

WEEKLY NEWS

From the Headteacher: 21st January 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

As Headteacher of Paxton, I am proud of the children and the conducive learning environment that the staff provide. Over the last three weeks, members of the Local Academy Community (LAC) and the Local Authority have visited Paxton to discuss the learning.

In less than a year and with the introduction of the new curriculum, staff have raised the quality of education across all aspects of school life and all three key stages. They have implemented a curriculum which is ambitious for the children and provides them with memorable learning moments.

We also had a visit from Anthony King: Community Leader and Chair of the MyEnds project which is sponsored by the Mayor of London, raising awareness and a zero-tolerance approach in reducing violent crime throughout the borough.

The MyEnds project aims to give the London Road community, the support they need to develop their own initiatives to bring about change in their neighbourhoods, and to provide positive opportunities for young people living in the area. Paxton look forward to working with Anthony and organisations across Croydon to create an initiative for primary school age children.

School Council

After the success of the visit from the Mayor of Croydon, this week, the children have been sharing their 'I have a dream for Paxton' speeches.

In class, children took their turn to share their vision for Paxton, ways to make it even better and why they should become part of the School Council before being voted for by their peers.

On Monday, in assembly, the votes will be announced and the School Council of 2022 will share their dreams and be officially welcomed as a voice for change.

Oh No You Can't!

Oh yes we did! Sometimes you can only begin to capture the magic and yesterday was oh so magical. Thanks to the Polka Theatre 'Hands Up' scheme, children in Years 4, 5 and 6, travelled by coach to watch the AMAZING, Cinderella: You're Awesome!



During the performance, the children sat in their front row seats and were in awe as they watched the characters retell the well-known story of Cinderella, with a modern twist which focussed on the children being able to recognise that they are enough and celebrate that they are also Awesome individuals.

'This is how you explain Joy' was just one of the comments from a child in Yr. 4 during the performance. Thank you to the cast, production team and staff who made our afternoon even more special and to the staff who enjoyed an afternoon at the theatre.

Little Book Hut

At Paxton, we love any excuse to curl up with a good book and read. We know that reading is the gateway to life. It develops vocabulary and increases general knowledge.

Thank you to the London Book Project who believe in empowering children to become book owners, during the Spring term, we have our very own the little book hut. We have unpacked the boxes and stacked the shelves so that children can explore the amazing titles and lose themselves in the pages of a good book.

Is Your Child Safe Online?

We now live in a world filled with www and technology. After, nearly two years of being in a pandemic, through home schooling children have been even more exposed to life online.

To help ensure that our children are safe and that parents have the knowledge and skills to support them, Helen from the Wandsworth CLC, delivered a parent's workshop on Keeping Children Safe Online. If we work Together, then together we can, keep our children safe.

PTA

This evening, the PTA go together to organise their next fund-raising memorable moment. On the agenda was an end of term disco and a walkathon. Next week, I will be able to share the finer details of dates, tickets and sponsor forms.

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 4th February at 3:30pm**. Everyone is welcome

Let the Battle Commence

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

Winning classes:

1st place: Year 6 **242 points**

2nd place: Year 5 **237 points**

3rd place: Year 4 **209 points**

Top players:

Year 6: **Mohsan**

Year 5: **Avani**

Year 4: **Ciaran**

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

Gong Hei Fat Choy

This year, the Chinese New Year festivities known as Lunar New Year or Spring Festival will start on 1st February and run to 15th February. There are twelve Chinese Zodiac animals, rotate each year. This year is the Year of the Tiger.

On Tuesday 1st February, to join in with the celebrations, children will be able to wear red and Jenny; our Catering Manager will provide an extra special lunch menu.

<https://www.paxtonacademy.org.uk/uploads/Chinese%20New%20Year.pdf>

Our Core Values

Our **RESPECT** core values underpin everything that we do at Paxton. Next week our Core Value will be **Pride**.

Pride

We take pride in everything we do.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 1st February – Chinese New Year

Friday 4th February – PTA meeting 3:30pm

Friday 11th February – **End of Spring 1**

Monday 14th – Friday 18th February

****Half term****

Monday 21st February – **Children return**

Tuesday 1st March - Pancake Day

Wednesday 9th March – **Parents Evening**

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

Thursday 31st march – **End of Spring term**

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

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

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Attendance

This week, the children are back in the building and across the school, attendance is looking good. Congratulations to Reception, Year 1 and 5 who managed to exceed our whole school target of 97%.

Well done to all the children and their families. Let's see if we can beat our Autumn school whole attendance of 97% and get ever closer to 100%.

Class	Attendance
Reception	98.6%
Year 1	98.3%
Year 2	93.3%
Year 3	95.4%
Year 4	94.0%
Year 5	97.9%
Year 6	92.7%
Total	96.1%

Have a great weekend,

Yours Theresa Moses (Headteacher)