



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another jam-packed week of learning with the children participating in a range of activities as part of National Anti-Bullying week to promote friendship, respect and the importance of sharing worries. Our school Citizen Values underpin these messages and we will continue to re-visit these throughout the year.

On Tuesday, we held the third of our Open Mornings for parents of children due to start school in September 2023. We were proud of our House Captains/Vice House Captains who led parent tours around the school and shared their own experiences of school life at Paxcroft.

Our Year 4 children have certainly been demonstrating our Paxcroft Learners' Values of independence, resilience and positivity during their residential trip to Braeside Education Centre this week. It has been great to hear and see what they have been up to on their blog. If you want to see photos and video clips, these can be accessed via the school website (Class pages/Housemartin/Term 2 (star icon at bottom of page)/Braeside residential (daisy icon at bottom of page)).

A huge thank you to Miss Parkes for leading this trip and to all the staff who have worked so hard to ensure the children benefit from this experience with their friends. These residential trips really help the children develop confidence and independence as they challenge themselves to try new activities.

Today we have rounded off the week with fundraising activities in aid of BBC Children in Need led by our School Council. These have included the children washing staff cars for a donation! A huge thank you for all your generous support for this worthy cause. With your help, we have raised an amazing £250. THANK YOU.

Lou Rhodes, Headteacher

Christmas Dinner Menu ...

Christmas Dinner menu will be available to book from 3.30pm today until Thursday 24th November.

Santa's Grotto...

Santa will be visiting our Christmas Faye on Friday 2nd December.
We will be selling tickets after school between 3.10-3.30pm on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th November from inside the entrance to the school by the school hall.
The tickets are £3 per child.

School Library

Our School Library is now open Tuesdays and Thursdays 3.15-3.45.

We would love to see you all enjoying this valuable resource!

If anyone is doing a pre-Christmas clearout, we would love some donations of good quality new or used comics/magazines.



Attendance

We will now be reporting our weekly attendance on the Paxcroft Post.

This weeks' attendance is:



Our learning this week...

Wren & Robin

This week Robin and Wren class have been thinking about friendship. We have talked a lot about the Paxcroft value, kindness and celebrated the kind things that we do for each other in school. We have drawn pictures of our friends and written about what we like about them! We have enjoyed making cards and sending them to each other. In Maths we have been exploring the meaning of 'whole' and 'part'. We had to work together to put the different parts of Mr Potato head back together to make him whole again! We have carried on learning our songs for the Nativity performance, we are really getting to know the songs now and can't wait to perform on stage soon!

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

This week we have started a History unit about Toys in the Past. The children brought in their favourite toy from home and they discussed why it was their favourite. We gathered data about favourite toys in the class and presented the results on a Block Graph. The children started to compare old and modern toys and made their own ball and cup toy. In English, we continued to work on the story of 'The Ugly Duckling' by retelling the story with actions and the children drew a story map and then retold the story in words and written form. This story has also supported our discussions about Anti-Bullying Week. In Maths we have completed assessments and started our learning on Addition and subtraction by looking at Part Whole models.



Skylark, Housemartin & Swift



We have had another very busy week in Year 3 and 4! This week it has been Anti Bullying Week and UK Parliament Week. The children started the week with Odd Socks Day when we talked about how we are all different and unique and how we should be able to be so. Throughout the week, the children have completed activities based on both of these themes. While the Year 4 children were away, the Year 3s have been practicing their times tables, learning about how to be a good friend and finding out more about the UK Parliament. We ended the week in bright clothing in support of Children in Need.

The Year 4 children had an amazing time on their residential visit to Braeside, carrying out a variety of team building and fun activities. Click on the link below to see photos and more information on the activities on the visit.

<https://www.paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk/braeside-residential>



Kestrel, Osprey & Falcon

This week in Year 5 and 6 we have been making a start on our 'Make do and Mend' unit of Design and Technology. We have been taking apart existing textile products to see how they are made up of different components. We have looked at different materials and started to design our own stuffed toy or cushion for a particular target audience. We have found out about different types of stitch for either joining or decorating, and we have practised using these. To recognise UK Parliament Week, we have explored the role of Parliament and thought about what our key priorities would be.



Celebrations



| Class | Citizen Values | Learners' Values |
|-------------|---|---|
| Wren | Evie-Lyn P - Kindness | Corey C - Independence |
| Robin | | Jude E - Independence Eli P - Positivity |
| Woodpecker | Ethan T - Kindness and Respect | Orla W - Independence |
| Kingfisher | Hector L-B - Kindness and Respect | Willow G - Positivity |
| Nightingale | | Jason P - Independence and Resilience Hollie Mc - Resilience |
| Skylark | Joe B - Kindness | Rosa N - Positivity |
| Housemartin | Iga T - Kindness | Polly D - Independence |
| Swift | Gabriel W - Kindness | Sienna P - Positivity |
| Osprey | | |
| Falcon | Finley C - All Values Jacob K - All Values | Finley C - All Values Jacob K - All Values |
| Kestrel | Rosie C - Kindness | Dexter A - Resilience |

Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Evelyn Mc C – All Values



Diary dates for Autumn Term 2022

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| Thursday 24th November | 9am - Reception Parents Workshop - Maths | |
| Friday 25th November | Non-Uniform day. Bring a bottle donation for the School Xmas Fayre Tombola | |
| Tuesday 29th November | Santa Grotto Tickets for sale 3.10 - 3.30pm | |
| Wednesday 30th November | Santa Grotto Tickets for sale 3.10 – 3.30pm | |
| Wednesday 30th November | Trowbridge Museum Trip | Woodpecker 9-11.30 am Nightingale 10.30-1.15 pm Kingfisher 12.30-3pm |
| Friday 2nd December | 3.15 – 5.30pm Christmas Fayre | |
| Tuesday 13th December | Key Stage 2 Christmas Dinner | |
| Tuesday 13th December | 6pm - Reception Nativity Performance | |
| Wednesday 14th December | 1.45pm - Reception Nativity Performance | |
| Thursday 15th December | Key Stage 1 Christmas Dinner | |
| Friday 16th December | Last day of term | |
| Mon 18th December – Monday 2nd Jan Christmas Holidays | | |
| Tuesday 3rd January 2023 | TD Day. School Closed to all pupils | |
| Wednesday 4th January 2023 | Start of Term 3. | |

Letters & Communications issued this week

| <i>Item</i> | <i>To</i> | <i>For</i> |
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| Reminder – Children in Need | Whole School | Information |
| FUEL Camp Leaflet | Selected | Information |
| Mayors Christmas Card Competition | Whole School | Information & Action |
| Braeside Residential Updates | Y4 | Information |
| Wren and Robins Nativity | YR | Information & Action |
| Winter Fuel Camps | Selected | Information & Action |
| Attendance Letter | Whole School | Information |
| Bikeability | | |
| Braeside - Important | Y4 | Information & Action |
| Braeside Drop Off Arrangements | Y4 | Information & Action |
| December Dinner Menu Correction | Whole School | Information |
| December Dinner Menu-Not including Christmas Dinner | Whole School | Information & Action |
| Christmas Dinner menu | Whole School | Information & Action |

