



*Dear Parents/Carers,*

It has been a busy week at Paxcroft, with lots of classes taking opportunities to enjoy the pockets of brighter weather and take their learning outside. We have also been extremely fortunate to have Richard Pomfrett, from the Stay Safe Initiative, in school running a workshop on safer internet usage with Years 1 to 6 as you will see in the class updates below. Richard has given the school some guidance and resources which we will shortly be using to advise parents and update the e-safety section of the website. We are also having a second workshop with Richard, next week, where he will be working with our Year 6 boys around positive masculinity ahead of their transition to secondary school.

A reminder that Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May is a Bank Holiday and that we have a TD day scheduled for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. We look forward to seeing everybody back in school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and hope that everyone has an enjoyable long weekend.

*Alex George, Assistant Headteacher*

*Introducing the Paxcroft 'Top Table' to celebrate respect and positive behaviour at lunchtime*

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. These children will be chosen by our lunchtime staff. Each child will be able to choose a friend to join them as a Top Table guest the following week. They can choose 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-special table cloth, table decorations etc.

Congratulations to **Olaf R, Kieran B, Olivia M and Juliet Mc H.J** who have all been recognised this week for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.

## Governor Vacancies

### WE ARE RECRUITING A NEW PARENT GOVERNOR – CAN YOU HELP?

We have a vacancy for a parent governor to join our team. We are looking for a committed parent governor who can bring energy, a new perspective and enthusiasm to help drive the school forward.

We would especially welcome applications from parents with a background in Health and Safety, premises management, Human Resources, Safeguarding, or SEND. No prior knowledge of the education system is needed.

- Do you have an open and enquiring mind?
- Are you able to challenge and hold the school to account as a critical friend?
- Would you like the opportunity to support your school community and improve the educational outcomes for all our pupils?
- Can you commit to attending meetings and visiting the school once per term?

If so, please get in touch.

### WE ARE ALSO RECRUITING A NEW PARTNERSHIP GOVERNOR – DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO COULD HELP?

Foundation schools require two partnership governors. These are members of the community that are engaged and committed to ensuring that the children of our community receive a great education. Partnership governors are nominated by parents of the school. Do you know anyone who has experience of being a governor, or who has experience of Health and Safety, HR, SEND or Safeguarding? Please ask them to get in touch to discuss this great volunteering opportunity.

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Please email Bernie McHale-Jones, Chair of Governors at [chairofgovernors@paxcroft.sch.uk](mailto:chairofgovernors@paxcroft.sch.uk)

We can arrange to meet over Teams, or in person to talk about joining the board. Please be assured that training is provided for the roles.

More information about what it means to be a governor can be found here:

<https://governorsforschools.org.uk/news/what-do-school-governors-do-and-why-is-a-strong-board-so-important>

### *Celebrating Outside School Achievements...*

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](mailto:admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk) and we will endeavour to add to the Paxcroft Post.

### *Mental Health Awareness Week...*

May 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> is Mental Health Awareness week. We will be carrying out activities in school that week to raise awareness of mental health issues.

More details can be found via the link below.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/mental-health-awareness-week>

### *Attendance ...*

This week's whole school attendance ...



95.57%

### *Our learning this week...*

#### *Wren & Robin*

This week we came in to find a beanstalk growing in our classroom! This promoted lots of talk about what could be at the top of it. The children had a go at writing down their ideas and sharing these with their friends. In English, we have continued to learn 'The Gingerbread Man' by drawing a story map to help us remember the order of events along with using actions. Can your child retell the story to you? In Maths, we have been developing our use of tens frames and working on knowing our doubles.

#### *Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale*

This week in Year 1/2 we have been extremely fortunate to have a Stay Safe Initiative Workshop and have learned 'how to become a digital hero'. During the workshop, the children reflected on how to be kind, keep safe and ask for help, whilst understanding what games and apps are appropriate for their age. We wonder if the children can show you their superhero pose and share the key information from the workshop with you? In music this week, the children have been learning how to keep a steady beat whilst exploring the dynamics, pitch and tempo of a music piece, inspired by different modes of transport.



#### *Skylark, Housemartin & Swift*

This week we were lucky to have a Stay Safe Initiative workshop, which helped us to better understand our digital footprint and how to stay safe online. For more information click on the link - <https://thestaysafeinitiative.org.uk/>. The children really enjoyed this and learnt a lot of important things and created toolboxes to help them stay safe. We also had a RE day, which allowed us to delve deeper into special books and to develop our understanding of different

religions and beliefs. In English, we have been continuing our newspaper report writing and preparing to write a newspaper report next week. In Maths, we have either continued our measurement learning or come to an end with our money unit.

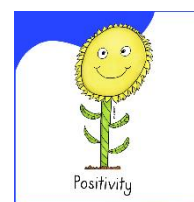
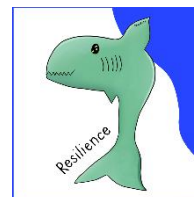
### Kestrel, Osprey & Falcon

This week, in English, we have been practising a range of sentence types, making them more sophisticated by using varied parenthetic punctuation. We have organised notes and drafted paragraphs to shape information texts. In Maths, Year 5 have been calculating the area of compound shapes and practising the skill of estimating area; Year 6 have been investigating angles around a point and multi-step word problems from different maths topics. The highlight of our week was the online safety initiative workshop; the session was very interactive and informative. The presenter was extremely engaging and knowledgeable. We all learned a lot about how to be a good digital citizen and how to manage our digital lives safely. In P.E. we are learning to play cricket so we are honing our batting and fielding skills.

### Celebrations



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Wren		Ezra A - Resilience Raheem B - Positivity
Robin		Eva-Grace W - Positivity Brooke N - Positivity
Woodpecker	Orla W - Kindness Samuel W - All values	Samuel W - All values
Kingfisher	Isabelle N - Kindness	Honey W-S - Resilience
Nightingale	Sienna C - Respect	Maisie B - Independence
Skylark	Alayah S - Kindness	Jake M - Resilience
Housemartin	Sofia H - Respect Patrycja O - Respect	
Swift	Adriana S - Kindness & Respect	Noah B - Independence & Positivity
Osprey	Evie L - Kindness	Mia W - Independence
Falcon	Dexter M - All Values	Leon M - Resilience Dexter M - All Values
Kestrel	Jackson L - Kindness	Juliet Mc H J - Positivity



### Paxcroft Citizen Cups



**Beatrice M- All Values**

**Maria N - All Values**



## Diary dates for Summer Term 2023

<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Teacher Development Day- school closed to children
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	King's Coronation Parade – More information to follow
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday – King's Coronation
<b>W/C Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	KS2 SATs week
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Governor meeting – Finance & Premises committee
<b>W/C Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Mental Health Week
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Class Photos
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Youth Parliament
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	KS1 trip to Paxcroft Park – More information to follow
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Last Day of Term 5
<b>W/C Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	May Half Term
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y6 Residential – Mill on the Brue
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Paxcroft School Association Meeting 7-8pm
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Whole School RE day
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Governors' meeting – Finance & Premises committee
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 5 Taster Day at Clarendon
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 5 Taster Day at John Of Gaunt
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Sports Day
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	School Summer Holidays Begin

## Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
Strike Day	Whole School	Information & Action
Trip to Paxcroft Mead Field	KS1	Information
Archery Club Refund	Selected	Information
Strike Day – School Places	Selected	Information
Dance Festival	Selected	Information
Rugby Tournament	Selected	Information
Parent/Grandparent Helpers	KS1	Information & Action
Term 5 Curriculum Letters	Whole School	Information