



Dear Parents/Carers

Another busy week at Paxcroft! We have been completing many national assessments this week: our Y1s and some Y2s have completed their phonics screener checks, our Y4s have completed their Multiplication Tables Check and our Y6 teachers have met with external moderators to validate judgements on Y6 writing. All in all, lots of tired and happy children and staff, ready for the weekend!

We have lots of exciting things to look forward to next week, including our future Reception children having their first experiences of school, our entrants in the KS1 Dance Competition heading to Bath Forum and, of course, Sports Day! We are all watching the very changeable weather forecasts with crossed fingers and baited breath - if we are unable to go ahead with Sports Day because of the weather conditions, our back up date is Friday 28th June. If you have any other questions about Sports Day, I would refer you to our letter sent via ParentMail during the Week Beginning 20th May, also available on the school website.

Best wishes,

Mr Alex George
Deputy Headteacher

Paxcroft Pantry...

The Pastoral Team would like to remind all parents that the Paxcroft Pantry is open every day, Monday – Friday between 8.35am and 5.30pm. It is located at the bottom of the ramp by the slow playground.

Parents are welcome to access the Pantry anonymously and do not need to ask a member of staff.

This resource is available to all families that need it; we ask that families donate when they can, and take when they need.

Any donations of dry goods including boxed, tinned or jarred goods are greatly appreciated. These can be placed directly in the cupboard or handed to the School Office. We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all families that have donated to the Pantry.



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



Congratulations to Dawson D, Jakub L, Jacob A and Arley P who have all been recognised this week for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.



Outside Achievements...

Rhythmic Gymnastics English Championships Peterborough

Lottie and her group attended the British Championships for under 12's in Peterborough they came home with the bronze medal. This was a national competition that they were invited to following a grading event in February. We are all really proud of the achievement. As an individual, Lottie came 8th out of 18 for her age and level.

Bath Open Rhythmic Competition

Lottie competed in the Bath open last weekend, her group took gold and she came 6th for hoop and 3rd place for Clubs.

Huge congratulations, Lottie. We will look out for you at the Olympics in the future!



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

Our Learning this week...

Owls

This week Owls have been very resilient, as they have had a range of different adults again. It was so lovely to see them on Friday and have such a big hug, it felt like I was a bit of a celebrity! In PE, this week we had a practise of 4 different activities for sports day. We have some very fast hurdlers. In Literacy, we have been reading the story 'The Ladybird who heard on holiday' and learning about rhyme. In Maths, we have been recapping number bonds to 10, we had great fun playing the game hit the button, and maybe you could practise at home! In PSHE we read the story 'The Rainbow Fish' and spoke all about sharing and prized possessions.

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

KS1 have had another busy week! In English, the children have been developing their writing skills, ready to write their own warning story next week. This week, they have practised using speech punctuation, powerful speech verbs and adverbs. In Maths, children have continued telling the time for o'clock and half past the hour and Year 2's have moved onto telling the time for quarter past and quarter to the hour. In Science, children have been learning about what a plant needs to grow. They all planted their own bean and are going to write a plant diary over the next few weeks. We will also investigate in class by planting a class bean, which has one item removed to observe what happens.

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

A short but busy week in Year 3/4! We have continued to prepare to write our own fables in English and have been interpreting tables, graphs and charts in Maths. In French, we have been learning the names of different family members and we have been learning more about the events running up to the Battle of Hastings in History. On Wednesday, it was RE Day. It was about Caring for ourselves, each other and the World. The children talked a lot about how we can look after ourselves and each other and how humans have an impact on the world – both good and bad. The children came up with some lovely, thoughtful ideas. We would like to say a huge well done to the Year 4s, who completed their Multiplication checks this week.



Kestrel, Falcon & Osprey

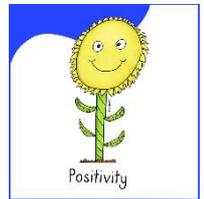
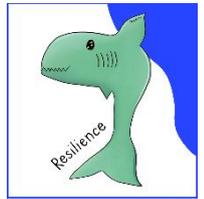
In Year 5/6 this week, we have focused on starting to make our props for the school play, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Camelot. Year 5 have been hard at work creating; monster masks, swords, trees, witches hats and more! Year 6's have worked hard, learning their lines, for what is sure to be a fantastic performance! In English, we have

completed two pieces of independent writing, a balanced argument where we contemplated whether animals should be kept in zoos and a short descriptive piece about a girl who lives under water. In Maths, we have been recapping fractions, looking at how to simplify and convert from mixed number to improper fractions. We also began our topic this week, creating a Tube Map Timeline of the Victorians.

Celebrations



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Owls	Ambrose H - Respect Abigail S - Kindness, Honesty & Respect	
Woodpecker		Brooke N - Resilience Savannah C - Positivity
Kingfisher	Ireoluwa O-A - Respect Archie H - Kindness	
Nightingale		Eryk O - Resilience Szymon J - Positivity
Swift		Hollie M - Positivity Jacob A - resilience
Housemartin		William C - Resilience George G - Positivity
Skylark		Darcey P - Resilience Basil W - Resilience
Osprey	Elijah N - Respect	Y6 - Resilience Layla J - Resilience
Falcon		Riley L - Resilience Shannon B - Resilience
Kestrel	Kiera R - Respect	Lawrence F - Resilience



Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Corey C – All Values

Edward K – All Values



Diary dates for Summer Terms 2024

Monday 17th June	New Reception induction visits
Tuesday 18th June	Bath Rugby Training Session Y4/5
Wednesday 19th June	KS1 Dance Festival
Friday 21st June	Sports Day
Monday 24th June	Y5 Taster day to Clarendon
Tuesday 25th June	New Reception induction visits
Tuesday 25th June	Bath Rugby Training Session Y4/5
Friday 28th June	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 28th June	Notification to Parents of Child's new class for September 2024
Tuesday 2nd July	Move up day
Tuesday 2nd July	New Reception induction visits
Wednesday 3rd July – Friday 12th July	Transition support meetings for pupils with SEND
Monday 1st July	Y5 Taster day to John of Gaunt
Thursday 4th July	Move up day 2
Monday 8th July	Multi Sports day - Reception and Y3/4
Tuesday 9th July	Multi Sports day - Y1/2 and Y5/6
Wednesday 10th July	Bath Rugby Training Session Y4/5
Thursday 11th July	Y1/2 University of Bath Visit
Friday 12th July	Reports out to parents
Tuesday 16th July	Bath Rugby Training Session Y4/5
Tuesday 16th July	Y5/6 Performance – more information to follow
Wednesday 17th July	Y5/6 Performance – more information to follow
Thursday 18th July	Y5/6 Performance – more information to follow
Monday 22nd July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Monday 22nd July	Y6 Leavers' Party
Tuesday 23rd July	Bath Rugby Training Session Y4/5
Wednesday 24th July	Last Day of Term 6

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
Trowbridge Wildlife Watch Event	Whole School	Information
Secondary Ready from Collaborative Schools	Y6	Information
Y5 Taster Days	Y5	Information and Action
Y6 Swimming	Y6	Information
Parent Meeting and Home Visits	September Reception	Information and Action
SEND Transition Meetings	Selected Children	Information and Action
Basic First Aid Training – Tuesday 11 th June	Y5/6	Information