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YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O



Hello and a happy, hot and sunny, Friday to our wonderful Little Paxton families!

It's been a hot and busy week at Little Paxton and there is a lot to celebrate! I want to start by saying how wonderful it was to welcome so many of our families onto site on Wednesday for our Sports Day. Thank you for coming and for cheering your children on. Harper, the sister of Frankie in Lark Class, went above and beyond by making a sign to cheer her sister on. I thought it was brilliant so I asked if I could take a photo to share with you all, what a lovely idea! It was a fantastic day from the KS2 competitive sports at 8.30am until the very last event for the EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children. A massive thanks needs to go to Mr Pool, Mr Crabb and Miss Henson who organised the day but also to the whole staff team for making it happen. I thought the children were just fantastic, not only at the events but they supported each other so well. I had many comments about how helpful our Year 6 children were during the afternoon and so much positive feedback about the day. We will have announced the winners of the lower and upper school trophies in our celebration assembly this morning.

The winners were - **EAST** (Yellow) for lower school (EYFS, Years 1 and 2) and a draw between **EAST** and **WEST** (Red) for upper school (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

If you took photos and videos during sports day just a reminder of our school photo policy that any photos or videos shared on social media must only be of your child as we have children in our school community who cannot appear online. Thank you so much for your support in this, we really do appreciate it!

Speaking of champions, our praise point champions this week are (drumroll please):

LOWER SCHOOL: Surabhi

UPPER SCHOOL: Jessica F

Monday was a busy day for us as we had a group of staff on their First Aid Training for their Level 3. I was one of them. This is such an important part of our role as school staff so we are able to keep the children safe both in school and when we are out and about. It was quite hot to be bandaging our heads and putting each other in slings and in the recovery position but it was all worth it.

Mrs Castle has got our school some amazing funding from 'Learning Through Landscapes'. As part of this, funded by the National Lottery, the children have conducted a Climate Audit of our school and made suggestions on how we can lower our carbon footprint. On Monday, after school the teaching team had some training from Cindy about making use of our outdoor spaces for learning. The team were really inspired, you may have seen our collaborative poems on the playground. Outdoor Learning is something we used to do a lot of pre-pandemic and is definitely back on our agenda. We also had a very productive governors meeting where we got to celebrate lots of the fantastic things that are happening in school and share our draft improvement priorities for next year.

Our Year 3 children had a wonderful time on their end of year trip to Whipsnade Zoo, I know that the staff did as well and loved seeing the animals.

Mrs Williams and Mrs Darlow took some of our children to a swimming gala on Tuesday! The children were brilliant and represented our school so well. Well done to Paige, Tallulah, Owen and Nathan from Year 5 and Year 6. Miss Peate has more to share later in the press so I won't say another word (it is worth reading on)

Mr Pool took our Year 6 children to an Athletic competition and they did REALLY well. Aubin won the standing long jump, sprint race AND the 600m; Mohale won a sprint race and Molly thrashed all the other girls in the 600m sprint. Mr Pool was very proud of the whole team and said how great all the children were.

At school we are busy preparing for our transition morning next Tuesday and for the rest of the Summer term. Reports are being written; classes are being planned; the curriculum is being finalised; staff handover meetings have been put in the diary and there will be an opportunity for you to book an appointment with your child's current teacher and their teacher for next year

(please see the dates at the end of the press). I know that this can be an unsettled time of year for some but please do know a lot of work and thought goes into making every transition for every child as smooth as possible!

Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday morning at 8.40am when the gates open!









Message from Miss Peate SENDCO

SEND Panathlon Swimming Gala Success!

This week, four of our talented Key Stage 2 pupils proudly represented Little Paxton at the SEND Panathlon Swimming Gala — and what a fantastic job they did!

Tallulah, Owen, Paige and Nathan took part in a variety of swimming races, giving it their all in each event. Competing against schools from across Huntingdonshire and Cambridgeshire, our team showed incredible determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day.

The competition was tough, but our swimmers rose to the challenge, and their hard work paid off. We are thrilled to announce that Little Paxton won the event overall and brought home the trophy!

A huge well done to Tallulah, Owen, Paige and Nathan. You have made the whole school incredibly proud and a big thank you to Mr Pool for accompanying the children to this fantastic event!

Miss Peate



Football report - Mr Booth

Hunts FA Walters Cup Semi-Final

Yesterday, in the blistering heat, the Year 5 boys played their Hunts FA Walters Cup Semi-Final against Crosshall. I'm happy to report that - considering the searing conditions, simply making it through the game was a gargantuan achievement - the teams put on an excellent spectacle. It was a thoroughly entertaining and hard-fought contest from start to finish.

From kick-off, it was evident this would be a close encounter: a battle between two evenly matched teams. The game was tight, with plenty of good football from both sides but no clear-cut chances. Approaching half-time, Crosshall struck first to take the lead with a lovely passing move that fully deserved a goal.

Not showing any signs of disappointment, Little Paxton levelled almost immediately. Noah H played a lovely through ball to Rohan, who finished tidily by lifting the ball over the onrushing Crosshall keeper. **1-1 at the break.**

The second half followed the pattern of the first: both teams probing, but without creating many real chances. As the game wore on, the sun began to take its toll. As both sets of players tired, the game opened up, and chances began to fall to both sides seemingly every minute. The closest anyone came to winning the match in normal time was Teddy, who sent a thunderous volley whistling inches past the post.

Full time: 1-1. Penalties!

With heavy legs and sweat-drenched brows, both sets of players linked arms on the halfway line to face the shootout for a place in the final. Rocco absolutely blasted his penalty into the roof of the net to put Little Paxton ahead. Rohan followed with a well-placed effort that slid neatly into the corner.

However, the real hero of the day was undoubtedly our keeper, **Diaz**. Remarkably, he saved **all four** Crosshall penalties to secure Little Paxton's place in the **FINAL OF THE CUP!!!**

What drama. What a match. An incredible afternoon. And yet again, on this amazing cup run, I couldn't be prouder of the 11 boys who took to the field, supported each other, and overcame another hurdle.



News from the Garden

News from the Garden

A request first of all! Do you have the odd spare paving slab that you can donate? Any size, shape or colour will be fine. We are hoping to transform the area at the top of the garden (beyond the den building area) into a woodland walk and would like to include a pathway.

Lots of things to share this week:

As ever, the mud kitchen and digging area are very popular and our teams of den builders are proving to be very resourceful.

Elliot from Year 3 planted several of his apple pips a few weeks ago and has just potted three of the plants outdoors, make way for the Little Paxton Orchard!

Early Years broad beans are doing very well and are now taller than some of the children.

The new greenhouse is full of tomatoes, chillies, peppers, aubergine, cucumber, and even a melon. The watering team certainly have their work cut out during lunch time!

Mr Rogers and his team (Harry, Jacob, Noah, Libby) have also been very busy this week. They have now completed the fence around the potato patch and have almost finished clearing the top of the colouring area so that the roof can be repaired. Funds for this were donated by LPSA, thank you!

We had a visit this week from Cindy Grant from Learning Through Landscapes. With a team of Year 5's we completed an environmental audit with her, which was very positive but also highlighted some areas that we can improve on. One being the addition of water butts. I mentioned this to our partners at Groundwork East and they sent over two which they had no use for — amazing! So a great start to improving our impact on the environment. The carpentry tools also arrived, which was part of the grant from LTL and we look forward to introducing some carpentry in September.

Edward from Raven class brought in a pumpkin plant and assures us that the vegetables will be enormous in a few weeks.

We have harvested our first potatoes and planted some cabbage and lettuce with Hannah Smith from Groundwork East

As always, feel free to pop in and have a look around, I am usually in the garden for 10 minutes or so before the whistle blows in the morning but any of the children can give you a quick tour if you wish.

Mrs Castle

















LP FEST Tuesday 8th July 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Tickets are still on sale. Thank you to everyone who has returned tickets so far. Thank you for the raffle tickets that have

A few extra pairs of hands would be very welcome during the afternoon of the 8th July - could that be you? please speak to the office team.

As well as the bouncy slide, there will be a tin can alley, bottle tombola, mini animals pick and mix, general tombola, face glitter, soak the teacher stocks, football shoot out and human fruit machine, as well as the BBQ and other refreshments.

Check out some of the advertising posters from the children.

Let's hope the sun continues to shine!!

















Housekeeping

Parents Evenings

We have two mini parents evenings coming up on the 15th and 16th July. You will be able to book a catch up with your child's **current** teacher on the 15th July from 3.40pm to 5.30pm, bookings will be open on the arbor app from next Friday, 27th June.

If you would like to meet with your child's teacher **for next year**, please book an appointment via the school office. You will be informed who that teacher will be on our transition day next week.



Kitchen Report

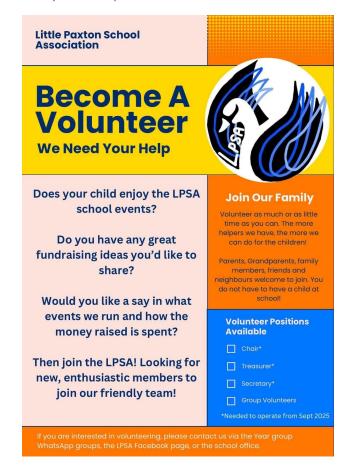
The feedback forms have been returned for the curious burger taste trial which took place this week.







LPSA Shout Out - can you help?



Workers of the Week

This week our workers of the week are all Creative

Marvelous Merlin - XANDER, he is creative with his writing and he always tries to challenge himself. He has a great imagination which he uses to inspire other children to play his fun games. He created a fantastic poster about recycling and littering, where he drew a great picture that explained what to do with litter. Greta job Xander, keep being amazing!

Lovely Lark - **ISLA** - it is so lovely to see how caring you are towards your friends and you are always the first to cheer others on when they do something well.

Wonderful Woodpecker - **NIHAN** because she has been super creative in her writing about meerkats and has such a natural curiosity about the world. Amazing!

Remarkable Raven - WILLOW - She has shown how creative and expressive she can be with her excellent writing all about meerkats

Perfect Pigeon - EMILIA - She is creative in so many ways but has especially impressed us with her detailed report abour Meerkats!

Knowledgeable Nightingale - SAVINA - because she coloured in a beautiful picture for the zookeepers on our school trip on Tuesday.

Outstanding Owl - **JESSICA** - for being *Creative. She has blown us away with her dance skills.* She also has an amazing imagination and takes on new challenges. Thank you Jessica

Clever Kite - SEBASTIAN, who has demonstrated exceptional creativity in his writing. He consistently uses ambitious vocabulary and well chosen adjectives to engage the reader.

Ready Wren - AUDREY is wonderfully creative in her writing and impresses us with every piece! She is very thoughtful about the vocabulary and sentence choices that she makes, and she is always keen to ensure her work is the best it can be.

Fantastic Fisher - MOHAU - because he is excelling himself in his role of 'Oliver' in the production. His creativity is shining through as he sings and acts with immense confidence. We are so impressed by you Mohau!

Dedicated Dove - AMELIA S is our Worker of the Week for her outstanding support of the younger children during sports day. Her kind and caring nature helped them feel encouraged and confident, allowing them to fully enjoy the experience and do their best.

Jubilant Jackdaw - FRANKIE for her wonderful creative writing. It was an absolute pleasure to show off her writing to our school visitors last week. As I was reading her work out it was such a pleasure to see them smile.

IMPORTANT! Reminder of dates coming up



June

Tuesday 24th and 25th - Transition days for Yr6s - Longsands and Ernulf

Tuesday 24th - Transition day in school

Thursday 26th - Years 1 and 2 library visit

Monday 30th - Staff Training Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

July

Tuesday 1st - Year 1-2- Paradise Wildlife Park

Tuesday 8th LP FEST - Grand Raffle, Fantastic stalls 3.30pm to 5.30pm on the school field

Wednesday 9th - Parent Drop In - All Years - 3.20pm-5.00pm

Thursday 10th - Teddy Bears Picnic for new September foundation starters 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Monday 14th - Reports delivered to parents

Monday 14th - Year 6 Production (details to follow)

Tuesday 15th - Year 6 Production (details to follow)

Tuesday 15th - Parents evening mini catch up if required with current teacher - bookings on Arbor will be open soon.

Wednesday 16th - Meet your new teacher if required - appointments booked via the office

Friday 18th - Headteacher's Awards for Summer Term and Rotary Star

Monday 21st - Irock concert to parents - 2.30pm

Tuesday 22nd - Leavers Assembly 1.30pm

Wednesday 23rd Last Day of School

Information regarding road works and traffic news

If you need to know details of upcoming and current roadworks - here are some handy places to find information.



<u>Cambs Traffic</u> – Cambs Traffic this will show advanced warning of upcoming works.



<u>cambs_traffic</u> – Cambs Traffic this will show advanced warning of upcoming works



@Cambs_Traffic (Follow Link) – this will show advanced warning of upcoming works and up to date delay information and emergency works.

The Cambridgeshire County Council website containing roadwork bulletins and One Network embedded mapping can be found on this link

https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/roadwork-and-traffic-information

Huntingdon Wild Club



Art Classes



SUMMER HOLIDAY EVENTS

Vaccination Clinics



To be held at Little Paxton School

Primary Sports Stars Holiday Club - 11th to 22nd August



Discovery Club lead by Grafham Water Events Team - 4th to 8th August

Please take a look at the link below for exciting details of Discovery Club happening right here!! There is a discount code for parents giving you 10% off.

Here is the link - Discovery Club at Little Paxton School and the discount code is LPSUM10.

Sports Sessions in Paxton



Holiday Club at Buckden School



Barracudas - accepting HAF Vouchers



Cambridge United Soccer School



Dreams Come True



Sports Camp

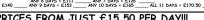


THE AMS SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS 2025



DATE THURSDAY 24TH JULY	PRIMARY SCHOOL VENUE HARDWICK (CB23 7RE)	9am - 3pm	Ages 4 - 12	SPORTS CAMP TYPE MULTI- SPORTS	COST FOR A SINGLE DAY	TICK TO SELECT
MONDAY 28TH JULY	HARDWICK	9am - 3pm	Ages 4 - 12	MULTI- SPORTS	£21	
TUESDAY 29TH JULY	HARDWICK	9am - 3pm	Ages 4 - 12	MULTI- SPORTS	£21	
WEDNESDAY 30TH JULY	HARDWICK	9am - 3pm	Ages 4 - 12	MULTI- SPORTS	£21	
THURSDAY 31ST JULY	HARDWICK	9am - 3pm	Ages 4 - 12	MULTI- SPORTS	£21	
MONDAY 4TH AUGUST	HARDWICK	9am - 3pm	Ages 4 - 12	MULTI- SPORTS	£21	
TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST	HARDWICK	9am - 3pm	Ages 4 - 12	MULTI- SPORTS	£21	
WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST	HARDWICK	9am - 3pm	Ages 4 - 12	MULTI- SPORTS	£21	
THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST	HARDWICK	9am - 3pm	Ages 4 - 12	MULTI- SPORTS	£21	
FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST	HARDWICK	9am - 3pm	Ages 4 - 12	FOOTBALL	£21	

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GIANT WATER FEBRIS ANY 10 DAYS ±15.5 O PER DAY!!!

GIANT WATER FEBRIS AND WATER GAMES—REPARE TO GET WET!

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Water fights and general will be take place on selected days and or exembre dependent.

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