

## WEEKLY NEWS

### From the Headteacher: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

Just when we thought things could not get any better . . . Paxton has been nominated for a Pride of Croydon award. Over the past 18 months, Paxton has been on an incredible journey. The staff have created a curriculum with reading at its heart, that ignites the children's curiosity, celebrates their rich diversity and is filled with memorable moments the children can keep forever.

We believe that every child deserves the best possible education and as a school team, we are committed to high aspirations, inspiring pupils and achieving academic excellence.

I am so proud to be part of an inspirational team and to be surrounded by a community who care and have children at the heart of everything they do.

To find out more and vote for Paxton go to [www.prideofcroydon.com/vote](http://www.prideofcroydon.com/vote)

On Monday, Patrick Hutchinson returned to Paxton. However, this time, it was not to present to the whole school but as part a Q&A session with Year 6. This week, the children read sections of his book and wrote his biography. On Sunday, Patrick will feature on the BBC 1's Extraordinary People at 6:30pm. To find out more [www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0bskjsx](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0bskjsx)

### Lights, Camera, Action . . .

Next week, members of the School Council will work with Jack from Heydays. As part of the Heydays Fest, the Year 5 and 6 members, will swap their pens and pencils for cameras and microphones and become directors of their very own short film.

Entitled 'Inspirational People', the children will explore various roles in front and behind the camera and bring their script to life. Once edited, the children will attend the BFI in the Southbank with 10 other schools to watch their film on the big screen.

### Celebration of Success

This week, across the school parents and family members met with class teachers to discuss their children's targets and celebrate their progress to date. On Wednesday, members of the LAC attended during the evening to speak with parents and gather their views.

Across the school a number of parents commented on the improvements and how the school now reflects their aspirations for their child. Overwhelmingly, parents said that their children liked being at school, they are happy, they liked the school's ethos and the teachers are good.

But there are always ways to make Paxton even better. A few parents said they were unsure how to access the newsletter and were not always sure of key dates.

To keep up to date with all the latest events and happenings across the school day, visit our website [www.paxtonacademy.org.uk](http://www.paxtonacademy.org.uk), where you can view or sign up to our Twitter or Facebook page [www.facebook.com/PaxtonAcademySportsandScience/](https://www.facebook.com/PaxtonAcademySportsandScience/) Paper copies are also available from the office.

Over the next few weeks, to help capture the magic, children will take part in a pupil questionnaire, where they will be able to share their thoughts and views on ways in which we can make Paxton even better.

### Reading for Pleasure

Our newly themed ground floor bookshelves are filled with language rich text which instil a love for reading. Each bookcase is carefully filled with books to showcase a range of genre. This includes, inspirational people, our rich diversity and the ever changing world in which we live.

### Croydon Libraries

Thanks to Rachel from Croydon Library service, all of the children now have their very own library card, so the children now have no reason not to curl up and lose themselves in the pages of a good book.

## Into the Woods

Today, staff began to create the second 'Into the woods' reading area. On Monday, we will lay the grass and fingers crossed, the new seating will arrive and complete a tranquil place for the children to be able to just ... chill out and read.

## Our Core Values

Our **RESPECT** core values underpin everything that we do at Paxton. Next week, our Core Value will be **Pride**

### Pride

We take pride in everything we do.

## Food for Thought!

We are always looking for ways to extend and enrich the children's experience. We know that healthy food is key to a healthy life and a healthy breakfast sets children up for the best start to a good day.

## Bagels for Breakfast

At the start of year, we joined the National School Breakfast Programme (NSBP) which is funded by the Department for Education and delivered by Family Action.

To make Paxton even better, on Friday, we will launch our 'bagels and a book breakfast'. Every child will be able to come into school from 8:35am, have a bagel and enjoy a story. To make Friday 18th, Red Nose Day, even more special, they will also have strawberries and jam.

## Felix Project

Behind the scenes, after receiving an invite from Croydon to take part in a pilot, we have been working with the Felix Project.

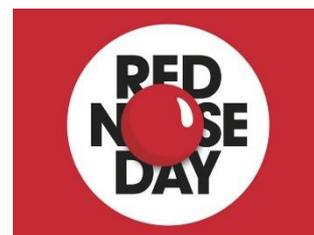
The Felix Project collects fresh, nutritious food that cannot be sold. They deliver this surplus food to charities and schools so they can provide healthy meals and help families most vulnerable in our society.

Next week, we hope to be able to receive our first free weekly delivery of produce that would otherwise have gone to waste and will be made available to children and their families to take home and enjoy.

If you would like to get involved and help us to sort and distribute the food at the end of the school day on Thursdays and Fridays, please complete the link sent out via Google form.

## Red Nose Day

Friday 18th March is Red Nose Day! Throughout the day, children can come dressed to school in red or as a super hero and donate £1. Whether it's a doctor, nurse, firefighter, police person, teacher, bus driver, or family member, remember, not all super heroes wear a cape.



At the end of the school day, the School Council will host a cake sale. To get involved and help out with the event, please sign up to the Cake Sale link sent out via Google form.

## PTA

With only three weeks left before the Easter holidays, the countdown to the Easter raffle is on. Prizes include eggs, books, soft toys, a chocolate hamper and lots more. Tickets will be on sale at the start and end of the school day and cost £1.

## OURCAMPS is back!

If you have not yet managed to log on and book your child's place at OURCAMPS, there is still time. OURCAMPS will be back at Paxton during the Easter break from

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April: 9am – 3pm.**

Children entitled to **FSM will a receive free place and hot meal**. Non-FSM children will be charged at £25 per day.

To find out more or book a place click here: [www.schoolcamp.org.uk](http://www.schoolcamp.org.uk)

## Attendance

After the record breaking success of last week, unfortunately we have been hit by a bug and our attendance has fallen.

Fingers crossed, the bug will have passed and next week the children will be back in the building and we will be closer to our whole school target is 97%.

Class	Attendance
Reception	88.6%
Year 1	91.7%
Year 2	94.4%
Year 3	92.3%
Year 4	93.5%
Year 5	92.1%
Year 6	96.8%
Total	92.5%

Have a great weekend,

Yours **Theresa Moses (Headteacher)**