From the Headteacher: 27th May 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

At Paxton, we love to create opportunities which empower our children to make informed decisions in the ever changing world in which we live.

This year, the School Council have taken their role very seriously. To date, they have introduced 'Golden Slips', written, produced and starred in their very own film and taken part in interview processes with prospective candidates.

This term, alongside making some very important decisions about Paxton, behind the scenes, they have been busy creating their very own website to document their journey.

To find out more click here
www.paxtonacademy.org.uk/our-school/school-council-2

On Monday, the School Council meet with members of the Local Academy Committee (LAC) to share their thoughts on Paxton and ways to make it even better. During the meeting, the School Council and LAC members shared their vision for Paxton and discussed possible ways of working together.

At the end of the meeting, they agreed to pose for a picture and as with any great leader, they were able to appreciate that they work very hard but they also love to have fun.

With so many things to celebrate, on Thursday, nearly 100 people gathered into the main school hall to attend the Paxton Heyday premiere of 'Inspirational People: 'Who Inspires You?'

During the showing of the film there were speeches from the children and special appearances from Patrick Hutchinson, Bishop Grandison and Superintendent Brittain who starred in the cameo roles. Music on the night showcased performances from children in Yr6 who played Steel Pans.

Thank you to Anthony Hamilton, our Steel Pan teacher and all the families who made the event even more special.

A Royal 'Roof' Tea Party
On Friday 27th May, to celebrate the unprecedented anniversary milestone of the Queen's Platinum 70th Jubilee, children came to school dressed in their smartest attire and ready for a royal party.

Throughout the day, the children took part in a range of activities that enabled them to extend their knowledge and celebrate the milestone.

At lunchtime Jenny, our Catering Manager, cooked a menu fit for royalty.

During the afternoon, staff hosted a Paxton 'Tea' Party. Children made their way to the rooftop playground for an afternoon tea with scones, crown shaped shortcake biscuits, popcorn and of course music and party games galore.

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Our RESPECT Core Values
Next week, our Core Value will be **Teamwork**.

Teamwork

We work as a team because together we achieve more.

Although, we will spend a week apart, the phrase 'Teamwork = Dreamwork' means that we can continue to work together and achieve more

Let the Learning Commence
Today, as we celebrate the learning to date and progress the children have made during Summer 1, the learning does not stop.

If you would like a sneak peek at the topics for Summer term 2, links to the learning will be sent home today and curriculum webs for each class will also be uploaded to the website.
www.paxtonacademy.org.uk/parents/keeping-in-touch

Each curriculum web provides an overview into the learning which will take place during Summer term 2 where children will draw upon their prior learning and experiences and be introduced to new knowledge and develop skills.

And it doesn't stop there . . .
Yesterday, we received a very special invitation from Shelley Davies, Director of Education, to select one child to take part in the beacon lighting ceremony to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Croydon's beacon will be one of over 1,500 Jubilee beacons that will be lit across the country and the Commonwealth, as people come together to mark this very special and unique occasion.

The ceremony will be attended by Executive Mayor Jason Perry and other civic guests. The Beacon will be lit by the Civic Mayor of Croydon, Councillor Alisa Flemming, but the torch used to light the beacon will be passed to the Civic Mayor by seven of Croydon's young people, one child to represent each of the decades that the Queen has been on the thrown.

To find out more . . . read next week's newsletter.

P4YE
At Paxton, we pride ourselves on building relationships which empower our children and support our families. Project 4 Youth Empowerment (P4YE) is a South London-based organisation started by four friends to support young people, families and the community to create opportunities and build brighter futures.

During the Summer term 2, Paxton will welcome P4YE. As an organisation, P4YE understand the challenges that schools face and provide additional layers of support during lessons and throughout the school day.

Through working in partnership with staff and building positive relationships with children, P4YE will add to the conducive environment in which children flourish.

P4YE will also run an After School Club on Tuesdays where they will provide a safe space for children in Years 5 and 6, to explore relevant topics, discuss their thoughts, make positive decisions and help prepare them for the next stage in their transition to secondary school.

To find out more, on Thursday 9th June at 3:30pm P4YE will host a Parent Workshop. Everyone is welcome.

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

Paper copies are also available from the office.

Attendance
Our Traffic Light System helps us to monitor attendance across the whole school.

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

What an amazing end to Summer term 1. After the success of the upward trend, this week, six out of the seven class are in the green zone. Congratulations

Class	Attendance
Reception	93%
Year 1	95.3%
Year 2	95.3%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 4	95.1%
Year 5	94.6%
Year 6	96.4%
Total	95%

Have a great half term.
See you all on Monday 6th June at 8:35am.
Yours **Theresa Moses (Headteacher)**