

WEEKLY NEWS

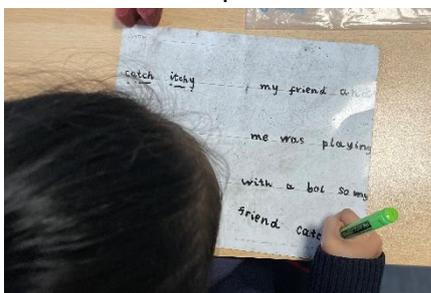
From the Headteacher: 4th March 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

Once again, Paxton has been filled with smiles and memorable moments that the children and staff, will keep forever.

Reading is at the heart of our curriculum and we recognise the importance of children being able to 'learn to read and then read to learn'. In September, we launched the new Little Wandle Letters and Sounds synthetic phonics program. During the past six months, staff across the school have worked collaboratively to embed the program and deliver quality first teaching.

On Monday, members of our Local Academy Community (LAC) came into school to gain a deeper understanding of Letters and Sounds revised and witness first-hand how different aspects of the program are delivered. In Year 1, the children were very happy to showcase how they could apply their phonic knowledge in their writing.



World Book Day

On Thursday, we wished World Book Day a Happy 25th Birthday! At 8:35am, as the gates opened, staff were met with an awash of colour as children swapped their school uniform and came dressed as an emotion found in the book, *The Colour Monster*. During our whole school assembly, the children were provided with a platform to celebrate books.



During the morning, we had the pleasure to welcome Patrick Hutchinson; author and co-founder of United to Change and Inspire (UTCAI). Children in KS2 were able to discover how a decision Patrick made on Saturday 13th June 2020, changed his life and inspired him to write his first book, *Everyone Against Racism - A letter to my children*.



Throughout the day, children took part in activities to enrich and further their love for reading. As adults, we know that nothing beats curling up and losing yourself in the pages of a good book, and in the afternoon, the children were able to take that one step further and share a book with a friend.

At the end of the day, just when the children thought it couldn't get any better, thanks to World Book Day and Waterstones Croydon, all of the children were able to take home a new book to add to their growing bookshelves.

Thank you to all our reading partners and the organisations who help us to instil a love for reading!

Shh, it's a Surprise

Throughout the week, behind the scenes, staff have been busy creating two new 'into the woods' reading areas for the children to be able to just ... chill out and read. The first one is nearly finished and we don't think that the children have noticed yet.

On Monday, we will lay the grass and add some finishing touches to create a tranquil place to just ... chill out and read.

Our Core Values

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

Success

We value achievement and celebrate success.

After School Clubs

This week, the following clubs started;

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 3, 4, 5 & 6

Please note; clubs run by Paxton, start at 3:30pm – 4:30pm and run for 5 weeks during Spring 2.

If your child is aged 8 to 11 and your are interested in them attending Legacy Youth Zone on **Tuesdays and Thursdays during the Summer term**, please complete the form sent via text.

Parents Meetings

On **Wednesday 9th March**, we will host our Spring term parents meetings from **2:30pm - 6:45pm**. If you have not yet booked your time slot, please use the link sent out via text. As a school, we will do our best to ensure that preferred times are allocated. However, this may not always be possible.

***Please remember, school finishes at 2:15pm.**

Easter with the PTA

With only four weeks left before the Easter holidays, next week, we will launch our Easter raffle. Prizes include Easter eggs, books, soft toys, a chocolate hamper and lots more. Tickets will be on sale at the start and end of the school day and cost £1. If you want to find out more and get involved, the next PTA meeting will be on **Friday at 3:20am**. Everyone is welcome.

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: 9am – 3pm. Children entitled to **FSM will a receive free place and hot meal**. Non-FSM children 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

Wednesday 9th March – Parents Meeting

****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 Day

OURCAMPS at Paxton

Monday 4th – Thursday 14th April: 9am – 3pm

Tuesday 19th April: Children return at 8:35am

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Attendance

Last week, our attendance was an amazing 96.2%. Four out of seven classes managed to achieve or exceed our whole school target is 97%. This was an amazing achievement and our best attendance percentage in 2022.

This week, the building was filled with learning and an awesome five out of seven classes managed to achieve or exceed our whole school target, resulting in a record breaking 97.4%.

Congratulations to **everyone**, this is a huge achievement and just goes to show that when we take small steps together, we are **Individually Excellent, Collectively Brilliant**. Well done to all the children and their families.

Class	Attendance
Reception	96.8%
Year 1	98.3%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	96.2%
Year 5	98.8%
Year 6	97.3%
Total	97.4%

Have a great weekend,

Yours **Theresa Moses (Headteacher)**