



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you found the parents' evenings on Tuesday and Thursday a useful opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and to gain an update on their progress. There will be a further progress update in a formal written report provided in July. In the meantime, if you have any questions about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to speak to their class teacher.

Falcon class

Due to staff sickness, appointments for parents of children in Falcon class will be re-scheduled as soon as possible. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Parent Survey

As a school, we strive to provide an excellent all round education for your child that helps to equip them for secondary school and beyond. We value your constructive feedback. Earlier this week, school governors sent a link to our Parent Survey. This helps us to find out what we are doing well and to identify areas for school improvement. Please take the time to complete this short survey (approx. 5 minutes) to help us make Paxcroft Primary School the best it can be. Thank you very much for your feedback.

The link to the survey is [Paxcroft Survey 2024](#)

I hope that you and your families have an enjoyable weekend.

Lou Rhodes

Headteacher

Playground Pals ..

Thank you to the Playground Pals from Term 3, who did a fantastic job of helping the adults and younger children during lunchtimes.

This term a new set of Playground Pals have been chosen and are already helping out during lunchtimes.

Paxcroft Playground Pals for Term 3 are Evie, Ava-Mae, Juniper, Starla, Freddie, Serine, Mia and Alayah.



Library news..

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



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.



A Message from Bobby...



“Red Nose Day is back on Friday 15th March and I’m joining people across the nation to raise money by climbing Ben Nevis with my Dad and Grandad. However much you can spare, your donation will go to Comic Relief to help people facing poverty in our communities, here in the UK and around the world.”

Below is the link to Bobby’s Just Giving page if you would like to donate. Well done Bobby, we look forward to seeing the pictures!

[Bobby's Just Giving page](#)



World thinking day...

On Wednesday 22nd February we marked World Thinking Day for Girlguiding, and Founders Day for Scouts.

Scouts celebrate Founder’s Day each year in remembrance of their founder Lord Baden-Powell who, through his vision, continues to equip young people with life and leadership skills to improve their communities and create a better world.

For Girlguiding, it is a day of international friendship and is an opportunity to speak out on issues that affect girls and young women, celebrate the founding of Girl Guides, and be connected to the 10 million members around the world who are part of the Guiding movement.



Our Learning this week...

Owls

We have had a great start to the new term. We have launched our new topic on Traditional Tales by mixing flour, butter, sugar and ginger – we made gingerbread! Our super starter this term was making (and tasting) gingerbread men. It was lovely to see how excited the children got to use our DT room for the first time and experience a range of baking skills. In Literacy, we have been learning the story of The Gingerbread Man with actions using a story map. In maths, we have been counting forwards and backwards to 20 and understanding that 6, 7, 8 and 9 is made up of 5 and a bit.

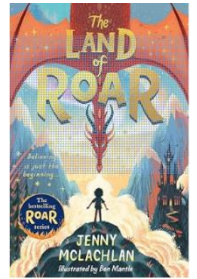


Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

We hope all of KS1 enjoyed a well-deserved break over half term. KS1 has had a busy week full of lots of new learning. In English, we changed our writing sequence to explore the world of poetry and focused on the skills needed to write some repeating poems. In maths, Y1 has been working on adding and subtracting, focusing on number bonds to 20 and doubles, while Y2 has been looking at multiplication, understanding equal groups, and constructing multiplication sentences. In science this week, KS1 conducted their own science investigation, testing different materials to see which would be the best option for Teddy to use to build his roof (no teddies were harmed in the investigation).

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

We hope you had a lovely week off with your families. It has been great to have the children back in school. We have started to read our new class book 'The Land of Roar' by Jenny McLachlan and have been looking at short portal stories in English lessons. In Maths, the children are continuing with an area and perimeter unit of work. Soon we will be moving onto fractions. Through our topic work, we have been talking about counties and have been learning more about our county of Wiltshire. Of course, rehearsals and preparations for our upcoming performance are in full swing and we are all excited about performing for you all later in the term. Any help you can give your child with learning their lines would be gratefully received.



Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

We hope everyone had a happy half term and we are glad to see you all again.

This week we began our new topic of Bristol. We investigated where Bristol is in the UK, what counties border it and any famous landmarks known to our local area. We plotted these on a map and learnt about longitude and latitude to identify the coordinates of the city of Bristol. In Maths, we completed our unit of fractions, decimals and percentages and have begun to go through our end of term tests. Next week Year 6 begin their topic of algebra and Year 5 begin adding and subtracting decimals. In English, we have started our unit on mystery narratives. By utilising music, we have created spooky and mysterious word banks to enhance our writing.

Our Young Voices Choir went to the Trowbridge Bupa Care home and sang all of their songs. They received a large round of applause and put a smile on the residents' faces as they joined in and sang along. Well done!

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



Congratulations to Arthur L, Tenayah J, Kyron T 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		Pippa F - Independence & Positivity Daniel R - Independence & Positivity
Woodpecker		Jakub L - Resilience Caleb W - Independence
Kingfisher	Orlaith W - Kindness	Lincoln C - Positivity
Nightingale		Araminta PM - Independence Eva-Grace W - Positivity
Swift	Bea M - Kindness & Respect	Rex M - Positivity
Housemartin		Layla R - Positivity Riley R - Positivity
Skylark	Kiera F - All values	Evie S - All values
Osprey	Joshua B - Respect & Kindness	Rhys B - Resilience & Independence
Falcon	Riley L - All Values	Henry W - All values
Kestrel	Holly C - Kindness	Maddie H - Independence



Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Raheem B - All Values

Oliver K - All Values



Diary dates for Spring Terms 2024

Monday 26th February

Book Fair - Falcon classroom

Tuesday 27th February

Book Fair - School Hall

Wednesday 28th February

Reception - Fire Safety Workshop

Friday 1st march	National offer day – Secondary
Thursday 7th March	Y1/2 - Library trip
Thursday 7th March	Reception - Library trip
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Thursday 7th March	Book at Bedtime
Wednesday 13th March	Reception Heights & Weights
Thursday 14th March	Red Nose Day Disco
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day-more information to follow
Wednesday 20th March	Youth Parliament Meeting
Wednesday 20th March	Stay Safe Workshop
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
March dinner menu	Whole School	Information
Library helpers required	Owl Class	Information
Cooking activity	Owl Class	Information
Library helpers required	Selected Children	Information
World thinking/founders day	Whole School	Information
Parent's evening cancellation	Selected Children	Information
Book fair	Whole School	Information
Parent's evening postponed	Selected Children	Information
Parent survey	Whole School	Information
Reminder – Book fair starts tomorrow	Whole School	Information
Change of dates for book fair	Whole School	Information
Forest school	Selected Children	Information & Action
Mr Newbury's football club	Selected Children	Information
Active Trowbridge football club	Selected Children	Information
World thinking/founders day reminder	Whole School	Information