



Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you very much for all your support for our Red Nose Day fundraising activities.

Yesterday, the Red Nose Day discos were well attended and the children looked like they were having lots of fun. Thank you to Paxcroft School Association (PSA) and to all staff involved for organising and running this event.

We will be totalling up the amount raised after our cake sale later today (3.15pm on the playground outside the school hall). The School Council have been busy baking cakes with the support of our lovely kitchen team. Thank you for your kind donations of cakes- we really do appreciate your support for this good cause.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend with your families



*Low Rhodes
Headteacher*



Our Learning this week...

Owls

This week in Owls class, we have been focusing on our Maths skills and learning how to double numbers. We have learnt the new vocabulary 'equal and doubling'. We now know that we have to make sure the numbers are equal to be able to double them. In PSHE, we have been talking about how everyone's families are different. We made a pictogram of all our class pets. We have also been reading the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' and talking about stranger danger, and thinking about why Little Red should not have spoken to the wolf.

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

Another busy week of learning awaits KS1 this week. In Maths, both Years 1 and 2 have been learning about measurement. They have been learning units of measurements, measuring in centimetres and metres, and comparing height and lengths. This week, KS1 has started a new writing sequence where they learn about letters and all the skills needed to write an exciting letter recount. In History, we continue to learn about the golden age of piracy as KS1 is introduced to a famous female pirate, Anne Bonny, as we compare her to other pirates we've previously learned about.

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift



We have had yet another busy week in Year 3 and 4! This week, we have started a new English unit on biographies. We have learned about Sir Isaac Pitman (ask your child who he was!). Next week, we will be writing biographies of our own. In Maths, we have been finding fractions of an amount and have been adding and subtracting fractions. In French, we have been learning the names of a variety of fruits. Our rehearsals and preparations for the upcoming performance continue. Please could the children bring their costumes into school by Monday (18th) so we can sort what we need to provide? Thank you for your support.

Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

In English this week in Year 5/6, we have planned, written and edited our suspense narratives. We will now be investigating the features of explanation texts. In Maths, we have been revising metric units of measurement and converting between different units. Year 6 have extended their knowledge of imperial measures and the approximate metric equivalent. In PSHE, we discussed Commonwealth Day (11th March), the Commonwealth Charter and the similarities and differences between it and core British Values. In DT, we investigated the preferences of Y1/2 readers as we will be designing a pop-up book suitable for a KS1 child. We have also learned how to make some simple mechanisms and pop-ups to use in our books.

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



Congratulations to Jaycee C, Kaia B, Kareem B and Charlie M who have all been recognised this week for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.



Alice The Musical ...

It's only a couple of weeks to go until the Y3/4 performance of 'Alice The Musical.' Please make sure you order and pay for your tickets to avoid missing out!

Tickets will be given out by class teachers.



Outside 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 and we will endeavour to add to the Paxcroft Post.

Paxcroft Pastoral Team – supporting wellbeing...

Are you aware that it is 'Mindful March'? Mindful March invites people all around the world to explore and practice mindfulness. Mindfulness is everywhere, from colouring books for adults to school-based meditation for children. It can be beneficial to help with anxiety and depression.

Have a look at our page on the school website, which is located under the 'School Community tab/Parent Support Advisor.' Here you will find useful information about anxiety and how to support you and your child. You will also find links to other useful resources. [Support for parents - Wiltshire Together](#)

Date for your diary: Thursday 25th April, 9am

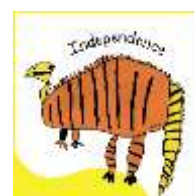
Wiltshire Mind will run a parent workshop on how to talk to and support children with anxiety at home. All are welcome.



Mrs Evans, Mrs Williams and Mrs Weeks - Paxcroft Pastoral Team

Celebrations

Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Owls	Arthur K - Kindness & Respect	Leila S-G - Positivity
Woodpecker	Savannah C – All Values	Evelyn M - Resilience
Kingfisher	Reece Y - Kindness	Honey W-S - Resilience
Nightingale	Keaton P - Kindness	Ryan T - Resilience
Swift	Jake C - Independence & Resilience	Jack H - Independence & Positivity
Housemartin	Harry D - Kindness Jacob K - Kindness	
Skylark		Lily W - Independence & Resilience Terrell S - Independence
Osprey	Ezra B - Independence Arley - Positivity	Arley P - Positivity
Falcon	Archie E - Resilience	Alayah S - Resilience & Positivity
Kestrel	Juliet McH - J - All Values	Mia W - Resilience



Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Kaia B – All Values

Theo F – All Values



Diary dates for Spring Terms 2024

Wednesday 20th March	Youth Parliament Meeting
Wednesday 20th March	Stay Safe Workshop
Thursday 21st March	Y6 Easter Experience at St James' Church
Thursday 21st March	PSA Uniform Sale – 3.15pm
Tuesday 26th March	Y1/2 Outdoor learning day
Tuesday 26th March	Y3/4 Performance to parents
Wednesday 27th March	Y3/4 Performance to parents
Wednesday 27th March	Y5/6 Outdoor learning day
Thursday 28th March	Y3/4 Outdoor learning day
Thursday 28th March	Last day of Term 4

Diary dates for Summer Terms 2024

Monday 15th April	First day of Term 5
Tuesday 16th April	National offer day (Primary)
Thursday 18th April	Reception library trip – more details to follow
Monday 22nd April	Open the book assembly
Thursday 25th April	Wiltshire MIND Assembly and parent workshop
Thursday 25th April	Y5 Swimming starts
Monday 29th April	Wiltshire MIND KS2 assemblies and workshops

Tuesday 30th April	Class photos
Wednesday 1st May	Youth Parliament
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8th May	Last Maths Booster session Y6
Monday 13th May	SATs Week KS2
Thursday 23rd May	School disco
Friday 24th May	Last day of Term 5
Monday 3rd June	First day of Term 6

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
April Dinner Menu	Whole School	Information & Action
Clubs Term 5 & 6	Whole School	Information & Action
Easter FUEL Camps	Whole School	Information
Parent Governor Election	Whole School	Information
April Holiday Camps and Sports Roadshows	Whole School	Information
Active Trowbridge	Whole School	Information
Staffing Update – Skylark Class	Skylark	Information
Red Nose Disco - Tonight	Whole School	Information
Red Nose Day – Friday 15 th March	Whole School	Information & Action