



Dear Parents/Carers...

Last Friday our Year 3/4 children visited the Roman Baths in Bath as part of their history topic, 'What have the Romans ever done for us?' The children toured the Baths and participated in a range of workshops. They dressed up in Roman tunics and learned how to wrap their togas correctly-our group decided that they preferred Paxcroft uniform to toga uniform! The children also became junior archaeologists, carefully using tools to excavate a trench and uncover Roman artefacts. The children asked excellent questions and displayed all our Paxcroft Learners' values-we were very proud of them. Their positive behaviour was also recognised by staff at the Roman Baths. Thank you to Mrs Aland for organising this trip and to all the staff and parent volunteers who helped.

This week the children in Year 1/2 performed 'Whizz, Wham, Alakazam' for the school and their families. They put on a fantastic performance and I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did. Thank you to all the Key Stage 1 team for helping to make this such an enjoyable experience for the children.

Ensuring a positive and effective culture of safeguarding is a priority for us at Paxcroft. As well as making sure that appropriate policies and procedures are in place, the School Safeguarding team hold fortnightly meetings to review reported concerns. Staff participate in regular training sessions, including looking at a range of case studies to ensure that we are fully up to date with best practice. We also help the children learn ways to keep themselves safe and this includes staying safe when online. This term staff have completed Prevent duty training (schools have a duty to prevent the risk of children becoming exposed to extremist ideologies). In addition, as the Designated Safeguarding Lead, I have completed a Safeguarding Audit of the school's safeguarding systems and processes and I met with the nominated Safeguarding Governor to review these.

Thank you to staff and governors for all their hard work on behalf of the school and the children. Thank you to parents and carers for your support for the school.

I hope that you have a good half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 19th February.

Low Rhodes
Headteacher

Library news..

We are always on the lookout for donations of good quality unwanted book for our expanding library. If you are having a spring clean during the holidays and you find any books, magazines or comics that need a new home then please drop them at the office marked for Mrs Frost.

A reminder that the library is open after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays (3.15-3.45pm) and it would be lovely to see some new faces visiting this wonderful resource we have at Paxcroft. Please pop in and have a look around.

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March and I'm excited to say that the library will be open every day of that week after school (3.15-3.30pm.) Last year our library transformed into Narnia, what will it be this year?. Come along and see for yourselves.



Mrs Frost

Staffing-student teacher joining Miss Beaven in Kingfisher class

Next term we welcome Mrs Faye Hayward, student teacher, for a 6-week placement with Kingfisher class.

Faye works as a student teacher/part-time teaching assistant at Silverwood School. She is currently based in the Silverwood Robins class at Paxcroft so is already a familiar face.

Outside Achievements...



Congratulations to Rex who has achieved his Stage 2 swimming badge with Cubs recently. Very well done, Rex!



Congratulations to Ethan who has completed Stage 1 in his swimming lessons. Well done, Ethan!



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 o admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk and we will endeavour to add to the Paxcroft Post.

Wiltshire Mind - Parent workshop-Thursday 25th April

Date for your diary: On Thursday 25th April (just after drop-off), Wiltshire Mind will run a parent workshop on how to talk to and support children with anxiety at home.

By working together, we hope that we can support the children and help them to develop their confidence and resilience.



Our Learning this week..

Owls

This week in Owls all the children have been fantastic with showing both Miss Butterfield and I all of their maths knowledge. We had some children counting to 100! In Literacy, we have innovated the story by changing the character of Baby Bear to a character of our choice. We then wrote a sentence to describe our character using adjectives, some children even used the conjunction 'and'. We have loved doing our topic of Space this term and have finished it off with drawing and painting the solar system. We hope you all have a relaxing half term.

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

This week Year 1 and 2 have completely wowed us with their incredible performances of 'Wiz Wham Alakazam'. The children really did give it their all! All of the children have demonstrated wonderful positivity from start to finish and we are so very proud of every single child. A huge thank you to all of the parents and carers who rehearsed lines and practised songs with the children because without you, it would not have been possible.



Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

What a busy and exciting final week of term in Year 3/4! On top of writing some great newspaper reports about our trip to the Roman Baths, we completed a variety of assessments throughout the week. We wanted to say a big well done and thank you to the Year 3s and 4s who undertook the home learning task. The level of creativity and the demonstration of dedication to our History learning was fantastic. Finally, the Year 4s had their auditions for our school play on Wednesday. We were so impressed by the whole year group, who all auditioned - something that rarely happens. It can be a daunting process, so you should all be very proud of yourselves, we know we are! The children made it hard to cast as they all did so well. Year 4s will be sent home with scripts, please start helping them learn their lines over the holidays. Such a positive and brilliant final week. Good job Year 3/4!

Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

This week we have kicked off our assessment week with the children showing our school value of resilience throughout. We are proud of you all for trying your hardest. We finished our Mayan's topic by completing a double page spread showing all the knowledge we have learnt over the term. In maths we have been exploring decimals, percentages and fractions and converting between the three. In English, we have been doing some SPAG revision, with the children being enthusiastic to learn it was wonderful to see. In French we have seen a big improvement in the children's knowledge with many being able to translate and write full paragraphs.

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



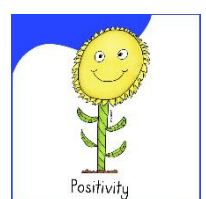
Congratulations to Esme C, Frankie J, Sienna C and Jacob B-H who have all been recognised this week for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.



Celebrations



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Owls	Archie C - Kindness	Jasper E - Resilience
Woodpecker		All of Woodpecker Class - Resilience
Kingfisher		All of Kingfisher Class - Positivity
Nightingale		All of Nightingale Class - Independence
Swift	James H - Kindness & Respect	Boril D - Independence & Resilience
Housemartin	Harry D - Kindness	William C - Positivity & Resilience Kyron T - Positivity & Resilience
Skylark		Bella T - Independence William F - independence



<i>Osprey</i>	Finley C - Kindness Alex J - Kindness	
<i>Falcon</i>	Faye W - Respect Isaac H - Respect	Patrycja O - All Values
<i>Kestrel</i>	Jackson L - Respect	Jacob P - Resilience



Diary dates for Spring Terms 2024

Monday 19th February	First day of Term 4
Tuesday 20th February	Parents' Evening
Thursday 22nd February	Parents' Evening
Thursday 22nd February	Book Fair – more information to follow
Friday 23rd February	Book Fair
Tuesday 27th February	Book Fair
Wednesday 28th February	Reception - Fire Safety Workshop
Thursday 7th March	Y1/2 - Library trip
Thursday 7th March	Reception - Library trip
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Monday 1st March	Reception Heights & Weights
Thursday 14th March	Red Nose Day Disco
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20th March	Youth Parliament Meeting

Tuesday 26th March	Y1/2 Outdoor learning day
Tuesday 26th March	Y3/4 Performance to parents - more details to follow
Wednesday 27th March	Y3/4 Performance to parents - more details to follow
Wednesday 27th March	Y5/6 Outdoor learning day
Thursday 28th March	Y3/4 Outdoor learning day
Thursday 28th March	Last day of Term 4

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
Young Voices Trip to Care Home	Selected pupils	Information
Creative Minds Holiday Club	Whole school	Information
Headlice	One class only	Information
World Book Day	Whole school	Information & Action
Library visit – Thursday 7 th March	Y1/2	Information & Action
February Holiday Vouchers	Selected pupils	Information
Supporting Children's Mental Health	Whole School	Information & Action
Trowbridge Library Flyer – Feb 24	Whole School	Information
Owls Library Visit	Reception	Information & Action
Art Club reminder	Selected pupils	Information
Outdoor Owls	Selected pupils	Information