

WEEKLY NEWS

From the Headteacher: 25th February 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to Spring term 2. The past six days have been filled with smiles and memorable moments that the children and staff, will keep forever.

On Sunday, Pickni Uniform launched its official campaign to provide free school uniform to help support children & families across London. Produced by GUAP magazine, the campaign consisted of an exclusive interview about the mission & reason behind Pickni Uniforms, along with a photo shot and mini-film which featured the co-founder Jords and showcased our children.

Meet the young recipients of Rapper Jord's first-ever 'Pickni Uniforms' Campaign

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Thank you Jord and GUAP magazine for providing the children with the amazing opportunity to see what happens within a media platform. To find out more go to our Twitter @Paxton Academy or @pickniuniforms.

A Love for Reading

At Paxton, we love any excuse to curl up and lose ourselves in the pages of a good book. On Monday, we had the pleasure of welcoming Rachel from Croydon's Library Service. Throughout the day, each class got to discover about the service, listen to a story and sign up to the library if they were not yet a member. To find out more about the service, visit www.croydon.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-culture/libraries/library-services

Reflecting Realities

On Thursday, 10 schools attended the CLPE for day four of the inspirational, Reflecting Realities project. After the success of the author focus, with Ken Wilson Max, the focus has now switched to poetry and the creative platform it provides to capture experiences and create images.



Miss Linke and Ms Bryan had the pleasure to meet the awesome Valerie Bloom, who shared her story of growing up in Jamaica, listening to her Mum read her stories and how her love for the rhythm, the words and passion for poetry grew. During the Spring term, children in Year 3 will be able to explore Valerie's poetry and have a go at becoming poets.

Yamaha Music School,

If music be the food of love . . . then play on, is the first line of Shakespeare's, Twelfth Night. On Thursday, Bethany from the Yamaha Music School, introduced the children in Year 4 to the keyboard. Over the next five weeks, the children will develop their understanding of melody, chords, drum patterns and a pianistic technique which will progress through modules.

Our Core Values

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

Excellence

We strive to reach our potential and are committed to excellence.

After School Clubs

This half term, the following clubs will be run by members of Paxton staff. Clubs will run from 3:30pm – 4:30pm and cost £2.50. Clubs will start on **Tuesday 1st March** and run for **5 weeks**.

Tuesdays

Choir - KS2

Football Skills - Years 2 & 3

Wednesdays

Computing Club - Whole school

Thursdays

SOUL Ltd - Years 4, 5 & 6

Booster - Year 6

Fridays

Science 'Cooking' Club - Years 1 & 2

Art Club – Years 4, 5 & 6

Please log on to Parent Pay to book a place by clicking [here](#).

And, if your child is aged 10 or 11, they have also been invited to join the Volunteer Police Cadets at Legacy Youth Zone on **Tuesdays, 4:15 – 5:30pm**.

World Book Day

Thursday 3rd March, celebrates 25 years of World Book Day 'changing lives through a love of books and shared reading'. The charities mission is to help change children's lives by making reading together and reading for pleasure a habit for life.

This year, we will celebrate World Book Day using our whole school book, The Colour Monster. Children can come dressed how they feel to school, using colours to express their emotions. To find out more www.youtube.com/watch?v=IY6d1jyvmVg

Children in KS2 will meet Patrick Hutchinson, author of 'Everyone Versus Racism: A Letter to My Children', who will share how on a decision he made on 13th June 2020, during one of the Black Life Matters marches, changed his life forever.

Pabulum, our catering company have also prepared a meal fit for any author, illustrator or character <https://www.paxtonacademy.org.uk/uploads/World%20Book%20Day%20A4%20Feb%202022.pdf>

Parents Evening

On **Wednesday 9th March**, we will host our Spring term parents meeting. From **2:30pm – 6:45pm**, parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child's class teachers to review their Autumn term targets and celebrate their progress to date. Meetings will last for 10 minutes and will take place at school.

To book your preferred time slot, please use the link sent out to parents. As a school, we will do our best to ensure that preferred times are allocated.

OURCAMPS is back!

If you have not yet managed to log on and book your child's place at OURCAMPS, there is still time. OURCAMPS will be back at Paxton during the Easter break from

Monday 4th – Thursday 14th April: 10am – 4pm.

Children entitled to **FSM will a receive free place and hot meal**. Non-FSM will be charged at £25 per day. To find out more or book a place click here: www.schoolcamp.org.uk

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 1st March – Pancake Day

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

Wednesday 9th March – **Parents Evening**

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

Friday 18th March – Red Nose Day

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

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

Friday 1st April – **Inset**

Attendance

At the end of Spring 1 our whole school attendance fell just below 95%. Individual 'Traffic light' letters were sent home with each child informing parents of their child's attendance to date.

As a school, our whole school target is 97% and this week, after five days at home during the half term, the children are back in the building and it feels good.

Congratulations to **Reception, Years 2, 3 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
Reception	97.2%
Year 1	94.1%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 3	98.1%
Year 4	95.4%
Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	96.8%
Total	96.2%

Have a great weekend,

Yours **Theresa Moses (Headteacher)**