

WEEKLY NEWS

From the Headteacher: 24th September 2021

Dear Parents and Families,

On Monday, Paxton's very own Local Academy Board (LAC) met for the very first time. Made up of members from the Interim Academy Board (IAB), parents and the local community, they have begun to agree upon a strategic vision and set targets to raise standards across all aspects of school life.

Through work in partnership with the school, they will provide a level of challenge and support to ensure that Paxton continues to strive for excellence. Judi Dumont-Barter and Sue Pidgeon will share the role of co-chair. To find out more about the LAC and their vision for Paxton, a coffee morning will be held on Friday 8th October at 9am.

Enquiry Based Curriculum

At Paxton, the staff strive to provide a relevant, creative and inclusive curriculum which ignites the children's curiosity, raises attainment and creates opportunities for all children to have a 'Love for Learning'.

Both in and outside of the classroom, through a language rich, enquiry based curriculum, carefully planned lessons capture the children's imagination.

Across the curriculum, each subject has an **intent**, which sets out the knowledge and skills that the children will gain at each stage of their learning journey.

Through working together, staff implement the curriculum by planning and delivering lessons which extend and enrich the children's knowledge.

The 'impact' measures how well children achieve as a result of the education they receive and in the ever-changing world in which they live.

A Love of Reading

Our **Intent** for reading :

We learn to read and then we read to learn!

This week, children in Reception, KS1 and KS2 (where appropriate) took part in daily phonics lessons.

Today, the children will bring home the book they have been reading this week in class to share with family members. Please remember to listen

to your child read and write a comment in their reading journals.



Parent Workshops

At Paxton, we relish the opportunity to instil a love for learning and empower the children to become confident, independent learners.

After the success of the first of three parent workshops on homework, where over 30 parents attended we look forward to inviting the parents from KS1 and the Reception class on the following dates; <https://forms.gle/WYcAvCPnKwXtsnmz7>

KS1: Wednesday 29th September 8:45am - 9:15am

Reception: Wednesday 6th October 8:45am - 9:15am

Parent Tours

With the easing of the lockdown restrictions, we can begin to celebrate life at Paxton. We will hold parent tours on the following Thursday's at 9am:

- 7th October
- 4th November
- 2nd December

To book a place please click on the link below or call the school office. Tours are limited so please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

As a school, we still need to ensure that the children and school community are safe, so we will be restricting the numbers of parents on each tour.

Open Days for New Prospective Parents

With the easing of the lockdown restrictions, we can begin to celebrate life at Paxton. We will hold parent tours at 9am on Tuesdays:

- 12th October 2021
- 16th November 2021
- 7th December 2021

To book a place please click on the link below or call the school office on 020 8683 2308. Tours are limited so please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

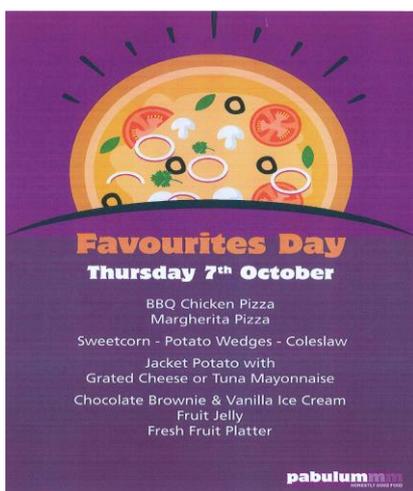
Whats on the Menu?

At Paxton, our school meals are cooked fresh on site each day. Made up of nutritious, healthy options, our catering team is able to adapt the menu, to cater for all dietary needs.

After the success of our last Favourites Day, Pabulum have put together another tasty menu for all children to try out.

On Thursday 7th October, all children from Reception to Year 6, will be able to join in with a fun filled menu which overflows with the children's **Favourites!** Pizza, jacket potatoes, Chocolate Brownie's or Jelly and Ice Cream, the children will be able to select the **Favourites** filled with all things Yum.

If your child usually has packed lunch and on this day you would like them to have school dinner please see Charmaine in the office.



School Uniform

Please can we ensure that children are dressed accordingly in full school uniform and on PE days children are dressed in the correct PE uniform and are wearing appropriate footwear.

Our Core Values

Our **RESPECT** values underpin everything that we do at Paxton Academy.



Next week our core value will be **Pride**: We value achievement and celebrate success. In whole school and class assemblies, the children will explore the meaning of being Proud of themselves and taking pride in their achievements.

Free Mindfulness Webinar

Everyday life – even before the pandemic - involves a broad range of emotions, including happiness, anger, fear and sadness. More than ever, we need strategies to remain calm, focused, adaptable, creative and energised.

Mindfulness offers ways to stay present, in order to avoid distraction, creativity blocks, negative thinking and exhaustion. This one hour FREE webinar shares:

- scientific knowledge about how our brain works and can help us in our personal lives and at work
- concepts underpinning mindfulness and the benefits for our mental and physical health

Anna Wille, a qualified Mindfulness trainer and has taught Mindfulness to almost 5000 people over the last 5 years. Sign up now for the Webinar on 4th October 2021 7.30-8.30pm by emailing Anna at breathe@annawille.com

Attendance

This week, our new Reception children exceeded our whole school target of 97%. Let's see if more classes can achieve the target next week and get ever closer to 100%.

Class	Attendance
Reception	98.3%
Year 1	88.8%
Year 2	93.7%
Year 3	94.4%
Year 4	86.3%
Year 5	91.3%
Year 6	96.4%

Have a great weekend!

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