



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break. We have certainly hit the ground running this week

Low Rhodes, Headteacher

Staffing Update ...

Mr Farrell will not be returning to school after his period of absence.

The recruitment process will begin shortly. In the meantime, Mrs Wyatt and Mr Delaney will continue teaching Skylark class until the end of the current academic year.

Possible National Education Union Industrial Action Date ...

Thursday 27th April 2023

You should have received a letter today regarding the NEU strike next Thursday. We will confirm arrangements on Monday but, in the meantime, please make alternative arrangements for your child's care on Monday in case it is necessary to close the school or only open to certain groups. Thank you for your co-operation.

Top Table ...

Our Paxcroft School Values promote kindness and respect. This term we are introducing our Paxcroft 'Top Table' to celebrate those children who are polite, kind and helpful in the hall at lunchtime. Each week in Friday's assembly 4 children will be invited to sit on a special 'Top Table' at lunchtime the following week. These children will be chosen by our lunchtime staff. The children will be able to choose a friend to join them as a guest-it can be the same friend all week or a different friend each day. The children will get to go to lunch first and there will be a few surprises on the Top Table!

Congratulations to Esme T, Amiyah J, Ruby L and Tilly A who have all been recognised this week for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.

Paxcroft Playground Pals ...

We would like to introduce the latest group of Paxcroft Playground Pals who are helping to make lunchtimes more exciting this term. I have already been told that they are doing a great job helping with playground games and activities.

Thank you to Joshua, Sofia, Ava-Mae, Noah, Oskar, Leila, Izzabella and Jacob.



Celebrating Outside School Achievements...

Congratulations Lottie, who represented Team Bath Rhythmic Gymnastics at the Stars Academy Spring Cup 2023. Her group have been invited to attend the Group League Round 1 next month and will be competing at level 3. Lottie also completed a free individual routine in the under 10s category and achieved 4th Place, she achieved 5th place for her hoop routine.



Well done to Woody who has recently passed his stage 1 swimming and Puffin Award.



Congratulations to Grace who recently passed her level 4 proficiency in trampolining.



Bobby climbed Snowdon recently, with his Dad. They took just over two hours to reach the summit!

What an achievement! Well done, Bobby!



If your child has achieved something outside of school that you would like us to celebrate, please send details FAO Mrs Aland to admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk and we will endeavour to add it to the Paxcroft Post.

Attendance ...

This week's whole school attendance ...

96.65 %

Our learning this week...

Wren & Robin

This week to launch our new topic on 'Traditional Tales' we made some Gingerbread men – luckily they didn't run away and we were able to eat them all up! We have been learning to retell the story of the Gingerbread Man using actions and story language. We have been really interested in the new pond as we can see it from our classrooms. It has inspired us to build our own bug hotels outside in our play area. We have really enjoyed hunting for bugs and are happy to have made a home for them! We have kept this up and will keep adding to it. We have also been busy designing outfits for the Gingerbread Man and learning how to count objects carefully in Maths.

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

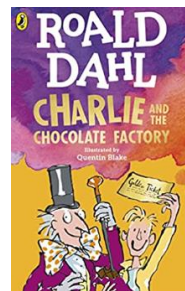
This week in Year 1/2 we have been pleased to hear how many children have been enthused by last term's History module Brunel's Britain. Many have chosen to explore The Clifton Suspension Bridge, The SS Great Britain, Paddington Station and Box Tunnel over the recent half term and the team have thoroughly enjoyed listening to their adventures! We have had a busy start to this term and have enjoyed making 3D Paper Sculptures in a 'Tube Towers Challenge' in Art, inspired by Samantha Stephenson. In English, we have enjoyed reading Superworm by Julia Donaldson and have been learning about the purpose of



instructions, exploring instructions on how to look after a worm! We wonder if any of the children will decide to create a wormery at home now?

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely Easter break! The children in Year 3 and 4 have had a busy first week back. This week in Maths, we have been working on Money, Fractions or finding the perimeter of shapes. In English, the children have been looking at Newspaper Reports and recapping the skills needed to write one, ready to write their own next week. In PE we have been practicing our ball skills and learning to play rounders. We have been introduced to our reading text for the coming term, which is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. We are very excited about this story.



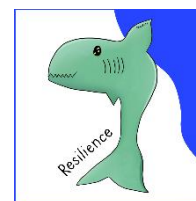
Kestrel, Osprey & Falcon

This week, in English we have been examining the structure and language features of non-chronological reports. We have practised writing topic sentences to ensure our paragraphs are better structured. In Maths, Year 5 have been investigating the area and perimeter of a variety of polygons and Year 6 have been investigating angles in polygons and solving missing angle problems. In Science, we have been learning about our solar system and investigating facts about the different planets. We have started reading Holes by Louis Sachar as our guided reading text and it is proving a hit with the children.

Celebrations



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Wren		Cody D - Resilience Florence T - Positivity
Robin		George D - Resilience Dominic B - Independence
Woodpecker	Jack E - Kindness, Honesty & Respect	Savannah C - Independence
Kingfisher	Kason Mc – Kindness, Respect and Honesty	Seren A - Positivity
Nightingale		Basil W – Positivity Rowan R – Resilience
Skylark		Faith P - Resilience Logan C - Positivity
Housemartin		Eleanor W - Positivity Eli C - Positivity and Resilience
Swift		Shai A - Respect Olivia M - Respect
Osprey	Andile M- All values	Charlie Y- Resilience Andile M - All values



<i>Falcon</i>	Noah N – Kindness Phoenix G – All values	
<i>Kestrel</i>		Dylan M - Resilience Charlie E - Positivity

Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Diary dates for Summer Term 2023

Monday 24th April	Governors' meeting – FGB
Wednesday 26th April	Paxcroft School Association Meeting 7-8pm
Thursday 27th April	Possible teacher industrial action – More information to follow
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd May	Teacher Development Day- school closed to children
Friday 5th May	King's Coronation Parade – More information to follow
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday – King's Coronation
W/C Tuesday 9th May	SATs week
Monday 15th May	Governor meeting – F&P
W/C Monday 15th May	Mental Health Week
Tuesday 16th May	Class Photos
Wednesday 17th May	Youth Parliament
Friday 19th May	KS1 trip to Paxcroft Park – More information to follow
Friday 26th May	Last Day of Term 5
W/C Monday 29th May	May Half Term
Wednesday 7th June – Friday 9th June	Y6 Residential – Mill on the Brue
Wednesday 14th June	Paxcroft School Association Meeting 7-8pm

Wednesday 14th June	Whole School RE day
Thursday 15th June	Governors' meeting – F&P

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
Staffing Update – Skylark	Skylark Class	Information
Outdoor Owls	Selected Children	Information
Upcoming Industrial Action	Whole School	Information
Final Reminder – Rugby Tournament	Y5/6	Information
Paxcroft Post Achievements	Whole School	Information
May Dinner Menu	Whole School	Information
Menu deadline	Whole School	Information