our School Councillors were elected this week. Both of these are fantastic ways that the children can use their voices to positively influence life at school and beyond. I look forward to being able to tell you more about the fantastic and exciting work that our School Councillors will be doing as they represent their fellow students over the coming months.

Lou Rhodes
Headteacher

Volunteers...

Do you have a spare hour or two a week? We are looking for volunteers to come into school to listen to our children read. Please contact the school office for more information.

MacMillian Coffee Morning ...

On Wednesday we held a MacMillian Coffee Morning after school for our staff and governors. We raised £128.50. A special thank you to Mrs Laura Edwards for all of her hard work.



Open Day ...

It was lovely to see lots of new faces at our open morning this week. Thank you to Toby F, Joe P, Dexter A, Harry R, Hollie L, Lila D, Maci B and Lulu H in Year 6 for helping to show our visitors around the school.



Our learning this week...

Wren & Robin

It's been another busy week in Reception. We have had lots of fun making new friends and getting to know each other. This week we have been talking lots about the Paxcroft value, kindness. During our JIGSAW sessions we talked about how to be a kind friend. In Maths we have been learning how to count carefully, we had to help the puppet count out his toys because he kept getting it wrong! We also went out on a welly walk and had a lot of fun exploring the school grounds, we are so lucky to have so much outside space. In Sounds Write we have been learning new sounds and

working really hard to build words. Our teachers have been really impressed with how well we are doing with this! This week we will be taking home the letter sounds to work on at home.

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

This week we have read the text 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. In English lessons, we have looked at the features of posters and made our own 'Missing' poster. In Maths, the Year 2's have concentrated on partitioning numbers using the Dienes (Base 10) equipment and the Year 1's have focused on counting on one using numberlines, cubes and games. We have concluded our 'Continents and Oceans' Geography topic and have been impressed with everything that the children have remembered about what they have learnt.



Skylark, Housemartin, Swift

The children and staff in Year 3/4 have had a lovely week this week. We have been working hard with our learning. In Science, the children have been learning about teeth and the similarities and differences between different animal teeth. We have continued to read our focus text for this term, 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter', by Philip Pullman. We have also been working on doing some of our own writing based on 'Once Upon a Dragon's Fire', by Beatrice Blue.

Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

At the beginning of the week, it was Rosh Hashanah, Jewish New Year, and we investigated how this is celebrated. We reflected on how, in each culture or religion, there is always an opportunity to reflect on what has gone well over the past year and the possibility to do even better in the next, concluding that there is always a chance to make good.



In our topic lessons this week, we have been learning about the Holocaust and antisemitism. We have also learned about Anne Frank's life and her legacy. We also listened to recordings of survivors of the camps.

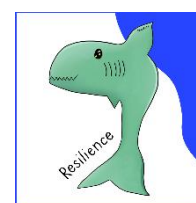
In Guided Reading we have been discussing characters and their personalities, using evidence from the text to justify our opinions.

In English, we have been planning and writing a discussion text on whether the protagonist of Wonder, Auggie, should be home schooled.

In Maths we are extending our knowledge of numbers and the number system to 10,000,000 (Year 6), 1,000,000 (Year 5) and using inequality signs to compare numbers. The children have now been issued with their spelling frame log-ins. We are looking forward to our trip to the Steam Museum next week, which will really bring our topic learning to life.

Celebrations

	Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
	Woodpecker	Beatrice M - Kindness	April S - Independence
	Kingfisher		Hope C - Positivity Tenayah J - Resilience
	Nightingale	Alexander M - Respect	Roman H - Independence
	Skylark	Zuzanna H - Respect	Ezra B - Independence
	Housemartin	Arley P - Respect	Kareem B - Positivity
	Swift	Shai A - Respect and Kindness	Sienna P - Positivity and Independence
	Osprey	Eve P - All Hollie L - All	Eve P - All Hollie L - All
	Falcon	Jim A - Respect	Francesca F - Independence
	Kestrel		Tillie-May L - Independence Charlie E - Independence and Resilience



Citizen Cup



Charlie L – All Values

Isaac H – All Values



Diary dates for Autumn Term 2022

Tuesday 4th October Year 5/6 trip to the Steam Museum – letter sent

Tuesday 11th October Parents evening

Thursday 13th October Parents evening

Saturday 15th October 10–12pm - Open Day (September 2023 entry)

Tuesday 18th October All years - Flu vaccinations – more information to follow

Wednesday 19th October Teacher Development Day 3 – School closed to pupils (subject leader training)

**Thursday 20th October –
Friday 28th October** October Half term

Monday 31st October First day of Term 2

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
Y5 Swimming	Y5	Information and Action
Parents Evening	Whole School	Information and Action
Bikes and Scooters	Y1-6	Information
Coats	Whole School	Information
Flu immunisations	Whole School	Information and Action
Height and Weight Checks	Y6	Information
Y6 Working together – Melksham Oak	Y6	Information
Curriculum letter 1/2	Y1/2	Information
Braeside	Y4	Information
Parents Evening – Temporarily Suspended.	Whole School	Information
Steam Museum	Y5/6	Information