

WEEKLY NEWS

From the Headteacher: 17th June 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

It's a Farm Affair

What a difference a week makes. On Monday, 36 children from Years 5 and 6 set off on an adventure to Wick Court Farm in Gloucester for a week long residential trip.

Accompanied by Miss Nurser, Miss Adekola, Mr Robertson, Ms Moses and Miss Linke, the children swapped their pens and pencils for wellington boots and fresh air on a working farm in the heart of the British countryside.



Throughout the week, the children were immersed in a totally new world, far away from their everyday inner city life and into a world filled with birdsong, clear starry skies, fresh air and plenty of sunshine.

Each day, the children took part in daily chores around the farm, which included feeding the cows, mucking out and grooming the horses, re-locating the chicken coop and picking vegetables, but with each chore was the opportunity to get up close and personal with the animals. snuggle with lambs but most importantly, bee happy.

This afternoon, the children all returned home safe, having learnt new skills, developed their independence and with so many memorable moments they will keep forever.



Young Readers Programme

This week, we had the pleasure to welcome volunteers from the National Literacy Trust and Mott McDonald to Paxton. As part of the **Young Readers Programme**, children in Years 3 and 4 had the pleasure to take part in a 90 minute workshop which was divided into two parts.

During the first half of the afternoon, volunteers spoke about their jobs, their favourite books and read stories to the children. They also spoke about the environment, why it's so important to take care of plants, and what they need to grow.

During the second half of the afternoon, using a range of materials including recycled plastic bottles, the children made their own animal planters and planted sunflower seeds.

At the end of the afternoon, the volunteers shared tips for choosing a book and all of the children were able to choose their very own book to take home and add to their ever increasing collection of great titles.

Croydon Primary Schools Championships

Next week, children across KS2 have been selected to represent Paxton at the Croydon Primary Schools Championships which will take place at Croydon Sports Arena.

The children will compete in a variety of races against selected children from more than 40 schools from across the borough.

During the evening, each child will participate in an individual event which will end with a showcase, being a relay race made up of five children.

All children who participate in the

- Boys Qualifiers on Monday 20th
- Girls Qualifiers on Wednesday 22nd

will receive a medal.

On Friday 24th June 2022, boys and girls will gather together to take part in the Finals, where winners will get to take home a trophy.

Our RESPECT Core Values

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

Success

We value achievement and celebrate success.

Anyone for Tennis.

With the countdown to Wimbledon looming, this year children in Years 4 and 6 have been given the amazing opportunity to play at Kings College in Wimbledon.

The official Championship, takes place at the All England Club in South London and is possibly the biggest tennis event of the year. The glistening gold Wimbledon trophy is also possibly the most coveted prize a professional tennis player can win.

On Monday 27th June, children in Year 4, will travel by coach to Kings College in Wimbledon for a tennis day, where they will be coached by students and their coaches.

On Wednesday 29th June, children in Year 6 will partake in the same opportunity and be coached by Kings College students and their coaches

With less than 10 days to go before, Wimbledon begins on Monday 27th June, there is still time to practise your technique or enjoy watching the tournament which lasts for two weeks, with some strawberries and cream.

After School Clubs

If you have not yet managed to book, 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/

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 Everyone is welcome

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

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

After the success of the recent upward trend, this week our attendance has taken a slight dip due to an outbreak of chicken pox. Please can we ask all our families to check their children

Chicken pox is common and mostly affects children, but you can get it at any age. It usually gets better by itself after 1 to 2 weeks without needing to see a GP.

To find out more, click here

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Class	Attendance
Reception	86.1%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	92.5%
Year 3	93.5%
Year 4	94.6%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	90%
Total	93.7%

Have a great weekend

Yours Theresa Moses (Headteacher)