

## WEEKLY NEWS

### From the Headteacher: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents and Families, **Welcome to July!**

#### Anyone for Tennis.

At Paxton, we love to create opportunities which enhance the learning and provide children with a foundation to excel. Monday 27th June marked the start of Wimbledon. The official prestigious Championship which is possibly the biggest tennis event of the year.

This week, children in Years 4 and 6 were given the amazing opportunity to play tennis at Kings College School (KCS) in Wimbledon. Both classes swapped their pens and pencils for tennis rackets and balls, and spent a fun filled day of tennis lessons being coached by Kings students and their coaches.

Thank you to Ms Balaam and everyone at Kings who made it possible.

#### Let the Transformation begin

On Wednesday, we received a very special delivery. After nearly 18 months of meetings, emails and correspondence, the playground equipment which will transform our Early Years outdoor area arrived.



Once completed, the outdoor area will provide a space for the children to run, climb, jump and even more importantly, enrich opportunities for them to have fun and to learn through play.

#### We are so Eggcited

With the countdown on, the children in Reception have been busy keeping a daily diary to record the events which take place in our incubator.



Filled with 24 eggs, the children have been able to keep a close eye and if they are very lucky, next week they may get to witness the birth of the chicks.

#### We Need You!

At Paxton, we value our differences and celebrate our diversity and our heritage. This year, behind the scenes, staff have created a curriculum which reflects our children and the community.

Both in and outside of the classrooms, the school has been filled with carefully selected books which enable the children to identify themselves in titles, with the main characters and in illustrations and images.

Across the curriculum, quality genres which have been carefully chosen, provide the children with the opportunity to lose themselves in the pages of a good book and immerse themselves in a text, which enriches their vocabulary and strengthens their identity.

Next year, we would like to invite you to get involved and help us make it even better. If you would like to get involved and become part of a working party to review the curriculum, please click on the link sent out to parents.

## 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.

## Parent Questionnaire

In line with our equality value, at Paxton, we value our parents' contributions and recognise that through working together, the children thrive. In order to help us make Paxton Academy even better, please take five minutes to click the link and complete the survey before Monday 11th July.

## Parents Meetings

On **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July**, we will host our annual parents meetings from **2:30pm - 6:45pm**. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress to date and their end of year annual report.

To book your time slot, please click the link which will be sent out via text on Monday. As a school, we will do our best to ensure that preferred times are allocated. However, this may not always be possible.

**\*Please remember, school finishes at 2:15pm.**

If your child usually attends an after school club or you need child care until 3:15pm, please contact Youngstars who will be operating from 2.15pm.

## Meet our Local Academy Committee

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, LAC members will host a meeting from 5pm to talk with parents about their reflections on the school year and provide an opportunity to further explore comments gathered in the Parent Questionnaire.

LAC members will also be present on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, during parents' evening, to gather your thoughts on Paxton and ways to make us even better.

To find out more about the LAC members, here is a link to their bios on the school website.

[www.paxtonacademy.org.uk/our-school/our-governors-2/our-governors](http://www.paxtonacademy.org.uk/our-school/our-governors-2/our-governors)

## PTA: We Need You

In the meantime, if you would like to get involved and meet with other parents to share ideas and discuss ways to make the end of year 'International Day' on 15<sup>th</sup> July even more special and help out with this year's Sports Day, the next meeting will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 3:30pm.

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](http://www.paxtonacademy.org.uk), where you can view on our Twitter or Facebook page

## Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 5th July:** PTA - 3:30pm

**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%	<b>Platinum</b>	Outstanding attendance
97%-99%	<b>Gold</b>	Excellent attendance
95%-96%	<b>Green</b>	Good attendance with room for improvement
91%-94%	<b>Amber</b>	Cause for concern
90% and below	<b>Red</b>	Persistent absence, significant cause for concern

Come on Paxton, we can do this. This week again, four out of the seven classes managed to achieve over 95% of which three managed to exceed our whole school target of 97%.

Class	Attendance
Reception	91.9%
Year 1	96.2%
Year 2	97.9%
Year 3	98.1%
Year 4	91.6%
Year 5	94.1%
Year 6	97.1%
Total	95.1%

With only three weeks left until the end of the school year, we are looking forward to making sure every minute counts and will continue to work with families to ensure that every child is in school every day on time.

Have a great weekend

Yours **Theresa Moses (Headteacher)**