

The Patten Pages

The William Patten School newsletter for parents and children

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It's half term already – where have the weeks gone?! We have had an amazing Science week which has had the children enthralled and amazed. **We would like to say a very special thank you to Caitlin Shaw** (Year 1 teacher and Science co-ordinator) who organised and planned the whole week. It has been such a huge success with the Explorer Dome, Camera Obscura, Science Museum workshops, the Family Challenge and **of course the Science competition.**

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We have some very good news. Following discussion with the Governing body, Kathryn, the head teacher is to stay for one more year (hurray!) and will now retire in August 2014.

Attendance chart

Well done 5C!! An amazing 98% attendance level over the last fortnight, which is fantastic.

Reception B	94.3%
Reception S	94.3%
Year 1 C	97.3%
Year 1 E	97.5%
Year 2 C	96.6%
Year 2 J / W	96.6%
Year 3 H / I	96.9%
Year 3 J	94.8%
Year 4 M	97.8%
Year 4 T	95.6%
Year 5 C	98.1%
Year 5 S / R	96.8%
Year 6 B	94.8%
Year 6 C	96.2%

Hallo (Guten tag), wollt ihr Deutsch lernen?

We are starting a new German club on Tuesday 26th February for children in Keystage 1. Maria Truman (Year 5 Teaching Assistant) will be running the club using games and songs to introduce the children to the language.

Morse Code workshop

The team from Hands On Science came out on Wednesday to give Year 5 a taste of the fascinating world of codes, in particular Morse code. The children had a great time encoding and decoding messages across the room to their friends and working together in teams to solve the secrets given by the Hands On team. Not only was it fun afternoon, but they also learned more about Samuel Morse and why the code is still being used today. Can you work out what your name would be in Morse code?

A .-.	B -...-	C -.-.-.	D -...-
E .	F ...-.-.	G -.-.-.	H-
I ..	J ...--.-.	K -.-.-.	L .-.-.-.
M --	N -.-.	O -.-.-.	P .-.-.-.
Q --.-.-.	R .-.-.	S ...-	T -
U ...-	V ...-.-.	W .-.-.-.	X -.-.-.
	Y -.-.-.	Z --.-.-.	

Welcome to the Explorer Dome!

The Explorer Dome, a portable planetarium dome, came to William Patten on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th January. The Dome got plenty of oohs and aahs when the children came in the morning! Did we see some parents trying to sneak in – yes we did!

Since 1998 they have been to schools, colleges, adult education groups, teacher training functions, science festivals, events and museums across the UK and abroad. They have visited over 3000 schools and met nearly a million children!

The workshops in the Dome supported the Science Week topic of “Light”

Reception and KS1 learnt about light and dark, light sources and reflection, shadows and rainbows and why not to be afraid of the dark. KS2 learnt about what light is, where it comes from, how it travels and how we see. The children also saw a dazzling and enlightening display of effects and experiments - all the more thrilling inside the darkened Dome!

Lottery results

These are the results of the draw held on 25 January. The lucky winners were:

1st prize £35 Charlotte Mullen (Tessa Y4 and Archie Y2)

2nd prize £25 Ron Bakker (Otis Y3)

3rd prize £25 Julian Winship (Valentina Y5 and Angelo Y3)

Total income was £253 of which £168 went to the PTFA, the remainder spent on prizes. The next draw will be held in the playground on Thursday 28 February. If you would like to join the lottery, please ask in the office for a standing order form or ask the lottery promoter, Anna Bryant (Amy and Thea Y3). Thank you for your support.

Parents' Evening

Letters out this week!

Thursday 7th March 5.00 -7.30pm

Thursday 14th March 4.00- 6.30pm

Science competition winners

There were so many super entries to the Science competition held as part of Science Week. Here are the winners!

Reception S	Kit and Brody Corner
Reception B	Luka Bradbrook Frankie O'Toole
1C	Sidney Lau Rose Skiera
1E	Astrid Cornwell Zachary Alves
2Jw	Scarlett Stierle Davies Yana Dalglish
2C	Daisy Evans Caitlin Heaphy
3HI	Khadijah Patel Isabella Brunson
3J	Jim Colvin Frida Bradbrook
4M	Amelie Grice Finlay Alderson
4T	Angus Alderson Jago Corner
5SR	Jamie Lindsey Tabitha Eason
5C	Kit Montague Lara Nettleton Toby French
6B	Shereen Zina Valentina Winship Hannah Davis
6C	Leilani van Someren Cass Burley

Chess thank you!



A big thank you to Ed Alves and Keith Andrews for organising the chess “friendly” competition with Queensbridge and Jubilee schools on Sunday 27th January. It was a lovely day with all our children getting very valuable match experience.

FAMILY CHALLENGE WINNERS!



A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the family challenge evening. The top hall was buzzing with families and friends working together to produce wonderful shadow puppet shows.

It was very difficult to select winners as the entries were all so creative and so different but after much deliberation I am pleased to announce that the winners are.....

- For **Science Content** Team Awesome.
- For **Creativity and Artistic Merit** The Stevenson Rockets.
- For **Team Work** The Drummers.

Your prizes will be available to collect from the office on Monday. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTFA whose generous contributions help us to fund all the great workshops and science shows that make Science week a success.

New Art Club



Hannah O'Gorman will be running our new art club for Years 3 and 4 which starts on Thursday 7th February. We had lots of children wanting to join, but we managed to squeeze them all in! They are looking forward to being very creative and exhibiting their work in the bottom hall in a few weeks time!

Recycle Ron visits William Patten!

Recycle Ron is Hackney Council's own (life-size!) recycling mascot. He is made from used paper and is visiting primary schools to teach them about recycling. As he travels, each school fills a page in his scrapbook, as a record of the things they have learned.

William Patten was lucky enough to be the first school in Hackney to get a visit as Recycle Ron came to visit KS1 and KS2 in two assemblies.

He taught us all about
REUSE, REDUCE, RECYCLE.

We set ourselves a whole-school target to reduce the amount of food waste and packed-lunch packaging at lunchtime.

We've even added an extra recycling bin to the lunch hall!

Recycle Ron then went to 3J in the afternoon and helped them design their own waste-free lunch boxes and recycling posters.

***A message from Hackney Council...
Recycling Made Easier: Green Sacks Replace
Boxes in Hackney***



From 1 March 2013, Hackney residents will present their recycling in green sacks instead of the old green box collections and the orange sacks used in some areas.

Residents will receive a regular supply of green sacks and can use as many as they like on each collection day.

The change has been introduced to make it even easier to recycle. We've trialled collecting in this way before and it's proved easier, quicker, cleaner and will help us to recycle more.

NEW POETRY COMPETITION

Lazer Sheridan was a headteacher at William Patten in the late 1950s (he was the headteacher when Jill, Wendy and Carole were at school!)

Lazer loved drama and poetry. The Retired Headteachers' Association donated a cheque and a cup in his name so that William Patten might start a competition in his memory, to celebrate Lazer's love of poetry.

There will be two competitions – one for Foundation Stage and KS1 and one for KS2. In the first half of each term, we will send out an application form for children to complete, if they want to enter. They will then have some weeks to learn a poem by heart. In the second half of the term, a panel of judges will listen to the children recite their poem and select a winner. The judging will only take place in front of the judges, not the whole school.

The winner will receive a book of poems to keep and a silver cup, which they will keep for a term. In the first competition, the children will be able to select any poem (but not a limerick) of their choice – as long as it is not too long!

Printmaking workshops in Year 5

Following their recent trip to the Iniva gallery in Shoreditch, year 5 have been enjoying a number of printmaking workshops held in school. Using their inspiration from the work of Peter Clarke, the children made representations of their local area and things associated with their own experiences. A visiting artist worked with the children on developing their designs and realising them as prints. In the follow-up session, the children used their prints to make a fan in a similar style to those displayed in the gallery by Peter Clarke. They then used watercolour paint to combine fine art with their prints and were also able to use autobiographical poetry and statements to complete their work.

At the end of the workshops, the children were able to view a range of further prints produced by the visiting artist herself. The high standard of work produced in this project is now being displayed in class.

Staff profile ~ Warwick Percival (PPA cover teacher and the W in 2JW!)

What is your favourite memory from school?

Going on school trips to a range of places, such as Parliament House, the zoo, museums and farms. I was a very hands on learner!

What do you like about William Patten?

I really like the freedom that students and teachers are given to express themselves by the relaxed school uniform or dress code. I think that this helps to make the school a very happy and friendly place!

Where did you work before you came to William Patten?

Since coming to the UK I worked supply and visited 21 different schools in every part of London. Before that, back in Australia, I worked at an independent school for boys teaching secondary PE.

What music do you like? I like to give most types of music a go. Don't mind a bit of Enya though!

Favourite food? Mexican! Could eat it every meal of the day.

Favourite colour? Red, white and blue.

Hobbies? Playing rugby union and travelling, can't easily be done at the same time though.

Favourite TV programme? Any sport! I live down near Chelsea so have been watching a bit of Made in Chelsea.

Favourite book as a child and why? Used to love reading the Astrix comics. I was normally outside!

Tell us a joke! Why did 6 run away? Because 7 ate 9!