

WEEKLY NEWS

From the Headteacher: 8th October 2021

Dear Parents and Families,

Black History

At Paxton, we value our differences and our families and we celebrate our diversity and our heritage. This month, Black History Month, across the country hundreds of events will take place, amid a new campaign encouraging people of colour and all ages to share what they are 'Proud to be' on social media.

Since September, both in and outside of the classrooms, the school has been filled with books which reflect the children and our community. Carefully selected books have been placed in book corners and corridors have been filled with books which enable the children to identify themselves in titles, with the main characters and in illustrations and images.

Across the curriculum, teachers have begun to introduce quality genres which have been handpicked to provide the children with the opportunity to lose themselves in the pages of a good book and immerse themselves in a text which enriches their vocabulary and strengthens their identity not just for the month of October but for each and every day that they attend school.

Each week, as part of our Love for Reading, children are also able to select books from the bookshelves and take them home to share with their families.

At Paxton, we believe it is important for all children to 'learn to read and then read to learn' and that it is our job to help instil a love of reading which empowers them to be lifelong learners in the ever-changing world in which they live.

This month, Paxton will also start a three-year project, with the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education (CLPE) and work alongside authors and illustrators of colour to share their experiences and books with the children.

Parent Workshops

On Wednesday, we held the last of our three parent workshops on homework. This time it was the turn of our Reception parents who were able to discover more about life in Reception and ways to support their children at home.



Parent Tours

Yesterday, with the easing of the lockdown restrictions, we were able to open the doors and welcome 20 family members to celebrate life at Paxton.

If you were not able to attend yesterday, we have planned two more tours which will take place at 9am on **4th November** and **2nd December**. To book a place please click the link sent to parents or call the school office on 0208 683 2308. Tours are limited so please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Meet our Local Academy Board

Today, members of Paxton's very own Local Academy Board (LAC) held a coffee morning to discuss the vision for Paxton and answer any questions parents may have.

During the meeting, LAC members answered a number of questions and have agreed to hold regular meetings for parents to attend. The next two meetings will be on

- **Monday 22nd November** – 5pm
- **Friday 3rd December** – 9am

If you wish to get involved and find out more, book using the link.

Our Core Values

Our **RESPECT** core values underpin everything that we do at Paxton.

Care

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Next week our Core Value will be **Care**: We look after our community, showing we care through our words and actions. In whole school and class assemblies, the children will explore the meaning of care: what it means to them, how they are treated and treat each other at Paxton and the contributions they can make to show they care, in the ever-changing world in which they live.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 22nd October – **End of Autumn 1**

Monday 25th October – **Half Term**

Monday 1st November - **Inset Day**

Tuesday 2nd November – **School starts 8:45am**

Thursday 4th November – **Paxton Parent Tour**

Wednesday 17th November – **Parents' Evening**

School closes at 2:15pm

Friday 19th November – **Paxton PTA**

Monday 22nd November – **5pm LAC Meeting**

Thursday 2nd December – **Paxton Parent Tour**

Friday 3rd December – **9am LAC Meeting**

Parents Evening

On **Wednesday 17th November**, we will hold our first parents meeting. From **2:30pm – 6:45pm**, parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher to celebrate their children's progress so far and discuss their targets. Meetings will last for 10 minutes and will take place in your child's classroom.

On Monday, we will send out a link for you to select your preferred time slot. As a school, we will do our best to ensure that parents get their preferred times.

Paxton PTA

Paxton needs you! This year, we would love the opportunity to get as many parents involved in helping to shape the future for the children of Paxton. If you would like to get involved, we will be holding a meeting on **Friday 19th November at 9am**. Everyone is welcome, parents, carers, family members and friends.

Contact details

At the start of term, we sent home contact sheets for families to edit if needed, sign and return. It is important that we have the correct up to date address, contact number and email for all parents and emergency contacts.

Thank you to all the parents who have managed to check the information and return it to the school office. Please note, if all of the information is correct and nothing has changed, please still sign the contact sheet and return it to the office by Monday.

Please note: If you have misplaced your form, please ask the office for a new one. This information is very important.

Twitter @Paxton Academy

To keep up to date with all the latest events and happenings across the school day, sign up to Twitter or view our Twitter feed through our website www.paxtonacademy.org.uk

Community Day

If you have not already made plans, don't forget, this Sunday 10th October, Nuffield Health Centre, 1212 London Rd, Norbury, London SW16 4DN are holding a community day.

Attendance

At Paxton, the school gates open at 8:35am and learning starts at 8:45am sharp. Please can we try to ensure that **all** children are in and ready to start their reading or phonics on time.

This week, the children in Reception, Year 3 and Year 6 have all managed to achieve our whole school target of 97%.

With only two weeks to go before the end of term, let's see if more classes can achieve the target next week and get us even closer to 100%.

Class	Attendance
Reception	97.6%
Year 1	93.8%
Year 2	93.9%
Year 3	96.8%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	96.8%
Total	95.2%

Have a great weekend!

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