



Dear Parents/Carers,

A short, but busy week! Our Year 6 boys have had their 'Boyz to Men' workshop with Richard Pomfrett, discussing what makes a positive male role model. One participant said "I learned today that being a man isn't about being hard, but that if you're respectful, it makes you a better man,". A huge thank you to Richard for working with us, we hope to set up more links with the Stay Safe Initiative in the future.

Some of our Y3/4 children were also lucky enough to go along to the King's Coronation parade in Trowbridge today, sporting some brilliant crowns and coronation-themed outfits. I understand that a lot of them were interviewed, so keep your eyes out on Points West at half 6 this evening! A big thank you to Mrs Lilley and Mrs Gunning for taking the children along today, what a fantastic experience for all.

A reminder that, due to the King's Coronation, we have an extra Bank Holiday this Monday. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 9th May. I hope that everyone has a fantastic long weekend!

Best wishes,

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 **Nikola B, Blake W, Charlie L, and Florence T** 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.

Please email Bernie McHale-Jones, Chair of Governors at 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.....

Congratulations to Gabriel, who completed his first Triathlon at the British Triathlon Tri-Star's event at Oldbury Triathlon on Saturday. It included a 50m swim, 3 km bike and 500m run. Well done, Gabriel!



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 and we will endeavour to add to the Paxcroft Post.

Attendance ...

This week's whole school attendance ...

95.14%

Diary dates for Summer Term 2023

Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday – King's Coronation
W/C Tuesday 9th May	KS2 SATs week
Monday 15th May	Governor meeting – Finance & Premises committee
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 – Finance & Premises committee
Wednesday 21st June	KS1 Dance Festival
Tuesday 27th June	Year 5 Taster Day at Clarendon
Wednesday 5th July	Year 5 Taster Day at John Of Gaunt
Friday 7th July	Sports Day
Monday 24th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 26th July	School Summer Holidays Begin

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
Breakfast for SATs week	Y6	Information & Action
Clarendon Open Days	Y5	Information
Dance Festival – Bath Forum	KS1	Information
Rugby Tournament	Selected Children	Information & Action
MPS Awareness Day	Whole School	Information & Action
Coronation Parade – Friday 5 th May	Selected Children	Information
Rugby Tournament	Selected Children	Information & Action