

# The Patten Pages

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Dear parents,

We have had another two very busy weeks at WP with lots going on, as well as the snow causing great excitement! There wasn't as much as we had hoped for, but we still managed to make a few snowmen, which lasted a few days as it was so cold!

This week has seen us celebrate Children's Mental Health Week in conjunction with Place2Be. The launch assemblies for KS1 and KS2 took place on Monday and Year 5 and 6 have taken part in workshops led by Sian and Helen, the Place2Be project manager. The whole school has taken time out to practise mindfulness and focus on physical activity as a way to ensure that we are 'Healthy:Inside and Out', the theme for CMHW this year. Children have taken part in playground games from around the world as part of the work to show that our bodies and minds are connected and that we can all do simple things to improve our physical wellbeing, which in turn can help our mental wellbeing.

We had a visit from the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team from London Fields Primary school on Tuesday (we went to their school a fortnight ago and did the same). They visited every single class and group throughout the school and were very impressed with what they saw. I was so proud taking them around and showing them our very hardworking staff team, fabulous, hardworking and engaged children and all the amazing learning that takes place. We thought their school was super too!

I would like to say a huge thank you to Ali and his kitchen team for cooking a very tasty Chinese New Year lunch on Wednesday to celebrate the Year of the Pig. Lots of children tried the annual 'chopstick challenge' even those on packed lunches and everyone enjoyed lovely noodles, spring rolls, Chinese salad and of course a fortune cookie! There are some lovely photographs of the lunch in the middle hall, so if you get the chance, please do come to have a look.

You may have noticed lots of vans and cars in the playground after school - we are having new fire doors installed (every single door!) as part of a Hackney Council fire safety programme. We are hoping that the work should be finished after the holiday.

Have a lovely weekend and half term!

We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 25th February.

Best wishes

Karen

## Thank you Ali

Ali Murphy, an illustrator of several children's books and the father of Casper in Year 1, visited Nursery and Reception children on Thursday and read *Kitchen Disco* - one of the colourful books that he has illustrated. Children were enthralled by his story telling, enjoyed learning about the process of illustrating books and loved helping Ali draw fruits from the story. The banana, pear and pineapple were very popular! Children were so inspired by the workshop that several Nursery children decided to make their own version of Kitchen Disco – drawing cucumbers and writing the sounds they knew. Thank you to Ali for giving up his time to make this happen.



# Children's Mental Health Week 2019

4-10 Feb #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek  
 ChildrensMentalHealthWeek.org.uk

**Healthy: Inside and Out** is this year's theme and pupils across the school have been talking about how to look after their bodies and minds. We had special assemblies to launch the week and each class took part in a meditation and physical challenge every day. Take a look at the photos to see what we've been doing!



Mindfulness 4Y



Sit up Challenge 2T



Yoga 5M



Exercise Challenges 2L



Breathing exercises 1N



Meditation in 3C



Planking in 4M



Palming 1M



Wild Work-outs in Reception



## Tips for Parents and Carers

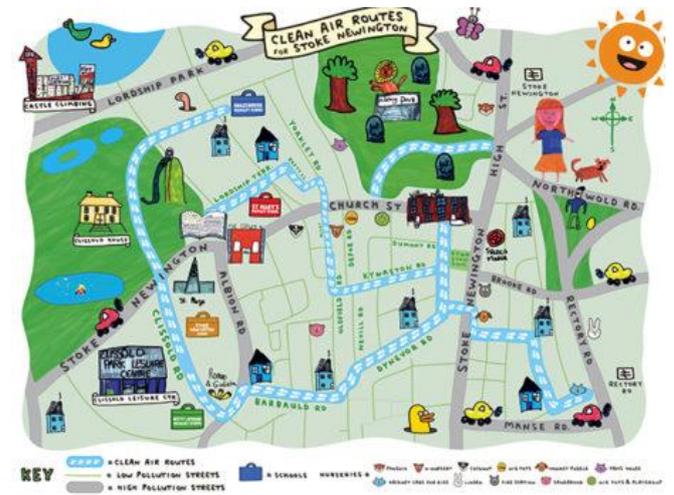
- Chat with your child about what you do to look after your body and mind
- Praise your child and other family members for what they do to look after their body and mind
- Remind them that there's no such thing as a perfect body or mind – and no one is perfectly healthy!
- Do something regularly with your child to be Healthy: Inside and Out

**For more information, please see Place2Be leaflet attached**

## Clean Air Map

Back in November, Year 4 pupils produced some fantastic drawings of their favourite places in Stoke Newington for an exciting new mapping project. The drawings were produced at a pollution lesson delivered by parents, Lucy and Tom, which discussed air quality issues and how to get around without breathing in too much pollution. The pupils had fun mapping how they get to school and coming up with routes that avoid lots of traffic. Their drawings have now been included in a hand-drawn map by artist, children's illustrator and parent Al Murphy, which shows low pollution walking routes in the area, such as between the school and the leisure centre. This wonderfully illustrated map will be distributed at local schools and nurseries. Large scale copies of the map and extra tips for reducing pollution exposure have also been put on our fire gates, and it is hoped they will also act as a barrier against pollution from the road and bus stop outside school. We also appear in the Hackney Citizen – see link to view the full article:

<https://www.hacknecitizen.co.uk/2019/01/28/stoke-newington-schoolkids-map-low-pollution-walks/>



The map created by William Patten pupils and artist Al Murphy.



Some of our pupils with Al outside the fire gates, now covered by the map

## Safer Internet Day 2019



Safer Internet Day was celebrated at William Patten and around the world on Tuesday 5th February. The aim of Safer Internet Day is to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.

This year in the UK, Safer Internet Day focused on how consent works in an online context and asked young people to explore how they ask, give, and receive consent online. This could be in their friendships or relationships, how they take and share images and videos, or how they manage their privacy and data. The campaign encourages young people to explore how the internet works, who owns the information that is shared on it, and how they can actively take ownership of digital spaces. We hope the information from our assemblies helps to empower children to take control of their online lives and to feel that they can harness and use the positive power of the internet for good.

## RWI workshop



Thank you to everyone that attended our recent RWI workshop for Reception parents. During the workshop we explained the changes that we have made to the teaching of RWI in Reception, how groups are organised, the RWI assessment process and also gave tips as to how to help with learning to read at home. Keep reading – reading changes everything!

## Birdwatching with Year 3

At the end of January, Year 3 went to Abney Park Cemetery to take part in the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch. We spotted robins, magpies, green parakeets, a large number of wood pigeons and some smaller birds that were trickier to identify. We are hoping to go back again in the spring or summer, to see if the number of birds we can find changes.



## Parasol Gallery visit

5HE are in for a treat next week when they visit the Parasol Unit Gallery to examine the work of Hyon Gyon. 5M spent a wonderful morning this week creating their own artwork and making wonderful collages inspired by movement and action. The Parasol team emailed to tell us that we brought an incredible energy to the morning!



## Young Mathematicans Award



The maths team from William Patten (Freddie, Evie, Uma and Pablo) received their certificates and medals from Kathryn at Explore Learning in assembly, following their success in the recent Young Mathematicians Awards Competition at Explore Learning on Essex Road. Following our participation in this competition, Explore Learning have offered us some practical maths workshops which they will lead in class. These will be starting with Year 2 after the half term.

## Fun in the snow



In case you missed the recent snowfall in London, here is a photo of some of the Year 3 & 4 running club last Friday with their snowman Gary!

## Attendance Chart

R Georgia	96.1%	R Wendy	96.6%
Y1 Maya	96.9%	Y1 Natalie	98.3%
Y2 Laura	97.5%	Y2 Tanya	97.4%
Y3 Aimee	95.3%	Y3 Christine	96.5%
Y4 Marcus	96.3%	Y4 Yeter	98.1%
Y5 Helen/Ellen	95.9%	Y5 Marion	95.3%
Y6 Ben	96.1%	Y6 Diane	96.7%

Natalie's class are the new winners with **98.3%**. Well done **1N!**



**2019**  
the Year of the Pig

**Gong Hey Fat Choy** to all of our families who celebrated Chinese New Year this week. A big thank you to the kitchen team, who cooked a delicious lunch of noodles with vegetables, sweet and sour chicken and lychees. We enjoyed sharing fortune cookies and eating with chopsticks too!



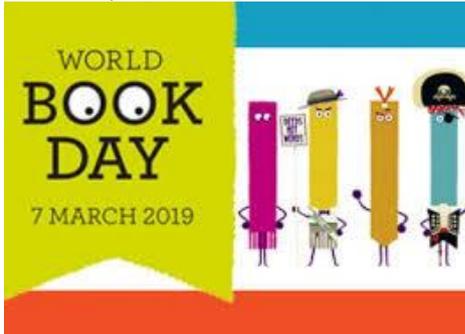


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### Club Payments

Just to remind parent/carers when you are paying for clubs, there are payment options in a drop down menu: 1<sup>st</sup> ½ term, full term and 2<sup>nd</sup> ½ term. Please ensure you choose the right option when paying.

**World Book Day** is on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** (so lots of time to think about favourite characters and plan costumes!)



### Yet more super writing ....

Aris, Muiyi, Martha and Eliza, from 1M, came to see Karen this week to share their work. Year 1 have been learning about adjectives and how they can make writing much more interesting for the reader. Yet again, Karen was so impressed with the quality of the children's work. Not only had they thought of some amazing adjectives, put them in sentences (with some even using connectives!) but their presentation was very neat, with lovely handwriting and great finger spaces. Each child was festooned in stickers and told that their work would be put in the Patten Pages for everyone to see! Aris, Muiyi, Martha and Eliza should be very proud of themselves for such hard work. Karen is very proud of them and she is also looking forward to sharing more amazing writing in the next edition of the PP.

<p><b>Muiyi</b></p>	<p><b>Martha</b></p>
<p><b>Aris</b></p>	<p><b>Eliza</b></p>

### Singing at St Pauls Cathedral

Some of our KS2 children are members of Hackney Children's Choir and are excited to be performing at St Paul's Cathedral this Sunday! What a fantastic opportunity for our young singers; we hope they enjoy their day. Thank you to Mia's mum (4Y) for letting us know. HCC are currently recruiting Year 6 pupils for the summer term to join their new Senior Choir which is intended for secondary school pupils "We think that opening up this opportunity to Year 6s will help us to bridge the important gap between primary and secondary school, and give pupils a set of friends from different schools". For more information, visit their new website [www.hackneychoral.com](http://www.hackneychoral.com).



Many happy returns to Manpreet, Phoebe K, Ailbhe, Louie, Alisa, Romy, Beatrix, Asya, Naim, Hamza, Zora, Liya, Meliz, Kallias, Asia, Amelia, Emmy, Theodore B and Tiggy who all celebrated their birthday recently.

### Fencing workshop at William Patten

David, our fencing coach, is running a one day workshop during half term at William Patten. Email [david@littlemusketeers.com](mailto:david@littlemusketeers.com) to book a place.

## Battle Ages Holiday Camps

Medieval Knights

Swashbuckling Pirates

Mighty Musketeers

Roman Gladiators

Jedi Knights

£25 per day

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### Camp details:

**William Patten , Stoke Newington Church St, Stoke Newington, London N16 0NX.**

**Date: 18/2/19**  
**Time: 10am - 3pm**

**Please can you provide your child with their packed lunch and a drink. (No nuts)**

**Parents will need to sign their child in and sign out when the day is finished.**  
**To Book a place head over to our website [www.littlemusketeers.com](http://www.littlemusketeers.com)**

**please email [david@littlemusketeers.com](mailto:david@littlemusketeers.com) for more info.**

