

## WEEKLY NEWS

### From the Headteacher: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

Once again, the building has been filled with smiles and the sounds of children's laughter.

At Paxton, we love nothing more than to curl up and lose ourselves in the pages of a good book.

We know that reading is the gateway to life and research shows that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to a child's educational performance. It also helps to develop a broader vocabulary, increase general knowledge and allow for a better understanding of other cultures.

This week, Harper Collins Publishers donated over 500 books to the school. Each child from Reception to Year 6 will get to take home their very own copy of the following titles.



While book corners, bookshelves and areas of the curriculum will be filled with additional titles and resources including dictionaries, atlases and posters which will capture the children's imagination and help ignite their curiosity across the curriculum and beyond.

### Visitors to Paxton

With the easing of the lockdown and so many things to celebrate, this half term we have arranged for a number of visitors to attend Paxton.

This week, the Mayor of Croydon visited Paxton. After a tour of the building, he met members of the LAC and a group of children from across the school.



Over afternoon tea, the Mayor shared his journey to date and commitment to homelessness. The children then read to the Mayor, spoke to him about their love for learning and shared their dreams for the future.

In the coming weeks, both members of the Metropolitan Police service and an MP will also visit Paxton.

### Oh Yes, We Can!

Next week, children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will visit the Polka Theatre in Wimbledon to enjoy an afternoon performance of '**Cinderella - You're Awesome**'. After the performance, the children will meet the cast and the director. To see a snapshot of '**Cinderella - You're Awesome**' click here . . .

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q83eFvjKbPY>

### PTA

After the success of the Autumn term festive events, the PTA are on a mission to organise their next fundraising memorable moment. If you would like to get involved and share ideas to fund raise across the school year, come along to the next meeting on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 3:30pm**. Everyone is welcome.

## School Council

This week, in school the children have been discussing ways to make Paxton even better.

Children from across the school have been given the opportunity to write their very own speech and reveal their reasons why they should become part of the School Council. Next week, the children will share their dreams and be voted for by their peers.

## Is Your Child Safe Online?

We now live in a world filled with www and technology. On [Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 9am](#), we have arranged a Parent Workshop to help you keep your child safe.

The workshop will last 45 minutes and will:

- discuss what children are doing online and why we need to be responsible users
- identify typical technologies used by children and discuss the related safety issue
- review the value of and issues related to screen time
- explore examples of resources which can help you keep your child safe online
- share helpful tips to protect your child online e.g. filtering and parental controls.

The session is funded and run by Wandsworth Lifelong Learning.

In order to secure a place at this meeting, please book a space using the google form.

## Let the Battle Commence

At Paxton, we want all of our children to be confident in their own skin, articulate in the words they speak and amazing Mathematicians within the wonderful world of numbers.

To help improve their fluency and develop their skills, each week, children in KS2 (Years 4, 5 and 6) are able to take part in Times Table Rock Stars - Battle of the Bands.

This week the winning class was Year 6. Year 4 were in second place, with Year 3 coming third and Year 5 in fourth place.

Congratulations to everyone who took part. This week the battle starts at 4pm.

## Can You Help?

Since the start of the Spring term, Reception have become **obsessed** with the art of using scissors. If you have any free magazines you can donate, please drop them off to Reception.

Thank you in advance!

## After School Clubs

This week, After School clubs started at Paxton. To secure your child's place in the following clubs, please log on to Parent Pay [app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/#/login](http://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/#/login)

If your child wishes to attend clubs run by Sports Attack, please book using the link below: <https://sports-attack-academy.class4kids.co.uk/>

## Reception (September 2022)

There is still time - if your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, the deadline for you to apply for a place to start Reception in September 2022 is **15th January 2022**.

## Wrap up warm

It is still cold outside! I know that we are in the Spring term but please can we request that the children come to school dressed appropriately in a school blazer, coat, jacket or fleece.

Please can I also request that they wear the correct uniform on both school and PE days, including **black footwear**.

## What's happening at Paxton?

To keep up to date with all the latest events and happenings across the school day, sign up to Twitter or Facebook, or view our Twitter feed through our website [www.paxtonacademy.org.uk](http://www.paxtonacademy.org.uk)

Twitter @Paxton Academy

[facebook.com/PaxtonAcademySportsandScience](https://www.facebook.com/PaxtonAcademySportsandScience)

## Attendance

This week, the children in Year 6 have managed to exceed our whole school target of 97%, closely followed by Years 2, then 3.

Well done to all the children and their families. Let's see if we can beat our Autumn school whole attendance of 95% and get ever closer to 100%.

Class	Attendance
Reception	91.5%
Year 1	94.7%
Year 2	95.5%
Year 3	95.0%
Year 4	93.9%
Year 5	94.5%
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>97.4%</b>
Total	<b>94.5%</b>

Have a great weekend,

**Yours Theresa Moses (Headteacher)**