

WEEKLY NEWS

From the Headteacher: 18th March 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

Just when we thought things could not get any better **Lights, Camera, Action** . . . On Wednesday, members of the School Council swapped their pens and pencils for cameras and microphones. Thanks to David and Alix from Heydays Uk, the children were able to become directors and star in their very own short film.

Entitled 'Inspirational People' members of the School Council, along with children from Years 5 and 6, explored various roles and took turns in front of and behind the camera and brought their script to life.

Throughout the day, Patrick Hutchinson, Bishop Grandison, Jord's and Superintendent Brittan appeared in cameo roles.

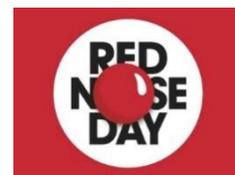


Once edited, the children will attend the BFI on the Southbank in April, along with other schools to watch their film on the big screen. Congratulations to the children and thank you to everyone who, adjusted their diaries to make the day possible.



Red Nose Day

Today, Paxton was awash with red and filled with extra special super heroes, as children exchanged their school uniform and helped raise money for Red Nose Day!



Across the school, children came dressed in red or as factious or real life super heroes including doctors, nurses, firefighters, police persons, teachers, bus drivers, and family members. Remember, not all super heroes wear a cape!

Bagels for Breakfast

To make Red Nose Day even more special and launch our 'bagels and a book breakfast', behind the scenes, staff cut, baked and buttered nearly 200 bagels. At 8:35am, when the school gates opened to welcome the children, they were surprised by an extra special treat of bagels and strawberry jam.

School Council Making a Difference

After the success of their first mission, 'Tesco community grants', where they had to gather ideas and spend £1,000 on play equipment, the School Council have continued to share their ideas and discuss ways to make Paxton even better.

At the end of the school day, the School Council became real super heroes and facilitated a whole school cake sale. Thank you to all the parents and families who donated cakes and to the family who set up their very own coffee stall and donated all the proceeds.

Behind the scenes, the School Council have also created their own website which provides an insight into the work they do.

www.paxtonacademy.org.uk/our-school/school-council-2

To help capture the magic, children across the school 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.

Our Core Values

Our **RESPECT** core values underpin everything that we do at Paxton. Next week, our Core Value will be **Equality**: We are all valued members of our community. We are all treated equally.

Pride of Croydon Award

I'm not sure if you have heard, but it's definitely not a rumour . . . Paxton has been nominated for a Pride of Croydon award. To find out more and vote for Paxton before the closing date on Monday 28th March, go to www.prideofcroydon.com/vote

Food for Thought!

On Tuesday, we will receive our first free weekly delivery of produce from the Felix Project. The Felix Project is a charity based organisation which collects fresh, nutritious food that cannot be sold and would otherwise have gone to waste.

At the end of the school day on Tuesday, the items of food and possible household goods will be made available for families to take home. If you would like to get involved and help us to sort and distribute the food at the end of the school day on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, please complete the link sent out via Google form.

Please note, volunteers will need to complete a level 2 food hygiene course before handling the food.

Sensory Garden

At Paxton, we are always looking for ways to extend and enrich the children's experiences. Living in an inner city, many of us have grown up without having grown our own fruits, vegetables or herbs.

On Monday, we will place a donation box in the office. No matter how big or small, any spare coins or notes can be donated and all monies raised will go towards creating a new sensory garden.

PTA

With less than two weeks to go before the end of the Spring term, we need you! The countdown to the Easter is on. If you want to find out more and get involved, the next PTA meeting will be on **Thursday at 8:50am**. Everyone is welcome.

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.

OURCAMPS is back!

If you have not yet managed to log on and book your child's place at OURCAMPS, there is still time. With **only nine school** days left before the end of the Spring term, OURCAMPS will be back at Paxton during the Easter break from

Monday 4th – Thursday 14th 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

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 30th March: Spotlight in KS1 and Rec

Thursday 31st March – End of Spring term

****School finishes at 2:15pm****

Friday 1st April: – Inset Day

OURCAMPS at Paxton

Monday 4th – Thursday 14th April: 9am – 3pm

www.schoolcamp.org.uk

Monday 18th April: Bank holiday

Tuesday 19th April: Children return at 8:35am

Friday 29th April: 'Palace for Life' in Years 2 & 6

Attendance

The children are back in the building and it sure feels much better. After the roller coaster of the last two weeks, this week our attendance is on the up.

Although it is not yet where we would like it to be, three classes managed to exceed our whole school target is 97%. Congratulations to Years 2, 4 and 6 and to all our families.

Fingers crossed, with only two weeks to go before the end of the Spring term, the children will be back in the building and we will continue to celebrate the success.

| Class | Attendance |
|---------------|--------------|
| Reception | 92.1% |
| Year 1 | 92.1% |
| Year 2 | 98.9% |
| Year 3 | 92.3% |
| Year 4 | 97.6% |
| Year 5 | 94.8% |
| Year 6 | 97.3% |
| Total | 94.7% |

Have a great weekend,

Yours **Theresa Moses (Headteacher)**