

# The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,  
Welcome back after the holiday. I hope you all enjoyed spending time with friends and family. We were so pleased to see the children back in school, all refreshed and ready for a busy new term. We have a number of big school events happening this term including Tastes of the World, the Red Nose Day Family Fun Run, as well as the EYFS and KS2 'Come Dine with Me'! We hope that lots of you will be able to join us!

I have an update regarding the green screen. The gap in the screen is being filled in on January 19<sup>th</sup>, so we will then have a complete screen! We are still waiting for the Council to let us know about the planning permission for the protective material that is going on the fire gates. We are also waiting for a date from the council for myself and the Chair of Governors to meet to discuss our response to the possible road closures and the consultation about the gyratory. I will keep you informed.

Finally, just to let you know that we will be a venue for the Hackney Night Winter Shelter on Saturday nights from January until March, after being approached by the charity last term. We are very pleased to be involved with the project.

Have a lovely weekend!  
Best wishes  
Karen

## Digital Parenting Magazine



All children in KS2 will be bringing a copy of Digital Parenting magazine home today. It is packed full of the latest expert advice on how to help your children develop the life skills and knowledge needed to use the online world safely and with confidence.

Two amazing performances of the EYFS Nativity show in one day! Children performed their Nativity show to packed appreciative audiences of parents, grandparents and family members as well as siblings in Years 1 to Year 6. This year, we were lucky to have Year 6 children to narrate our show, we were very grateful and proud of the way they supported EYFS children throughout the process. Nursery children were spectacular stars; they shone and sung beautifully and had learnt actions to accompany the songs. Wendy's Reception class were wonderful Wise Men and Georgia's Reception class were cool camels and I'm sure that you will agree that they both did a super job; they knew when to stand-up and sit-down, they learnt all the words and the actions to their songs! During the performances, as well as during the rehearsals, they worked brilliantly as a team to listen to, encourage and support their friends. We were very proud of the way they performed in front of such packed audiences and we are sure that all of their families are too!



## Christmas Lunch

Christmas dinner took place (what feels like a long time ago!) on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Over 420 children and staff enjoyed a festive meal with lots of choice and Christmas crackers for all! Everybody said how lovely it was. Thank you to Ali and his kitchen team for working so hard on the day, chopping, peeling and roasting to make Christmas dinner a huge success!!



## Year 2 Gymnastics Show

Year 2 took to the floor to perform a super gymnastics piece for their parents and carers on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018. They demonstrated a wealth of skills that they had acquired over the course of the term, taught by Rochelle during weekly gymnastics lessons. Skills included; forward rolls, back rolls, shoulder stands, cartwheels, a variety of jumps and landings, as well as gymnastics walking with beautiful pointed toes and stretched arms, legs and fingers! Well done year 2, it was super to see you perform your skills so brilliantly. Thanks to Rochelle, as always, for her fantastic gymnastics coaching.



## Year 2 Puppet Making

Year 2 were busy at school in the final week of term making hand puppets. The children designed a winter themed puppet, then made it by sewing two pieces of felt together. The sewing was tricky, but everyone persevered until they had completed their puppet. The children then decorated them and tested them out to see if they worked! Great sewing by Year 2 and a fantastic skill to practise so young!





To all at  
William Patten  
  
Christmas Greetings  
  
from all at  
Jinja Deaf

### **Thank you!!!**

*'Thanks to all at William Patten School for your amazing support for Jinja DEAF. We are really delighted that you have raised £868 for us through your Christmas Shows! Thanks especially to the William Patten parents for being so generous, and to the children and staff for putting on such lovely and inspiring shows and for collecting (and counting!) the donations. Thank you also to the staff and children at Kyomya School for preparing a special Christmas message for the William Patten Shoes and thanks also to Dom for making the 8-hour round trip to film it. What a fabulous start to the schools' link project! The extra funds will really make a difference to our work, and the children in Uganda will be excited to see photos of the William Patten shows.*

*We're really looking forwards to the partnership developing through 2019, and in the meantime we hope you all have a lovely holiday!*

*With many thanks from the trustees of Jinja DEAF; David, Derek, Dom, Emma, Geoff, Robert and Yasmin, and from Jinja DEAF patron/ambassador Sam'*

### **Social Media and Screen Time**

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) has published guidance for clinicians and parents on screen time use and the effects of screen time on children and young people.

A systematic review of evidence found that children with higher screen time tend to have: a less healthy diet, a higher energy intake, and more pronounced indicators of obesity; more depressive symptoms, although it has been found by some studies that some screen time is better for mental health than none at all.

Recommendations include: avoid screens an hour before the planned bedtime; families should negotiate screen time limits with their children based upon the needs of an individual child.

Details can be viewed here: [RCPCH](#)

Further information: [The health impacts of screen time: a guide for clinicians and parents \(PDF\)](#)

Read more on NSPCC Learning: [Keeping children safe online - online course](#)

### **Mobile phones**

A number of children were very excited to say that they had received mobile phones for Christmas. However we have spent quite some time this week dealing with upsets and arguments because children have been unkind to each other using social media or via text.

If you have given your child a phone, please make sure that you have had a conversation with them about online safety and using their phone appropriately. This can help build trust and confidence and enables your child to know what to do if they ever feel troubled or unsafe.

There are also settings on the phone which can prevent children from viewing upsetting or inappropriate content and you can manage which apps can be downloaded and limit purchases within them.

Some apps also have recommended age limits. Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, Musical.ly and Skype have an age limit of 13 and above and WhatsApp recently increased their age limit to 16.

For more advice go to

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/social-networking> and

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/young-people-and-social-networking-services>

### **Fortnite game**

A number of children have come back after the holidays saying that they received the "Fortnite" game for Christmas or they have been playing it with friends over the holiday. The Pan European Game Information (PEGI) system rates games and these age ratings provide guidance to consumers, parents in particular, to help them decide whether or not to buy a particular product for a child. The PEGI rating considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty.

Fortnite has a PEGI rating of 12, which means that the content is not considered suitable for younger children due to frequent scenes of mild violence. This rating does not take into account the fact that the in contact element of the game can mean that children are exposed to swearing or other inappropriate language from strangers either through voice contact or on screen text.

For more information go to

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/a-parents-guide-to-fortnite-battle-royale>

### **Tooth Friendly Workshops for Nursery**

On Friday Sandra, from the Tooth Friendly Nursery team, visited our Nursery and ran two workshops; one for parents to share current advice on how to help children have healthy teeth and the other workshop was for Nursery children where children shared their knowledge and learnt ways to promote oral health. Children knew they needed to brush their teeth twice a day and to avoid sugary drinks, sweets and chocolates. However, everyone was surprised to learn that you should wait at least 45 minutes, after you've eaten, before you brush your teeth.

We also found out that if you want to eat something sweet during the day, then this should be eaten with meals and not as a snack; snacking causes tooth decay!

We are very fortunate that two parents have decided to become 'Tooth Friendly Champions' and will be able to give advice on how to promote good oral hygiene – more to follow!



### **William Patten Football League results**

The first ever William Patten football league came to a thrilling finale in the final week of matches before Christmas. With 3 teams still all able to win the league in the final week, it came down to whether or not Lavers Leopards could get the victory needed in order for them to leapfrog the Dynevor Dingos. With the Leopards getting only a draw from their final match, the Dingos went on to win the league by a single point. Congratulations to the Dynevor Dingos on a hugely successful season, built on fine goalkeeping, tough defending and some incredible goal scoring. A huge thank you to all the children who took part for putting in so much effort, playing with incredible skill and showing such integrity and honesty throughout. Well done to Mark, Joe PB, Henry W, Finn, Melek and Ridji!

Jim

### **James Moriarty – Young Dissenters Choir**

The Young Dissenters had their inaugural performance in December, singing as part of the adult 'Chorus of Dissent' choir's Christmas Concert. They kicked the concert off by entering singing 'Silent Night' whilst holding candles - it was magical.



Are you aged 7-14 and do you love singing?

Join Stoke Newington's very own community youth choir

**Young Dissenters** - make music, meet new people, and have fun!

**Mondays 4:30-5:30pm**

St Matthias Hall, Wordsworth Road, London N16 8OD

**Open to everyone!**

Led by Stokey musician James Moriarty - who works on projects with the London Symphony Orchestra and Royal Albert Hall - the choir will sing in a variety of styles

Regular informal performances and concerts with adult community choir

**Chorus of Diss a nt**

\* Only £10 per half-term

To join contact James Moriarty  
jambo@jamesmoriarty.net

More details **www.dissenters.org.uk**

Young Dissenters is sponsored by the community arts charity Dissenters Arts N16.  
[www.dissentersartsn16.org.uk/our-projects/](http://www.dissentersartsn16.org.uk/our-projects/)





## Kindness Cup

Congratulations to the following children who are the recent winners of the Kindness Cup. Their names have been added to our Kindness Tree:

**Olive 1N** – Olive is very kind and compassionate to the children in her class. She always offers to help the adults she works with and enjoys taking care of the younger children at playtime.

**Niko 2L** – Niko is always really thoughtful towards his classmates, checking that they are ok and happy. He always asks his teacher if she's had a nice lunchbreak and wishes her a nice morning or afternoon, at registration. Niko is so polite and helpful. Laura says 2L are lucky to have him.

**Ephraim 4M** – Ephraim was nominated by Charlie and Sonny for the following reasons – 1) He's helpful. 2) He's funny. 3) He makes me laugh when I'm sad. 4) He's generous. 5) He's kind. Everyone at William Patten agrees!

**Jonathan 5HE** – Jonathan was nominated by Huxley in Year 6 because he is good at listening to people's worries, plays really nicely with his friends and is always very caring.

## Year 1 Maths

The children in year 1 have been ordering sets of three values using greater than and smaller than signs this week. This picture shows the children in Maya's class being completely enthralled by the mathematical scenario they recreated from the Power Maths Textbook. The children were able to tell by estimating which bag contained the fewest 'sweets' and were absorbed in counting one of the remaining two sets of 'sweets' ("One at a time to make sure we don't count any twice and get the wrong answer").

The children directed the entire process! Well done Year 1!



Sue from Hackney Foodbank sent a card to families at William Patten to say thank you for the food donations during the Christmas season. Your generous donations provided 350 meals for local people – thank you!



★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** ★

Many happy returns to the children who celebrated their special day since the last newsletter: Alexina, Hattie, Amelie, Hope L, Alexa, Abdurrahman, Scarlett B, Lyra, Samuel-Eli, Yasmeen, Poppy, Scarlett F, Salma, Desiree, Serafina, Muhammad Zayn, Frans, Bram, Izu, Muhe, Bay, Huxley R, Marlowe, Triston, Imogen, Diya, Nyah, Alex D, Kulsum, Leia, Vincenzo, Shifa, Matteo, Verity, Luke, Millie, Matilda C, Theo C, Oscar, Finn M, Evie M, Francis, Joseph D and Kacey.



Well done to **1M** and **3A** who are joint winners this time with **97.1%**. Keep it up!

Rec Georgia	96.1%
Rec Wendy	96.6%
Y1 Maya	97.1%
Y1 Natalie	96.1%
Y2 Laura	95.8%
Y2 Tanya	96.8%
Y3 Aimee	97.1%
Y3 Christine	96.6%
Y4 Marcus	94.4%
Y4 Yeter	95.9%
Y5 Helen/Ellen	94.2%
Y5 Marion	96.8%
Y6 Ben	95.5%
Y6 Diane	96.6%