



*Dear Parents/Carers,*

Thank you to everyone for wearing blue today for MPS Awareness week. With your support, we have raised £138 for this charity. We done to Aliyssia and Lacey who led an assembly to explain to the rest of the children the impact of this challenging illness.

Yesterday, a group of Year 5/6 children took part in a rugby tournament at Trowbridge Rugby Club. They had lots of fun playing against other local schools. The children worked together brilliantly in their teams and we were proud to see so many children demonstrating our Paxcroft Values. We were particularly impressed by those who volunteered to play for other schools that were a player short. It was lovely to see children having a go; for some children it was their first experience playing rugby. Congratulations to the Year 5 team who won the trophy and to the Year 6 teams on coming 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all the parents and staff who supported the Paxcroft teams and to Mrs Edwards and Miss Stephens for organising this event.

Yesterday our Wiltshire School Improvement Adviser visited the school to work with me and Mr George on our current school improvement priorities. We carried out learning walks with a focus on the Paxcroft curriculum and the quality of teaching and learning. We want every child at Paxcroft to enjoy school and to have a well-rounded, engaging education that equips them well for their next stage of learning.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

*Low Rhodes*

*Headteacher*

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

Congratulations to **Jacob L, Alex M, Lacey R and Lulu H** who have all been recognised this week for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.

*School Disco ...*

Thursday 25th May 2023!

KS1 5.30 - 6.15pm

KS2 6.30 - 7.15pm



*Click on the link below to book tickets!*

**KS1 - <https://forms.office.com/e/e9d2DkWHj6>**

**KS2 - <https://forms.office.com/e/bsQnLmn3fw>**

## *Celebrating Achievements...*

Congratulations to Ted who was 'Cub of the Week' receiving a trophy. This was awarded to Ted for being helpful, kind to other cubs and joining in with gusto. Well done, Ted!



Congratulations to Lucy who has completed Stage 4 in her swimming lessons. Well done!

If your child has achieved something special outside school, we would love to celebrate their achievements.

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.

## *Youth Parliament news...date for your diary: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June*

### *Heroes and Villains Fun Run/Donations of soft animal toys needed please!*

This week, Gavin Osborne from the Julian House charity came to speak to the children about a very exciting event being held in Trowbridge Park on 25th June.

Trowbridge Youth Parliament, in conjunction with Julian House, are hosting a Heroes and Villains 2K fun run. All are welcome so look out for the posters around school.

Each school in Trowbridge will have a stall at the event, but we need donations.

If you have any soft toys you no longer need then we would be very grateful if you could bring them in to school so that we can sell them on our 'adopt an animal' stall.

All proceeds go to Julian House. Children can bring any donated soft toys to Mrs Frost. Thankyou!

## *Attendance ...*

This week's whole school attendance ...



94.95%

## *Our learning this week...*

### *Wren & Robin*

This week we have been busy ordering numbers to ten in Maths. We have ordered numbers on a number track and helped baby bear count forwards and backwards. Our story this week has been 'The Three Little Bears'. We came in on Monday to find three bears eating porridge in the middle of the classroom! It created lots of discussions and we used the props to retell the story in our own words. (We also blamed the bears for all the porridge oats that were left all over the floor at home time!!) We all enjoyed having our class photo taken and are looking forward to seeing it when it arrives! In Sounds Write we are recapping the diagraphs and building lots of words with them. Please make sure you are still practising these sounds at home. We have also been spending time this week thinking about our emotions and how to calm ourselves for Mental Health week. We had a great discussion about our happy places and painted some lovely pictures of them.

### Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

This week in Year 1/2, we have started our new Science unit learning about living things and their habitats. The children have been learning all about what makes something living, dead or never alive. Can they tell you all about this? We have continued to deepen our geographical knowledge about physical and human features specific to the seaside. We have enjoyed some extra time playing in the sunshine!

### Skylark, Housemartin & Swift



This week in year 3/4 we have really focussed on our mental health and practised the different strategies that can help us improve our mental health. We have completed a range of activities, as well as enjoyed concentrating on the simple importance of breathing and taking time to do things that make us feel better and happier. In English, we have been enjoying our descriptive writing unit and been developing our knowledge of writing techniques to help us rival Roald Dahl. In Maths, we have been continuing to learn about fractions and time. We have been grateful for the lovely weather, which has allowed us

to appreciate the outdoors and enjoy rounders in PE.

### Kestrel, Osprey & Falcon

At the launch of their new Space topic, Year 5/6 were delighted to receive an email this week from NASA-see below. Can you work out the question?

*"All the best questions come from kids 😊. This is a new one on me, I doubt any studies have been done on it (and I'd feel very sorry for the test subject!) Here is what I think would happen. Almost instantly, the surface of the liquid would vaporize when it hit the vacuum. But this would remove so much heat so fast that the rest of the liquid would freeze. So there would be a line of bits of frozen pee moving out into space. I don't know if it would have time to form into a lot of little balls, or would be more like short strands. So, it would boil and then freeze. (Free water, if it stayed in liquid form, would tend to form spheres) Hope this helps.*

*PS I'm not answering the obvious follow up question!"*

It is amazing to think that the children's ideas were very close to the actual NASA Scientist's response!

In English, we have been planning our hot task writing – A Survivor's Guide to Camp Green Lake. This will be a non-chronological report with a difference, as it will allow the children to show case their in-depth knowledge of the Class Guided reading text, Holes, and be both informative and entertaining. The children will then draft, edit and publish their writing. In Maths, Year 5 are working on Data Handling – examining a range of charts and graphs and interpreting them. They have also conducted inquiries, presented their findings and drawn line graphs. Year 6 have been working on Geometry, recapping properties of shapes and translating them. Year 6 have also been working on a design project in Maths, which requires them to use and apply a range of mathematical skills.

## Celebrations



<i>Class</i>	<i>Citizen Values</i>	<i>Learners' Values</i>
<i>Wren</i>	Maja K - Respect	Matilda B - Independence
<i>Robin</i>		Luna L - Independence Lola-Rose W - Resilience
<i>Woodpecker</i>		Keaton P - Independence Isla L - Positivity
<i>Kingfisher</i>	Adrianna S - Kindness & Respect	Hunter D - Resilience, Independence & Positivity
<i>Nightingale</i>		Imogen S - Positivity Terrell S - Positivity
<i>Skylark</i>	Logan C - Respect Arthur C - Kindness	
<i>Housemartin</i>	Lacey R - All Values Layla R - All values	Lacey R - All Values Layla R - All values
<i>Swift</i>	Blake W - Kindness and Respect	Jessica P - Independence and Resilience
<i>Osprey</i>	Dylan R - All Values	Jack B - Resilience Dylan R - All Values
<i>Falcon</i>	Anna Q - All Values	Max H - Positivity Anna Q - All Values
<i>Kestrel</i>	Aliyssia T - Honesty, Kindness & Respect Lottie C - Respect	Charlie M - Independence Lottie C - Respect



## Paxcroft Citizen Cups



**Evie-Lyn P - All Values**

**Aliyssia T - All Values**



## *Diary dates for Summer Term 2023*

<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Reception Trip to Trowbridge Park
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	School Disco. See information above
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Last Day of Term 5
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Reception Starting Sept 2023 – Parents Information Meeting
<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>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Reception Starting Sept 2023 Transition – Group 1
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Dance Festival
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Reception Starting Sept 2023 Transition – Group 2
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Heroes and Villains Fun Run
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Reception Starting Sept 2023 Transition – Group 2
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 5 Taster Day at Clarendon
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Reception Starting Sept 2023 Transition – Group 1
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Non School Uniform (Sweet Donation)
<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>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Reserve Sports Day (in case of bad weather)
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	KS1 Trip to Bristol Aquarium – more information to follow
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 Production Afternoon Performance
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 Production Evening Performance
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 Production Evening Performance
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Y6 Cricket Tournament
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Non School Uniform (Bottle Donation)
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Paxcroft Summer Fayre 11am-2pm

<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.15am – Leavers Assembly
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	5.30 – 6.30pm – Y6 Leavers Party
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	School Summer Holidays Begin

## *Letters & Communications issued this week*

<b>Item</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>For</b>
Headlice	Reception	Information
Y6 Swimming	Y6	Information & Action
Walk To Paxcroft Fields	Y1/2	Information
Disco Open To All	Whole School	Information
Online 5 To Thrive Course	Reception	Information
School Disco	Whole School	Information
Photo Permissions	Selected Children	Information & Action
Football Match Cancellation	Selected Children	Information
Parent Helpers For Aquarium Trip	Y1/2	Information
Y1/2 Aquarium Trip	Y1/2	Information & Action
Y6 End Of Term Activities	Y6	Information
Y6 Junior Good Citizen	Y6	Information & Action
Disco Forms – Link Error	Whole School	Information
June Dinner Menu	Whole School	Information