

WEEKLY NEWS

From the Headteacher: 7th January 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to the start of the Spring Term 2022

Once again, the children are back and the building has been filled with smiles and the sounds of children's laughter.

This week, our whole school book *Rain before Rainbows*, written by Smriti Halls (author), David Litchfield (illustrator) has filled the children with awe.

The beautiful images and carefully written words have created an opportunity to ignite the children's curiosity and create a platform to enrich and extend their vocabulary and create a safe place to explore their emotions.

Behind the scenes, staff have planned a term filled with opportunities to capture the children's imagination, introduce and extend their knowledge while developing new skills. Core texts will provide the children with a platform to engage and take them on magical adventures where they begin to recognise that impossible simply means I'm Possible!

Oh Yes, We Can

At the end of the Autumn term, we were successful in writing a bid and received tickets to take the children in Yr. 4, 5 and 6 to the Polka Theatre in Wimbledon to see '**Cinderella - You're Awesome**' on Thursday 20th January 2022.

Due to the current pandemic, we have made the decision to keep the children extra safe and travel by coach. We will leave Paxton after lunch and arrive at the Polka Theatre to watch the afternoon performance.

The children will then attend a workshop where they meet the cast and the director. To see a snapshot of '**Cinderella - You're Awesome**' click here . . .
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q83eFvjKbPY>

PTA

The newly established PTA are also on a mission to ensure that the children are provided with additional resources and enrichment to deepen their experiences and create memorable moments they can keep forever.

This term, the PTA have raised nearly £650. If you would like to get involved and share ideas to fund raise across the school year, come along to the next meeting on **Thursday 13th January at 9am**. Everyone is welcome.

School Council

After the success of the PTA it is now the turn for the children, to have their voices heard and share their Dream.

The 'I Have a Dream', speech was delivered by Martin Luther King, Jr., on August 28, 1963. A call for **equality** and **freedom**. It became one of the defining moments of the civil rights movement and one of the most iconic speeches in history!



This term, children from across the school will be asked to write their very own speech and reveal their reasons why they should become part of the School Council. Using the School's Core Values, they will have the opportunity to read out their speech and be voted for by their peers.

Times Table Rock Stars

At Paxton, we want all of our children to be confident in their own skin, articulate in the words they speak and amazing Mathematicians within the wonderful world of numbers.

Each week, children in KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) will be able to take part in Times Table Rock Stars - Battle of the Bands.

The battle will commence on Friday 7th January at 16:45 and end on Thursday 13th January at 16:45. Children can log on and play each day between 7:00 and 20:00. They can play in any game type and they will win a point for every correct answer.

The Winners will be announced each Friday in the Newsletter and will consist of a winning class, as well as the three most valuable players in each class.

After School Clubs

Next week's clubs will commence at Paxton. To secure your child's place in the following clubs, please log on to Parent Pay app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/#/login

Monday	Drama	Years 4, 5 and 6
Tuesday	Choir	KS2
Wednesday	Steel Pans	Year 5 and 6
Wednesday	X's table	Year 4 and 5
Thursday	SOUL Ltd	Years 4, 5 and 6
Thursday	Book Club	Year 5 and 6
Friday	Science Club	Year 3

If your child wishes to attend the following clubs run by Sports Attack, please book using the link below: <https://sports-attack-academy.class4kids.co.uk/>

Monday	Multi sports	Years 1 and 2
Monday	Multi sports	Years 3 and 4
Tuesday	Multi sports	Year 5 and 6
Wednesday	Football	Years 1 and 2
Wednesday	Multi sports	Years 3 and 4
Friday	Football	Year 5 and 6

Reception September 2022

There is still time, if your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, the deadline for you to apply for a place to start Reception in September 2022 is **15th January 2022**.

The tour dates below are for prospective Reception 2022 families

- Saturday 8th January at 10am
- Monday 10th January at 9am
- Monday 10th January at 5pm

To book your place please click [here](#).

End of Autumn Term Attendance

At Paxton Academy, we expect all our children to make at least good progress. It is therefore essential that they attend school every day.

This week, all of the children took home their 'Traffic Light' letter highlighting their attendance during the Autumn term. Congratulations to all the children and their families who were able to achieve or excel our attendance target of 97%.

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



Wrap up Warm

It's cold outside! I know that we are in the Spring term but please can we request that the children come to school dressed appropriately. Please can I also request that they wear the correct uniform on both school and PE days, including black footwear.

Attendance

This week, the children in Year 1, have managed to exceed our whole school target of 97%, closely followed by Years 6, then 5.

Well done to all the children and their families. Let's see if we can beat our Autumn school whole attendance of 95% and get ever closer to 100%.

Class	Attendance
Reception	89.2%
Year 1	98.3%
Year 2	87.5%
Year 3	86.0%
Year 4	86.5%
Year 5	95.3%
Year 6	95.7%
Total	91.5%

Have a great weekend,

Yours Theresa Moses (Headteacher)