

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

This is the last Patten Pages for this term, although we still have a busy two weeks ahead with the shows and end of term celebrations. I would to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the Winter Fair last Sunday. It was another hugely successful PTFA event for WP families and the local community. As ever, it was a huge team event so if you helped in the run up, if you helped to get everything ready on the day, designed the grotto, collected the prizes (they were amazing!), sold raffle tickets, ran a stall, made food, baked a million potatoes, served food, washed up (there was lots of washing up!), tidied up, helped Santa, sold T shirts and bags - THANK YOU! We look forward to finding out how much money was raised very soon!

We are delighted to say that we have made a new international schools link with Kyomya Primary School and Walukuba West Primary School, both in Jinja District, Uganda. All KS1 and KS2 children were introduced to the schools in our special assemblies on Monday. This link is being facilitated by the UK charity Jinja DEAF (Deaf Education Access Fund) which was set up by one of our William Patten parents, Emma Heseltine (mum of Ronnie, 4Y and Alisa RW). This charity helps deaf children in Uganda to get an education, as many deaf children there never get to go to school and never learn a means of communication.

We will be finding out more about the schools and the children who go there next year and we will be fundraising for the charity. We will start the fundraising campaign at the Carol Concerts next week, so if you would like to donate please look out for our collection buckets at the end of the shows. All donations will be gratefully received. Thank you!

I am looking forward to seeing you at the concerts next week; I do hope you will be able to come. The children and staff have been working very hard and I have heard the lovely singing, so you are in for a treat!

Have a lovely weekend and holiday – if I don't see you before!

Best wishes
Karen

Thank you Vicky

I am very sorry to say that Vicky Preston will be finishing her placement at the end of this term. Vicky is a parent at WP and a teacher, who decided to retrain as a play therapist. She started her placement at William Patten nearly 3 years ago. Since then she has worked with a number of children across the school, supporting their emotional health and well being. She has made such a difference to these children; developing their independence and resilience, helping them to further develop their social skills and interactions with others and building their confidence and self esteem. All the children have benefited hugely and I know that the parents of those children are so appreciative of Vicky's work. I know the families will miss her, as we will too. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Vicky for her hard work, dedication and commitment to the children of William Patten and wish her every success in her new role.

Forest School Maths Day

Florence, Marnie and Obinna represented William Patten at the Forest School Maths Day this week. Every year, a number of primary schools are invited to attend the day, during which children from different schools work together, as well as on their own, to solve a range of mathematical problems. Each task was well supported by the KS3 students at Forest who did a brilliant job of explaining the instructions, as well as complex mathematical concepts to the children taking part. A certificate from Forest School is on its way to the WP team who engaged well with each task and completed the activities with confidence.



National Young Mathematicians Award: Round 2

The William Patten Team took part in the second round of the National Young Mathematicians Award competition, held at Explore Learning on Essex Road this week. Evie, Freddie, Pablo and Uma previously beat teams from local schools during round 1 to progress to this stage of the competition - an excellent achievement for the WP team! Their excellent teamwork in round 1 was noted in the feedback received by the school and once again the team worked extremely well together to solve a never-seen-before mathematical problem.



Knife Crime Talk in Year 6

Dean Davis from the Met Police, came to talk to our Year 6 children about knife crime.

The criminal age of responsibility facts were a shock for many, but delivered in a straightforward way – as they need to be. Dean provided the children with lots of strategies on how to stay safe and listened to ALL of their questions with genuine interest and understanding. There were lots of further questions for teachers to answer after he left; it certainly sparked an interest and curiosity about the challenges, peer pressure and decisions they may have to take as they move on to secondary school, with more independence in the community.



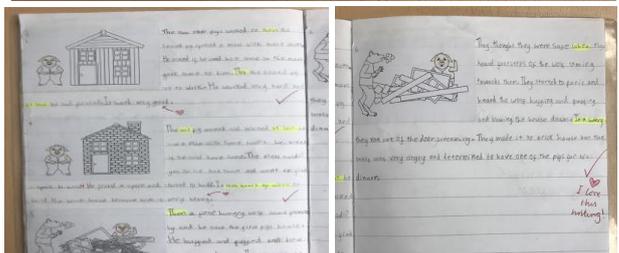
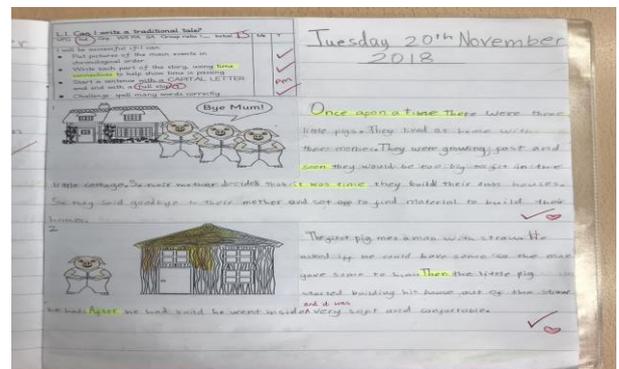
Space Day

If you were in the playground on the 27th of November you may have seen an unusual sight - astronauts, rockets, solar systems, aliens, robots, satellites and even various versions of stars, the moon and the sun. This wasn't anything to be alarmed about, just Nursery and Reception children celebrating all they had learnt and enjoyed during this term's topic of 'Space and Time'! During the day, we had a very special assembly where Nursery and Reception children showed their costumes to all of the children in EYFS and explained why they had selected to be their chosen space themed character. Well done, super preparation for World Book Day!



Three Little Pigs

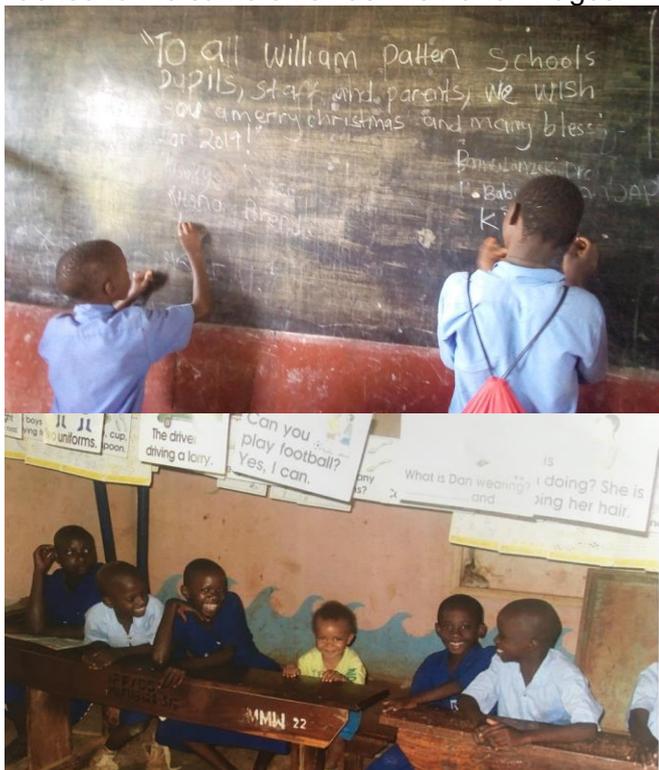
Su from 2T shared her fabulous retelling of the story of the *The Three Little Pigs* with Karen. We thought it was so good that we wanted to share it with everyone!



Uganda Schools Link through Jinja DEAF

In our special assemblies this week the children were introduced to our new international schools link with Kyomya Primary School and Walukuba West Primary School, both in Jinja District, Uganda. The children were very interested to see the differences and similarities between those schools and our own, and they were excited to hear about the plans for our link project. You might like to use google maps with your children at home to find the schools and explore the local areas. This link is being facilitated by the UK charity Jinja DEAF (Deaf Education Access Fund) which was set up by one of our William Patten parents, Emma Heseltine (mum of Ronnie, 4Y and Alisa RW). This charity helps deaf children in Uganda to get an education, as many deaf children there never get to go to school and never learn a means of communication. Jinja DEAF funds Ugandan Sign Language teachers and interpreters at both Kyomya and Walukuba West schools so that deaf children can also access education there. In our assemblies we also considered what it is like to be a deaf child in Uganda, and the children watched a very poignant and uplifting short film about a boy named Patrick. We were very moved to see the amazing change in Patrick's life when he gets access to Ugandan Sign Language education. You might like to watch this short film yourself and talk to your children about it and what it means to be able to communicate. You can find links to this and others films about the lives of deaf children in Uganda on the webpage:

<http://www.jinjadeaf.org.uk/our-work.html>. Please do also take a look at the newsletter from Jinja DEAF (which includes a mention of William Patten!) It is attached to the same email as this Patten Pages.



The story of Hanukkah

Rivka's dad (Bob) came to tell us the story of Hanukkah and answer any questions the children had. He brought in a menorah to show the class as well as delicious latkes to share.



Matthew Bourne's 'Swan Lake' Family Workshop

New Adventures are running a family workshop on Saturday 15th December. This is a unique opportunity for you and your child to dance with leading New Adventures dance artists and is open to parents and their children (aged 5+) with little or no dance experience. One adult and one child permitted per £30 ticket. The session takes place at The Urdang Academy, Rosebery Ave, EC1R 4RP (close to Sadler's Wells) from 10am to 12pm. See link below for more information:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/matthew-bournes-swan-lake-open-families-workshop-tickets->

Kindness Cup winners



The **Kindness Cup** is presented at the "Headteacher's Award" assembly every Friday. Pupils can be nominated for being super kind all of the time or showing extra kindness that week. Names of winners are displayed on the leaves of our Kindness Tree in the bottom hall. Congratulations to the following children who are our recent winners:

Sonny 1M and Keira 5M were spotted showing great kindness to a child at breakfast club. Together they tried to cheer him up by keeping him company and trying to make him laugh because he felt sad.

Marnie 2T is kind to all her friends and to staff. Every day she goes out of her way to help tidy up. She never needs to be asked, she just takes it upon herself to do it. Marnie always looks out for her friends and is kind in every way!

Musa 2T looks out for others and helps them to remember things such as hats and gloves if they leave them on the carpet. He reminds children to do the right things in such kind ways.

Amaia 4Y is so kind to her peers and sees the best in everyone. Amaia nominates children for class dojos when she sees acts of kindness. What a lovely thing to do!

Amelia 5HE is always friendly and supportive to everyone in the class. She treats everyone with respect and kindness in all lessons and in the playground. Amelia is a great partner to work with too.

Nell 6D was nominated by Eva because she very kindly gave up her seat in the lunch hall when Eva's seat was sticky. She has also given Eva great advice, for example, when Eva needed to get to her music lesson and the door was closed, Nell advised her to ask the teacher for a tag!

Winter Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the Winter Fair - and an even bigger thank you to those of you who helped make it happen. The weather wasn't the kindest, but a lot of fun was had in Elfin Land, raising money for the school in the process. Hurray!



Also a very big thank to all the companies who donated raffle prizes:

2 Wheels Good, Baba Souks, Balance Me, Barnes & Partners, Beaucatcher, Beauty Box, Clissold Leisure Centre, Costa Coffee, Design Store, Dudley's, Early Bird, Escocesa, Evergreen & Outrageous, Green Room Café, The Haberdashery, Hamiltons, Hub, Il Bacio, Jaines & Son Fishmongers, Jojo Maman Bebe, Kitchen Provisions, The Last Crumb, Little Bird, L.F Markey, Local Buyers Club, Made by Mother, Metal Crumble, Nandos, Nook, Ocado, Olive Loves Alfie, One Life Studio, Ooh Lou Lou, Pines & Needles, Popfit, Prep, The Red Lion, Rio Cinema, Safedale Pharmacy, Saisei, Search & Rescue, Shine Holistic, Slab & Tickle, Spence Bakery, Stoke Newington Book Shop, Twisted Fork Café, Whole Foods, Wolf, Yummy Yummy in my Tummy, Café Z Bar.

KS1 Clubs update - Karen

As you know, we said at the start of term that we were looking at providing more clubs for children in KS1. We were in talks with a company, but they will not be able to offer provision from January 2019. We are waiting to see if the offer can be made for the summer term. If not, then we would have to look at offering some more KS1 clubs next September. I appreciate that this may be disappointing for the children, but the school needs to ensure that the any new clubs provider provides a high quality, positive experience for children and parents. We will keep you updated next term.

Year 5 trip to British Museum



As part of their history topic on Ancient Egypt, Year 5 went to the British Museum on Thursday. The children examined paintings of an important official called Nebamun and impressed museum staff with their existing knowledge. Year 5 have been learning about ancient Egyptian writing (hieroglyphs) and it was wonderful to have the opportunity to see the Rosetta Stone which holds the key to decoding this ancient written language. After a quick lunch, the children completed an observation quiz in the Ancient Egyptian galleries! Thank you so much to the parent volunteers that guided the children through a very busy museum!

Christmas Lunch Menu 12th December 2018



Choice of:

Roast turkey with stuffing & cranberry sauce
Roast chicken with gravy
Chicken sausages
Beetroot, butternut squash & pumpkin tart
Brie, beetroot & kale tart
Leek & Cranberry Crown
Cous cous with sweet potato, leeks and roasted butternut squash (Vegan)

Served with:

Roast potatoes
Brussels sprouts
Sugar snap peas
Honeyed Parsnips & Carrots

Desserts:

Chocolate yule log
Mince pies
Christmas pudding & custard
Chocolate brownie

Cost of lunch - £2.50 (Rec-Year 2 - free)
Please pay through SIMS Agora.



Ali's recipe for mulled apple juice



Ingredients

1 litre carton apple juice
1 cinnamon stick
Peel of 1 large orange
Peel of 1 large lemon
Small knob of fresh ginger, grated
2tsp runny honey

Method

Add the cinnamon stick, orange and lemon peel, and a sprinkle of the grated ginger to a large saucepan.
Pour in the apple juice and place the pan over a low heat, simmering for 10-15 minutes to allow the flavours to infuse.
Stir in the honey (you can add a little more to taste if required).
Strain the mixture into a jug and serve whilst still warm.

If the jug of mixture cools before you've finished drinking, you can simply return it to an empty saucepan and reheat it again!

Hackney Choral Courses

Great singing, great musicians, great fun!



One-Day Christmas Choral Course

For children aged 8-15 years - Saturday 15 December 2018 - 9:30- 6pm

At St Paul's Church, West Hackney
Stoke Newington Rd, N16 7QB



- Come and sing some great Christmas music – no experience needed!
- Led by professional musicians who work with choirs & children around the world
- £3 per child / £5 per family
concessions available – please ask!

Breakfast Club from 8:30am
Singing starts at 9:30am
Christmas Concert at 5pm
for families and friends

hackneychoralcourse.com
Enquiries and bookings - 020 7246 8376
musicoutreach@stpaulscathedral.org.uk

Informal Community Carols in the Churchyard
from 6pm with Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

On Saturday 15th December, St Paul's Cathedral will be running an all-day choral course for children aged 8-15. It will be held at St Paul's West Hackney Church in N16 and full details can be found here: <https://hackneycc.com/>

Winter Warmers 2018

This year we are collecting for the Spitalfields Crypt Trust and Hackney Food Bank.

We are asking for donations of: tins and cans e.g. soup, beans, spaghetti, fruit and vegetables; packets such as pasta, biscuits, soup, rice etc; cereal, sweets, jam, coffee or tea, hot chocolate, juice, cakes and mince pies.

Spitalfields also welcome donations of underwear, socks and warm clothes (medium-large), toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shaving gel, shampoo, soap and dog food. The donation boxes are in the school office.



Spitalfields Crypt Trust is based in Spitalfields and Shoreditch and works with people facing the challenges of addiction, homelessness, poverty and social isolation. Winter is a difficult time of year for so many of the people with whom the charity works. With so many people sleeping rough on the streets the work of their "Drop-In" becomes ever more important.

Hackney Food Bank provides three days of nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. Hackney Food Bank is part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.



4Y are the current winners with **98.9%**.
Keep it up; remember miss school, miss out!

R Georgia	96.9%	R Wendy	95.3%
Y1 Maya	96.6%	Y1 Natalie	97.3%
Y2 Laura	97.6%	Y2 Tanya	98.1%
Y3 Aimee	96.4%	Y3 Christine	96.2%
Y4 Marcus	97.3%	Y4 Yeter	98.9%
Y5Helen/Ellen	97.2%	Y5 Marion	96.1%
Y6 Ben	95.6%	Y6 Diane	95.9%

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Rosa, Alfie D, Raffaella, Leo D, Sophia P, Aveleine, Lilly, Arthur A, Valentine, Tristan, Jack S, Sunny, Camilla, Rex, Harrison M, Gabriel, Felipe, Luka and Cecily.



COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS!

10th	EYFS show for parents - 11.00am & 2.30pm Last week of clubs
11th	Deborah Reade Art Award judging (all entries in by 9.30am) Y1 & Y2 show for parents 2.30pm
12th	Christmas lunch for children Y3 & Y4 show for parents 2.30pm
14th	Y5 & Y6 show for parents 2.30pm
18th	Deborah Reade Art Award assembly 11.00am
20th	Christmas parties (No nuts)
21st	Toy day (no electrical toys) Break up 1.30pm
7th Jan	Back to school



DECEMBER HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK

Monday 17th - Wear blue and white in honour of friends who celebrate Chanukah.

Tuesday 18th - Wear your favourite warm sweater and/or socks.

Wednesday 19th - Wear your favourite Christmas sweater, vest, shirt.

Thursday 20th - Candy Cane Day! Wear red and white to look like this winter treat.

Friday 21st - Wear a Santa hat, antlers, elf hat or other Christmas accessories!

