

WEEKLY NEWS

From the Headteacher: 13th May 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

Over the past seven years, Paxton has been on a journey to inspire children and create a curriculum which ignites their curiosity, enables them to become confident in their own skin and prepares them for the next phase in their educational journey and the ever changing world in which we live.

Last week, the children in Yr.6 achieved a milestone and created history for Paxton. From Monday to Thursday, they joined children from across the country, to take part in Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) but unlike other schools, for Paxton, this was the first time children in Yr.6 had sat KS2 SATs.

Last year, along with so many other things, the pandemic resulted in KS2 SATs being cancelled for Paxton's first ever Yr.6 class. Congratulations to all the children, who remained calm, composed and confident throughout. We are proud of you and look forward to finding out the results in July.

This year, SATs in KS1 will also return for the first time in three years and on Tuesday, families of children in Yr. 2 were invited to a meeting to find out more. Next week on Wednesday, families of children Yr. 1 will learn about the Phonic Screen Check.

In June, children in Yr.4 will join children across the country to take 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 determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

We wish all our children every success and thank our families for their continued support. Reading to your child or listening to them read each night for 10 minutes and ensuring that they have the time and space to complete homework and log on to Times Table Rockstars will contribute to their success.

After the success of the Heyday Film Fest at the BFI on the Southbank, Paxton will hold its very own premiere of 'Inspirational People: Who Inspires You?' on Thursday 26th May at 5:30pm.



During the evening, there will be a showing of the film, speeches from the children and appearances from people who starred in the cameo roles. The event will also showcase performances from Yr6 on the Steel Pans. If you would like to join us to view the film and celebrate the children's achievement, tickets cost £3:00 and will be on sale at the office from Monday 16th May.

During the Summer term, children in Yr.4 will also have the opportunity to showcase their skills and perform with other children who attend the Yamaha Music School, in a concert at the Fairfield Halls in Croydon in June.

Which author inspires you?

Each term, our ground floor bookcases are refreshed with new books, one which features a focused author. This term our author and talented illustrator is Dapo Adeola. Dapo's illustrations can be found in books written by Nathan Bryan, entitled 'Look Up' and 'Clean up' where he brings to life the main character called Rocket. 'My Dad is a Grizzly Bear' and 'My Mum is a Lioness' written by Swapna Haddow, are filled with fun, family characters.

Dapo's most recent books 'We're going to find a Monster' and 'Hey You!' an empowering celebration of growing up black, witness him become both the author and illustrator and create a sense of adventure and belonging.

Our RESPECT Core Values

Next week, our Core Value will be **Equality**:

Equality

We are all valued members of our community. Everyone is treated fairly.

With the change in the weather, as the days get warmer, please can we request that the children bring a clearly labelled water bottle to school. While we do have drinking fountains on each floor, using these causes a disruption to the learning.

Please can we also request that children are dressed appropriately and wearing the correct footwear. Can I also remind parents that school finishes at 3:15pm and to request that if you are going to be late that you make suitable alternative arrangements.

What's on the Menu

This Thursday 19th May, Jenny, our Catering Manager, will provide the children with an extra special Favourites menu filled with all things Yum.

Chicken or Vegetarian Hot Dog
Potato Wedges
Baked Beans & Peas
Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce

On Friday 27th May, Jenny will also prepare a menu fit for royalty to help celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. To find out more click here:

www.paxtonacademy.org.uk/parents/lunch-menu

To celebrate this unprecedented anniversary milestone together, behind the scenes, we are planning to make Friday 27th May an extra special day to remember. If you would like to get involved and help us make it even more special, please complete the link sent to families.

Bus strike

Next two weeks, bus operator Arriva will continue with planned strike days on **Monday 16th** and **Tuesday 17th**. This will cause major disruption to daily routes and traffic congestion. Please can we request that you keep up to date with the information and plan alternative routes or modes of transport.

Up to date

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

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 18th May: Yr.1 Phonics Screen
Check meeting 9am

Thursday 19th May: Wick Court Farm meeting
3:30pm

Monday 23rd May: Drama 4 All in Reception and KS1

Monday 23rd May: Yr2 visit to the Church

Monday 23rd May: School Council meeting LAC members at 5pm

Thursday 26th May: Heyday Fest film premiere

Friday 27th May: Queen's Jubilee

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June: Summer half term

Monday 6th May– Children return at 8:35am

Monday 13th – 17th June: Wick Court Farm residential

Friday 8th July: INSET day School Closed

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

Our Traffic Light System helps us to monitor attendance across the whole school.



This week, figures demonstrate that we continue to be on an upward trend. Congratulations to **Yrs. 2, 3 and 6** who managed to exceed our attendance target and to **Reception** and **Yr. 1** who only just missed it. Well done to all our children and their families.

Class	Attendance
Reception	95.2%
Year 1	95.2%
Year 2	96.7%
Year 3	97.3%
Year 4	90.4%
Year 5	94.5%
Year 6	98.6%
Total	95.3%

Have a good weekend,

Yours **Theresa Moses (Headteacher)**