

## WEEKLY NEWS

**From the Headteacher: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Dear Parents and Families,

### **What a difference a week makes. . .**

This week, children across KS2 made history by representing Paxton for the first time ever at the Croydon Primary Schools Championship's.

On Monday, 11 boys travelled to the Croydon Sports Arena to take part in the boy's qualifiers.



On Wednesday, 10 girls took up the baton and were put through their paces in the qualifiers



During each event, the children each took part in an individual event competing with children from 52 schools from across the borough.

Today, seven children returned to take part in the finals where the competition was now among the elite. Having never taken part in a sporting completion before, we are incredibly Proud of our children and look forward to attending next year when we will be ready to lift the trophy.

Thank you to the staff and all the families who made the event even more special. We are Individually Excellent, Collectively Brilliant!

### **Anyone for Tennis.**

Monday 27th June, marks the start of Wimbledon. The official prestigious Championship, takes place at the All England Club in South London and is possibly the biggest tennis event of the year.

Next week, children in Years 4 and 6 have been given the amazing opportunity to play tennis at Kings College in Wimbledon. Both classes, will travel by coach to Kings College for a tennis day, where they will be coached by students and their coaches.

If you are interested in tennis, there is still time to practise your technique or you can just sit back and enjoy watching the tournament, with strawberries and cream.

### **Shhhhhh . . . We're Supper Eggcited!**

Look what has arrived. The latest addition to our Paxton family. Thanks to the award winning, Tom's Farm which is located within the grounds of Nightingale Community Academy in Tooting, we now have the opportunity to witness what happens in the life cycle of a chicken from the egg to birth.



Over the next four weeks, the children in Reception will keep a daily dairy where they will record the events which take place and if they are very lucky, get to witness the birth of the chicks.

## Our RESPECT Core Values

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

### Pride

We take pride in everything we do.

## Summer Reading Challenge

At Paxton, we love nothing more than to curl up and lose ourselves in the pages of a good book. To ensure that the children do not run out of opportunities to read over the Summer, we are championing the Summer Reading Challenge.

Organised by the charity; The Reading Agency ([www.readingagency.org.uk](http://www.readingagency.org.uk)) and the UK public library network since 1999, the **Summer Reading Challenge** is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children aged 4 to 11.



The Challenge combines **FREE** access to books with fun, creative activities during the summer holidays. Throughout the Challenge, library staff and volunteers support the children, helping them to discover new authors and illustrators and to explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading.

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, we look forward to welcoming Paulette Johnson, from Croydon Library Services to Paxton to talk to the children in more detail and answer any questions they may have about the Summer Reading Challenge.

## PTA: We Need You

On Tuesday, parents gathered together to share their ideas and discuss ways to make an end of year 'International day' even more special.

If you would like to get involved, 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 and on the farm, 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

**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

The children are back in the building and it feels so much better. This week four out of the seven classes managed to achieve over 95% of which three of them were oh so close to achieving and in one class exceeded our whole school target of 97%.

Class	Attendance
Reception	93.5%
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>96.5%</b>
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	94.1%
Year 4	99.6%
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>96.6%</b>
Year 6	87.7%
Total	95%

With only weeks left until the end of the school year, we are looking forward to making sure every minute count and will do our best to 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)**