

WEEKLY NEWS

From the Headteacher: 10th June 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

What a difference a week makes. I hope that you are feeling refreshed and looking forward to the last term of the school year.

Just before the end of the Summer term 1, we received a very special invitation from Shelley Davies, Director of Education, to select one child to take part in the beacon lighting ceremony to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



Croydon's beacon was one of over 1,500 Jubilee beacons that were lit across the country and the Commonwealth, as people came together to mark this very special and unique occasion.

Executive Mayor Jason Perry and other civic guests attended the ceremony along with our very own Amirah from Yr6, who represented Paxton Academy. The beacon was lit by the Civic Mayor of Croydon, Councillor Alisa Flemming, but the torch used to light the beacon was passed to the Civic Mayor by Amirah, one of seven children, who each represented a decade in the Queen's reign.

Welcome to the Summer term 2. This week the children are back and once again, the sound of laughter has filled the building.

Let the Learning Commence

On Monday we launched our Summer term 2 learning. If you have not yet managed to find out what your child will be learning, curriculum webs for each class can be found here.

www.paxtonacademy.org.uk/parents/keeping-in-touch

Each curriculum web provides an overview into the learning which will take place during Summer term 2 where children will draw upon their experiences, make links with their prior learning, be introduced to new knowledge and develop skills.

This week, children in Yr1 took part in the Phonics Screen Check. The check is for teachers to ensure that children are making sufficient progress with their phonics skills and are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning.

Throughout the week, one by one, the children were asked to read aloud a collection of 40 words made up of a mixture of real words and pseudo-words. Next week we will submit the data and wait patiently for the pass mark to be published.

Alongside Yr.1, children in Yr.4 joined children from across the country to take part in the first ever multiplication tables check (MTC), a statutory test for primary schools in the 2021/22 academic year.

The purpose of the MTC is to make sure the times tables knowledge is at the expected level. The children took part in an online test where they had to answer 25 questions on times tables 2 to 12. For every question the children had 6 seconds to answer and in between the questions there was a 3 second rest.

Congratulations to all of our children; their positive attitude and love for learning provides them with the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Relecting Realities

On Thursday, Miss Linke and Miss Bryan attended the penultimate Reflecting Realities session for this academic year.

The award-winning poet and author Joseph Coelho shared some of his top tips for creative story writing so that we could return to Paxton with new, exciting strategies ready to share with the children in Year 3.

In the next few weeks, children in Year 3 will create their own short stories drawing on their personal experiences and learn that anyone can be creative, and share their stories with the world - it can all start with a simple idea.

You can have a look at some of Joseph Coelho's amazing work: www.thepoetryofjosephcoelho.com/

Our RESPECT Core Values

Next week, our Core Value will be **Excellence**

Excellence

We strive to reach our potential and are committed to excellence.

It's a Farm Affair

On Monday, 36 children from Years 5 and 6 will venture off on a week's residential to Wick Court Farm, Gloucester. Accompanied by Miss Nurser, Miss Adekola, Mr Robertson, Ms Moses and Miss Linke. The children will swap their pens and pencils for wellington boots and fresh air.

The children will leave Paxton at 8am and travel by coach to experience the adventure of working together on a farm in the heart of the British countryside.

The children will be immersed in a totally new world, far away from their everyday life. A world with birdsong, clear starry skies, fresh air, real food and plenty of mud.

Up to date

To keep up to date with all the latest events and happenings across the school day and on the farm, visit our website www.paxtonacademy.org.uk, where you can view on our Twitter or Facebook page

PTA: We Need You

On Tuesday, parents gathered in the studio to share ideas and discuss ways to provide an end of year special event. If you would like to get involved, the next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st June at 3:30pm

After School Clubs

This term, the following clubs will be run from 3:30 – 4:30pm and cost £2:50. Clubs will run for 5 weeks, week beginning 13th June 2022.

Monday: Spanish - Yrs. 3, 4, 5 & 6

Tuesdays: P4YE - Yrs. 5 & 6

Thursdays: SOUL Ltd - Yrs. 4, 5 & 6

Fridays: Science Cooking Club - Yrs. 3, 4 & 5

To book a place log on to Parent Pay
www.parentpay.com/

Dates for your Diary

Friday 8th July: INSET day School Closed

Wednesday 13th July – Parents' Evening

Thursday 14th July – Sports Day

Saturday 16th July – Yr.4 play Keyboards at Fairfield Halls

Thursday 21st July: Last day of the Summer Term School Closes at 2:15pm

Friday 22nd July: in lieu for the Queen's Jubilee

Attendance

At the end of Summer term 1, our Traffic Light System helps us to monitor attendance across the whole school.

100%	Platinum	Outstanding attendance
97%-99%	Gold	Excellent attendance
95%-96%	Green	Good attendance with room for improvement
91%-94%	Amber	Cause for concern
90% and below	Red	Persistent absence, significant cause for concern

All of the children took home 'Traffic Light' letters to highlight their attendance to date. Congratulations to all the children and their families.

Class	100%	Above 97	Below 90
Reception	3	4	8
Year 1	2	13	5
Year 2	4	4	1
Year 3	4	11	4
Year 4	3	10	3
Year 5	1	14	5
Year 6	2	10	2
Total	19	66	28

With only 6 weeks before the end of the school year, we will continue to work with families to do all we can to make sure that children are in school every day.

Have a great weekend

Yours **Theresa Moses (Headteacher)**