



## *Dear Parents/Carers*

The children have had a very positive start to our final term of the academic year.

We started the week with an assembly to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Normandy landings during World War II.

In response to some negative influences and stereotypes for boys, particularly on social media, Richard Pomfrett of the Stay Safe Initiative led a workshop for our Year 6 boys. Together they discussed challenges faced, the impact of 'banter' and positive male role models.

Our Reception children had a fantastic time visiting Bath City Farm and Year 6 have had a wonderful experience on their residential visit to Mill on the Brue Activity Centre. The children get so much from these visits, and I am very grateful to all the staff who have supported the children and helped them to have experiences that they will remember for a long time. You can find out more by looking at the class pages on the school website.

**A reminder that Monday 10th June is a teacher training day so we look forward to seeing the children back at school on Tuesday morning.**

*Lou Rhodes*

*Headteacher*

## *We Hear You...*

We Hear You provide therapeutic support for children, families and individuals in Bath and North East Somerset, Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire who are affected directly or indirectly by cancer and other life-threatening conditions.

When you ask why...we hear you.

This year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of We Hear You. Look out for our fundraising event in the Autumn term.

Maggie Williams PSA, Pastoral Support Team

## *Getting active at Paxcroft...*

We are keen to develop enjoyable and exciting opportunities for our children to get active and enjoy a range of sports, whether through PE lessons, running the Daily Mile on the school field or by joining one of our lunchtime or after school sports clubs.

Recently Mr Newbury and Mr Benjamin took our Year 6 football team to play a match against Walwayne Primary School. They were delighted with a win!

We have weekly dance clubs, gymnastics club and football clubs run by outside providers.

Over this term we have a range of enrichment sporting activities:

We are taking 6 Year 1/2 children to Bath Forum to perform on stage alongside children from schools across Wiltshire in the KS1 Dance Festival.

We have also organised weekly rugby sessions for children in Year 4 and 5 led by professional coaches from Bath Rugby.

After positive feedback from children and staff last year, Active Trowbridge will be leading Multi-Sports sessions for all children across the school. During these, children get the chance to participate in 3 different sports.

Finally, we are all really looking forward to our Sports Day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Miss Granger and Mr Benjamin have been working very hard to plan a fun and engaging day for everyone. We hope you can join us and support your child to win points for their house team.

Miss Amy Stephens (PE lead)

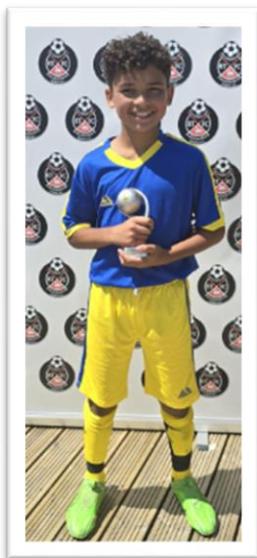


### Playground Pals...

Thank you to the Paxcroft Playground Pals from Term 5, they all did a fantastic job of helping out at lunchtimes. This term, we have a new set of Playground Pals ready and eager to help the adults and younger children on the playground. The Playground Pals this term are Isabelle, Mia, Olivia, James, Aubree, Esmee, Adriana and Eleanor.



### Outside Achievements...



A very well done to Gabriel. Over half term, he managed to walk up to the summit of Snowdon via the Pyg track. It was very windy and he did an amazing job. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Elijah for playing in a tournament for the Under 11s, which is the year above his actual age category. His team won the tournament – Well done!



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 has been a very exciting week for Owls class as we went on our trip to Bath City Farm. We took part in a range of activities such as newspaper pot making, playing in the mud kitchen and bug hunting. We were lucky enough to feed chickens and alpacas, and see many other animals on the farm. We even played in the farms park which included slides, tire swings and a giant sand pit. We are very proud of all the children for showing all the Paxcroft Values whilst at the farm. All photos will be uploaded to Class Dojo, if you wanted to see the fun we had!



### Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

It is lovely to see everyone's bright, happy faces this week after a wonderful sunny half term! Year 1/2 have been very active this week, taking part in the heats for the running races on sports day. In Science, the children have been identifying what plants need to grow and stay healthy, which we will be continuing to explore during a practical investigation over the next few weeks. In English, we have listened to the story about 'The boy who cried wolf,' and we have been identifying the features of a warning story. Finally, in Maths, we have been recapping the days of the week and the months of the year, understanding what comes before and after each day and month. We will be continuing to tell the time for o'clock and half past the hour. Please practise these with your children at home, if they still require it, as it is something that will take some time to be secure in.

### Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break. It is hard to believe we are in the final term of the year already and we have started the term as busily as ever! We have begun to read our new class book 'Anglo-Saxon Boy' by Tony Bradman. In English, we are looking at Fables with a view to writing our own in a couple of weeks' time. In Maths, the children have started a Statistics unit. They have been looking at and interpreting graphs and tables. Our History topic is '1066: A Year of Change'. We will be learning about what life was like back then and how things changed. We have also had our sprint race trials this week in preparation for Sports Day. Please look out for our curriculum letter and homework information, which will be emailed to you soon.



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



Congratulations to Dawson D, April S, Oliver K 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.



## Diary dates for Summer Terms 2024

<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Teacher Development Day – school closed to pupils
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y5/6 First Aid workshop for children-basic skills
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y6 Swimming sessions start
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	New Parents meeting 9am and 6pm
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	New Reception induction visits
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	KS1 Dance Festival
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Sports Day
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y5 Taster day to Clarendon

<b>Tuesday 25th June</b>	New Reception induction visits
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Reserve Sports Day
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Notification to Parents of Child's new class for September 2024
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Move up day
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	New Reception induction visits
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Transition support meetings for pupils with SEND
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Y5 Taster day to John of Gaunt – More information to follow
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Move up day 2
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Multi Sports day - Reception and Y3/4
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Multi Sports day - Y1/2 and Y5/6
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y1/2 University of Bath Visit
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Reports out to parents
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y5/6 Performance – more information to follow
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y5/6 Performance – more information to follow
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y5/6 Performance – more information to follow
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Y6 Leavers' Party
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Last Day of Term 6

### *Letters & Communications issued this week*

<b>Item</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>For</b>
Bath City Farm Trip	Owls	Information & action
Dance Festival	Selected	Information
PSA Colour Run	Whole School	Information & action
Mill On The Brue – Spending Money	Y6	Information & action
Breakfast Club 05.06.24	Whole School	Information
Change to Menu – Sports Day Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Whole School	Information
Year 6 Mill On The Brue Residential	Y6	Information
Library Closed Today	Whole School	Information & Action
Mill On The Brue – Day 2	Whole School	Information
PSA Colour Run – Cancelled	Whole School	Information