



*Dear Parents/Carers,*

We've had a fantastic turnout for our non-school uniform day in support of the Moroccan Earthquake Appeal, and we hope to be able to share how much has been raised with you next week. Pupil voice at school has started well and we now have elected House Captains and Youth Parliamentarians, ready to represent the school. Very soon, we will also have a new School Council and be meeting regularly to discuss important issues for pupils within the school.

Next week, we are looking forward to our first Reception Open Morning, for parents of children who will be starting school in September 2024. If you know any friends or relatives that are looking at schools, we would be grateful if you would pass this information on.

Have a fantastic weekend,

*Alex George*

*Deputy Headteacher*

## *Safety notice*

Please can we remind parents that for the safety of all, children should dismount from any bikes or scooters at the gate, and to please walk them down to the bike/scooter racks.

Can we also ask that parents do not allow their children to climb the fence while waiting before and after school.

## *Harvest*

This year, working together with St James' Church, we will be collecting donations of tinned food and dried goods for Storehouse Food bank.

We would be very grateful for your support.

All are welcome at the Harvest Service at St James' Church on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 10.45am.



## *Job Vacancy..*

Paxcroft Primary School is looking to appoint a School Cook to join our happy and flourishing school on a full-time basis. Supported by our Assistant Cook, you will be responsible for planning menus and preparing, cooking and serving meals that meet the mandatory Nutritional Standards. On an average day, you will be serving between 100 and 150 meals.

If you are interested in the above position, you can apply via either Wiltshire Council website or the School Office.

*Date for your diaries – October 10<sup>th</sup> – Hello Yellow...*

Hello Yellow - Supporting Mental Health Awareness - October 10<sup>th</sup> 2023

Reminder that the children are invited to wear yellow on October 10<sup>th</sup> to support and raise awareness of World Mental Health Day. We will be carrying out lessons and assemblies based on this in school that day.

We will gratefully accept any contributions you may like to make on the day and have also set up a fundraising page as below if you would like to contribute.

[Paxcroft-Primary-School-Hello-Yellow-2023](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/)

For more information about how you can get involved visit the Young Minds website

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

*Sarah Aland*

*School elections .....*

### House Captains

#### Water

Captains : Noah N and Juliet McH J  
Vice Captain : Charlie E and Nadja S

#### Fire

Captains : Finley C and Isla H  
Vice Captain : Eve P and Kaileb N

#### Earth

Captains : Callum B and Mia W  
Vice Captains : Callum B and Anjika S

#### Wind

Captains : Olly GC and Aliyssia T  
Vice Captains : Jacob BH and Klaudia P

### Youth Parliamentarians

Ruby L

Deputy: Ethan S



**Congratulations!**

*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](mailto:admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk) and we will endeavour to add to the Paxcroft Post

*Our learning this week...*

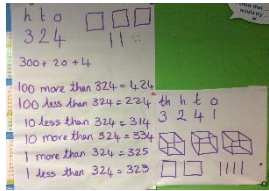
*Owls*

This week in Owls class, we have shared our first reading book with the adults and our grownups at home. We have been trying hard with our story telling and expanding our imaginations. In Literacy, we have been practising to write our names and hold our pencils correctly. In Maths, we have been learning to subitise the numbers 1, 2 and 3. We have also been making construction dinosaurs in Expressive Arts and Design and learning how to use the interactive whiteboard to complete Andy's dinosaur puzzle in Understanding the World.

## Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

During our Maths lesson's this week, the Year 1's have been learning to write numbers to 10 and to identify one more than a given number. The Year 2's have concentrated on recognising tens and ones and partitioning numbers to 100. In English, we have been developing our skills for writing non-chronological reports. We have been learning to use capital letters and full stops as well as learning what statements are and how to use them. In Science, we have started our topic of Animals Including Humans. We learnt to identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and birds.

## Skylark, Housemartin & Swift



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In Week 3 of our learning, we are carrying on with the 'Writing to Entertain' unit in English and have looked at different techniques to improve the structure of our writing. We continue to revisit our writing Non-Negotiables (capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and re-reading for sense) to embed these in the children's writing. In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting 1s, 10s, 100s and 1000s to and from a given number as well as identifying numbers to 10,000 on a number line. All classes have started their Science, this term which is about 'Living things and their Habitats' and are enjoying grouping and classifying animals. Well done year 3/4

## Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

This week in Y5/6, we have started to read 'The boy at the back of the Class,' by Onjalie Rauf, which tells the story of Ahmet, a refugee, his experiences and adventures. We have been very impressed with the interest and engagement the children have shown and the questions and predictions they have come up with. We are encouraging the children to answer in full sentences and to back up their opinions with evidence. In English, we have been experimenting with clauses, identifying main and subordinate clauses and honing our editing skills by correcting sentences with non-standard English. In Topic, we have been learning about British Values and how they shape and underpin our society, just as our Paxcroft Values underpin our school Ethos. We have also learned about democracy and how people can lobby for change if they feel passionately about something. This week, too, we have elected a new year 5 Youth Parliamentarian and next week we will be electing our school class councilors.

## Celebrations



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Woodpecker		Eli P – Positivity Hamish L – Independence
Kingfisher	Honey W-S – Respect & Kindness	Louis W – Resilience & Positivity
Nightingale	Rowan S – Kindness	Carter C – Resilience
Skylark	Seren A – Kindness	Archie WC – Positivity
Housemartin	Eli C – Respect Rosa N – Kindness	
Swift		Hollie Mc – Positivity and Resilience
Osprey	Ezra B – Kindness & Respect	Theo F – all values
Falcon	Eve P – Respect	Riley L - Positivity
Kestrel	Mia W - Kindness	Jackson L - Independence



## *Paxcroft Citizen Cups*



**Eadie T-K – All Values**

**Isobel C – All Values**



## *Diary dates for Autumn Term 2023*

<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Trowbridge Youth Parliament
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Open Day Reception 2024 Intake (9.30am)
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Y1/2 Woodland Walk – (in the school grounds)
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Hello Yellow – World Mental Health Awareness Day
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents Evening – Details To Follow
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents Evening – Details To Follow
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Open Day Reception 2024 Intake (10am)
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Last Day Of Term 1
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	First day of Term 2
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Y1/2 Outdoor learning day
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Y3/4 Outdoor learning day
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	RE day
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Y5/6 Outdoor learning day
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Individual class portraits
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Open Day Reception 2024 Intake (9.30am)
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Youth Parliament
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Braeside residential Y4

<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Anti-bullying week
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Owls class walk to the post box
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Flu immunisations – more information to follow
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Owls class nativity – more information to follow
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Owls class nativity – more information to follow
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last day of term 2

### *Letters & Communications issued this week*

<b>Item</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>For</b>
October Dinner Menu	Whole School	Information & Action
Art Club – Change Of Room	Selected	Information & Action
Donations For Moroccan Earthquake Appeal	Whole School	Information
Bikeability expression of interest	Y6	Information
School Library	Whole School	Information
Addition To Our October Menu	Whole School	Information
ScoPay Error	Whole School	Information
St Augustines Open Evening	Y5/6	Information & Action
Sounds-Write Phonics Workshop	YR/1/2	Information & Action
Sounds-Write Workshop videos	YR/1/2	Information