

WEEKLY NEWS

From the Headteacher: 22nd April 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to the Summer Term

After the success of our whole school books during the Autumn and Spring term, this term our whole school book is 'The Bear and the Piano' written and illustrated by David Litchfield. This book provides a platform to reveal a love of music, friendship and adventure and the opportunity to explore emotions and empathise with the characters and events.

This week, the children have also been introduced to their new areas of learning which will provide them with opportunities to build knowledge and skills, and make links with prior learning and the ever changing world in which they live. To find out more click here. www.paxtonacademy.org.uk/parents/keeping-in-touch

Heyday Fest 2022

On Thursday, thanks to Heyday Uk, nine children from Paxton were able to swap their pens and pencils and join children from 15 other schools across London, including Chesterton and Ravenstone, to attend the British Film Institute (BFI) on the Southbank.

As part of the Heyday Fest, during the Spring term, children in KS2 had written, directed and starred in their very own short film. The films ranged from comedy, horror to mystery, environmental and documentary.

All the schools gathered together at the BFI to watch the premiere of their very own short film. Entitled 'Inspirational People' members of Paxton's School Council, along with children from Years 5 and 6 witnessed their script brought to life on the big screen.

Thank you to, Jack, David and Alix from the Heyday team and to Patrick Hutchinson, Bishop Grandison, Jord's and Superintendent Andy Brittan for their cameo roles.



"A truly inspirational day"

"I can't believe I've written, produced & starred in a short film!"

"Thank you Heyday's for letting us participate in such a wonderful event!"

"A truly wonderful experience"

"Loved every minute"

"It was an honour to be there"

If you would like to join us to view the film and celebrate the children's achievement, we will be hosting an event on Friday 27th May at 5:30pm. More information to follow.

Palace for Life

At Paxton, our eight core values weave a thread across all aspects of school life and provide us with a common language which binds us together and creates leaders of tomorrow.

This term, we will welcome Palace for Life to Paxton. They will work in Years 5 and 6 on a unit very close to our hearts; Equality! The unit will encourage discussion around a variety of topics including stereotypes, diversity, critical thinking in the media and discrimination.

Palace for Life will also work in Year 2 and deliver a unit called Moving Maths where the children will be able to explore and extend their understanding of mathematical concepts such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, 2D/3D shapes, measurement, time and money.

Our RESPECT Core Values

Next week, our Core Value will be **Excellence**: We strive to reach our potential and are committed to excellence.

After School Clubs

Next week, the following clubs will begin;

Monday

Spanish - Years 3, 4 and 5

Tuesday

Multi-Sports - Years 3, 4 and 5

Wednesday

Computing Club - Whole school

Thursday

SOUL Ltd - Years 4, 5 & 6

Booster - Year 6

Fridays

Science 'Cooking' Club - Years 3, 4 and 5

Please note; clubs run by Paxton, will run from 3:30pm – 4:30pm for 5 weeks during Summer 1.

Legacy Youth Zone

If your child is aged 8 to 11 years old and you completed the form sent via text during the Spring term regarding attending Legacy on **Tuesdays and Thursdays during the Summer term**, we will be in contact with you soon.

What's on the Menu?

Please can I remind parents to keep us up to date with any food allergies or requirements. Click the link to find out more about what's on the menu and see the Summer term options filled with all things yum!
www.paxtonacademy.org.uk/parents/lunch-menu

Dates for your Diary

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

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

First day (for all): Tuesday 19th April

Monday 2nd May: May Day School Closed

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June: Summer half term

Friday 8th July: INSET day School Closed

Thursday 21st July: Last day of the Summer term School Closes at 2:15pm

Friday 22nd July: in lieu for the Queen's Jubilee

1st and 2nd September: Inset

Monday 5th September: Children return at 8:35am

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.

End of Spring Term Attendance

At Paxton Academy, we expect all our children to make at least good progress. Therefore, it is essential that they attend school every day.

This year, our attendance target is 97%. To help us monitor attendance, we use our Traffic Light System.



Attendance Range	Color	Description
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

At the end of the Spring Term 2, across the school a grand total of 84 children managed to achieve our school target and in some cases exceed 97%. Even better was that of the 84 children, 25 of whom managed to achieve 100%. Congratulations to all the children and their families.

Attendance

This week, the children are back in the building and it feels good.

Congratulations to **Years 2, 3, 4 and 6** who managed to achieve and in some cases exceed our attendance target. Well done to all the children and their families.

Class	Attendance
Year 1	87.5%
Year 2	97.4%
Year 3	97.6%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5	91.7%
Year 6	97.7%
Total	94.4%

Have a great weekend,

Yours **Theresa Moses (Headteacher)**