

WEEKLY NEWS

From the Headteacher: 28th January 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

Once again, Paxton has been filled with smiles and the sound of children's laughter. This week, we welcomed back Anthony King; Community Leader and Chair of the MyEnds project, along with a group of inspirational and influential people from Croydon who included; the Metropolitan Police, Palace for Life Foundation, U.T.C.A.I (United to Change and Inspire), DJ Milktray (H.O.P.E Programme) and last but not means least, Ria Chatterjee and Joe (camera person) from ITV news.

Throughout the morning, conversations focussed on the work which is taking place in the community to instil hope and discuss ways early intervention could be introduced in to primary schools.

A tour of the school provided a snapshot of the exemplary behaviour and positive attitudes for learning. A very special moment, captured on camera, was of a conversation with Ria and a Year 1 child, who was able to articulate his aspiration of becoming an astronaut, travelling in to space in his rocket and being able to sleep in little alien beds.

In Years 5 and 6, the visitors spent time talking with the children and creating memorable moments they will keep forever. DJ Milktray filled the room with excitement as he provided a taster of his mixing ability and spoke about some of the young people who are learning to become DJ's, via his H.O.P.E programme. Rash from Palace for Life spoke about football, Inspector Weston read the children a heartfelt poem he had written and Patrick Hutchinson shared the moment which changed his life.

In a time filled with fear and uncertainty, Croydon is blessed with hope and Paxton looks forward to working in partnership to change the narrative.

<https://twitter.com/RiaChatter/status/1487135037325725701?s=20&t=znMEekVsUMDT6KhaNJoCmQ>

School Council

After our visit from the Mayor of Croydon, last week the children wrote and then shared their 'I have a dream for Paxton' speeches. On Monday in assembly, the School Council of 2022 were officially welcomed in by the whole school.

Reception: **Kallianha**

Year 1: **Imaani-Rae**

Year 2: **Noah**

Year 3: **Amelia**

Year 4: **Candice**

Year 5: **Anas and Dainah-Shay**

Year 6: **Ashley and David**

Congratulations to all of the children who took part. I look forward to working with the School Council in helping them become a voice for Paxton.

Little Book Hut

At Paxton, reading is at the heart of what we do. From the moment children enter into our Reception class they are introduced to daily Letters and Sounds Revisied synthetic phonics, which provides them with a platform to 'Learn to read and then read to learn'.

This week, thanks to the London Book Project, children from across the school have been able to select their very own books from our 'Little Book Hut' and add the titles to their own book shelves at home.

Please can we ensure that children read, or are read to, each night and that they bring their book bags into school each day.

Finally, if you have not yet completed the Winter Mini Challenge, there is still time. The challenge has been extended to 20th February.



Keyboard Workshop PTA

On Monday 31st January, members of the Yamaha Music School will be at Paxton to provide the children in Years 4, 5 and 6, with a musical menu of well-known songs from Bruno Mars, Queen and Sam Smith, to great classics such as Beethoven and Dvorak!

We hope to be able to introduce keyboard lessons at Paxton soon, and if your child would like to further their skills, please email ffh-musiceducation@bhlive.org.uk to book a free session on 7th February.

Gong Hei Fat Choy

Next week on **Tuesday 1st February**, to join in with the Chinese New Year celebrations, children will be able to come to school, **dressed in red**. Across the school, the children will be able to take part in the Year of the Tiger festivities and at lunch time, Jenny, our Catering Manager will provide an extra special menu.

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

If you're your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to take part in the festive menu please complete the Google form.

Safer Internet Day 2022

On 8th February, Paxton will join in with the rest of the world and celebrate Safer Internet Day. This year, the theme is 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.

Safer Internet Day 2022 celebrates young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers. To find out more, click

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022>

Let the Battle Commence

Each week, children in KS2 (Years 3/4/5/6) are able to take part in Times Table Rock Stars - Battle of the Bands, and become confident Mathematicians.

Winning classes:

1st place: **Year 6**

2nd place: **Year 5**

3rd place: **Year 3**

Top players:

Year 6: **David**

Year 5: **Avani**

Year 4: **Excel**

Year 3: **Rila**

Congratulations to everyone who took part.

Our Core Values

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

Equality

We are all valued members of our community. Everyone is treated fairly.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 1st February – Chinese New Year

Friday 4th February – PTA meeting 3:30pm

Monday 7th February – Mental Health Week

Tuesday 8th February – Safer Internet Day

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

Monday 14th – Friday 18th Feb ****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****

Friday 1st April – Inset

Attendance

After the success of last week, it was a shame to see the attendance percentage drop below our whole school target of 97%.

Congratulations again to Year 1 who managed to exceed our whole school for the second time in a row and Year 5 who only just missed it. Well done to all the children and their families. With only two more weeks before the February half term, let's see if we can all do better next week and get ever closer to 100%.

Class	Attendance
Reception	91.1%
Year 1	99.3%
Year 2	93.9%
Year 3	91.9%
Year 4	86.7%
Year 5	96.0%
Year 6	95.5%
Total	93.6%

Have a great weekend,

Yours **Theresa Moses (Headteacher)**