



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a very busy (and wet!) week at Paxcroft. I hope you managed to enjoy some family time over the half term break.

This week, as part of the primary history curriculum and to celebrate Black History Month, the children have been learning about black history heroes. In my assembly on Monday, we found out about Rosa Parks and her protest against segregation in Alabama in the 1950s when she refused to give up her seat on a bus for a white person. This led to changes in legislation and drove the civil rights movement for justice and equality. The children came up with some really thoughtful and reflective comments during our discussions. More information can be found via the following link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/black-history-month-articles-from-bbc>

Next week, working with our colleagues from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and Forest Schools, we launch our first Paxcroft outdoor learning days-see dates below. These days will include activities such as shelter building, bug hunting, wild art/crafts and problem solving games. **On outdoor days, children will need to come to school dressed in old, warm clothes, waterproof coats, wellies or old trainers. The children may get muddy so need to be dressed appropriately please. They will be changing into P.E. trainers/plimsolls when they come off the field and into the school building so please ensure your child's P.E. kit is at school. Paxcroft hoodies can be worn on outdoor days. Thank you for your support with this.**

Low Rhodes
Headteacher

Outdoor learning days ...

- Monday 7th November- Year 5/6
- Tuesday 8th November-Year 1/2
- Thursday 10th November-3/4

OSPREY-re-arranged Parents' evenings-Monday 7th and Thursday 10th November

Please contact the school office on Monday if you have not yet made an appointment to meet Mrs Dennett for an update on your child's progress

Friday 18th November, Children in Need- message from the School Council

'We are pleased to be leading this year's Paxcroft fundraising activities for Children in Need.

This will take place on Friday 18th November. It will be a non-uniform day with children permitted to wear brightly coloured clothes to school and to bring a small donation of 50p to £1.

Look out for us on the day as we will be at the entrances to the school wearing spotty t-shirts and holding buckets for donations.

To try to raise as much money as we can, we will also be volunteering to wash staff cars for a donation!'

Paxcroft School Council

Charity Fundraiser

One of our Year 4 pupils, Elijah BM, has been putting his football skills to good use. In memory of his late Great nana, he decided to get involved in the Bobby Moore Fund's Keepy Uppy Challenge. So far he has raised an amazing £155 for Cancer Research. A great achievement for a great cause. Well done, Elijah!

If you would like to donate, please follow the link below:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/elijahs-bobby-moore-fund-keepy-uppy-challenge-giving-page>

Christmas Fayre

Friday 2nd December

3.15 – 5.30pm

Please see attached poster.

If you have, or know of, a local business that would like to have a stall, please contact the School Office.

Toys from the decades-request from Y1/2 Class Teachers ...

Later this month Y1/2 will be exploring a topic on Old Toys. They would love to be able to show the children some real toys. If anyone has any at home they would like to bring in to show and talk about with the children please speak to the Y1/2 class teachers.



Scooter Safety ...

We have received some reports from concerned parents/members of the public about the safety of some Paxcroft children who are using their scooters to get to and from school. In particular, we have had reports of some children riding their scooters on the main road outside of the school. This is very dangerous, especially with the volume of cars on the road at the start and end of the day. We have spoken to all children about the importance of using their scooters safely and respecting the safety of others. We would be grateful if parents could reinforce this message at home too.

Wedding Bells for Miss Dale...

Congratulations and best wishes to Miss Dale (Kestrel Class) who got married during the half term break. She is now known as Mrs Rigby.



Congratulations ...

On Thursday 20th October Mrs McKenna (our School Cook) and her husband welcomed their new baby daughter into the world. We look forward to them visiting us at school soon.



Our learning this week...

Wren & Robin

The children have all come back to school with a positive learning attitude and keen to participate. We have had a great week learning all about Bonfire night. We have sung firework songs, made firework pictures, learnt about Guy Fawkes and talked about fire safety. In literacy the children have continued to work on recognising and writing their names, focussing on the correct letter formation and in Maths we have been developing our understanding of the number 5.



Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

This week we have been discussing the reason why we have Bonfire Night on the 5th November. In our History lessons we have learned about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot and have been detectives looking at the photographic evidence for the plot. Related to this, in English, we have written Firework poems based on our senses. In maths, we have compared objects and numbers, used the language of fewest and greatest, looked at number lines and the Year 2's have counted in 2's, 5's, 10's and 3's. What a busy week we've had!



Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

In Y3/4 this week we have started reading our book for this term 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We have started to get to know the character of The Iron Man and describe his features. In Science this week, we have started learning about Rocks. Some of the children have been out this week to look at the different uses of rocks in our school. We look forward to learning more about Rocks this term!

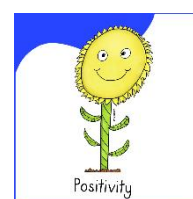
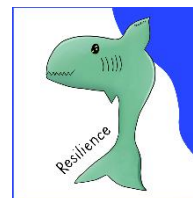
Kestrel, Osprey & Falcon

We've had a great start to a new term in Year 5/6. We have begun reading our new guided reading text, The Nowhere Emporium. We're very excited by the mysterious emporium in the story and can't wait to find out what's inside. In English, we have been looking at descriptive narratives that build suspense and trying to use techniques to keep our readers hooked. In Maths, we have been continuing our learning based on the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Maybe your child could show you their understanding of these methods at home. In the afternoon this week, we have been taking part in the Lion's ROAR innovative project where the children have been set the challenge to create a 'World Changing Idea'. This project has challenged the children to think of a problem and create a solution that can be marketed and created into an item that could be bought. We've had many great ideas from the children! A few include: refillable pens that have pen lids with detector sensors (so they never get lost!), a toothbrush dispenser that encourages young children to brush their teeth and a system that helps children beat boredom by giving them suggestions of something different to do. We're looking forward to the final presentations of these new inventions on Tuesday next week.

Celebrations



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Wren	Matilda B - Positivity	Darcey-Leigh G – Independence
Robin	Sophie B - Kindness	Nikodem N– Independence
Woodpecker	Roman BM - Kindness	Adam C - Independence
Kingfisher	Darcie C – Kindness and Respect	Gurnoor S - Independence
Nightingale	Laylen B - Respect	George G - Positivity and Independence
Skylark	Lettia RK - Kindness	Elijah - Positivity
Housemartin	Ted M – All Values	Ted M –All Values Zak C - Positivity
Swift		Kyron T – Resilience Ruby L - Independence
Osprey	Sara R - Respect Evie L - Kindness	
Falcon	Leon M – Kindness	Amelia S - Independence
Kestrel		Dylan M – Resilience Millie D – Independence



Citizen Cup



Lottie C – Kindness and Positivity

Frankie J – All Values



Diary dates for Autumn Term 2022

Monday 7th November	Year 5/6 Outdoor Learning Day
Tuesday 8th November	Year 1/2 Outdoor Learning Day
Tuesday 8th November	Steam Fair Y5/6
Wednesday 9th November	RE Day (all school)
Thursday 10th November	Reception Parent Workshop
Thursday 10th November	Year 3/4 Outdoor Learning Day

Friday 11th November	Non-Uniform day. Bring a donation of chocolate for the School Xmas Fayre Tombola
Friday 11th November	Remembrance Day activities
Monday 14th November	Individual School Photographs and Sibling Photographs
Monday 14th November	Odd Socks Day – more information to follow
Mon 14th – Friday 18th	Anti-Bullying Week and UK Parliament Week (all week)
Tuesday 15th November	9.30-11am Open Morning for Reception 2023
Wednesday 16th November	9am - Reception Parent Workshop - Reading and Writing
Weds 16th - Fri 18th	Braeside Residential Visit - Year 4
Friday 18th November	Non-Uniform day. Children in Need – wear brightly coloured clothes and bring a donation
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 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 2024	TD Day. School Closed to all pupils
Wednesday 4th January 2024	Start of Term 3.

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
Y1/2 Curriculum letter	Y1/2	Information only
Y3/4 Curriculum letter	Y3/4	Information only
Y5/6 Curriculum letter	Y5/6	Information only
Fine Motor Skills homework	Reception	Information & action
Mill on the Brue 1 st letter	Y6	Information
Christmas Fayre parent meeting	Whole school	Information
Braeside medical consents reminders	Y4	Information & action
Poppy Appeal	Whole school	Information