

# The Patten Pages

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Dear parents,

This is rather belated, but I would like to say a huge thank you for the recent PTFA quiz night. Over 100 parents and carers came to this super event on March 7th and wrangled over questions on CBeebies, Roman gods and cocktails! The evening raised an amazing £2691! That is quite astonishing and every penny will go to paying for equipment and activities for the children, so a big thank you to everyone who came and quizzed and donated so generously with the entry fees, raffle, bar and auction. Thank you to Aneen Blackmore and Bianca Van Someren for helping on the bar, Jonathan Parr for being finance man/barman, Matt Barbet for quizmastering and auctioneering and a huge, massive thank you to Tim Richards and Lisa Buckingham for organising a such a very successful evening!

Q: When will the next quiz night be?

A: Soon we hope!

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that two Teaching Assistants are leaving us at the end of this term. Hannah is leaving to focus on her coaching career, which is going so well and of course her family. She has done a fabulous job in Inclusion and supported so many children, not only academically, but emotionally too, when things are challenging for them. She will be missed hugely, but we will still be able to keep in contact, as we have Kezia for one more year!

Naz will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up a new job in the civil service. This is an amazing opportunity for her and something she is looking forward to very much. She has done a fabulous job at WP and will be remembered for the support she has offered to children ( in particular SEND children in Year 6), teachers and of course her role as the best librarian in the world! So many children have benefited from her knowledge and expertise of children's books and authors. She is responsible for our fabulous libraries in KS1 and KS2, which always impress the visitors to WP. Perhaps the most important thing she has done is help develop a love of reading in so many children. What an amazing gift to give.

Ex WP children, who are now young adults, still remember with great fondness their lunchtime library sessions and the conversations they had with Naz about books and authors.

Naz has worked at William Patten for 14 years and will be missed so much, but we wish her much happiness in her new adventure and we know she will keep in touch.

We will say goodbye to Hannah and Naz in special assemblies next week.

Hannah and Naz- a huge thank you for everything you have done for the children of WP and for being such kind and supportive colleagues.

We will miss you!

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Karen

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in the sponsored WP Family Fun Run on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Through the fun run (and the cake sale which followed the Stokey Bake Off) we have raised over £2500 so far for Comic Relief and the Jinja Deafcharity. We know there is still sponsorship money to come in. Will we make over the magic £3000?! Thank you to everyone who baked a delicious cake for the Bake Off. It was a very difficult task for the School Council to judge (every cake looked and tasted incredible!). The winners were –

**EYFS:** Traybakes: Sadie T (RW)  
Cupcakes: Arlo & Alba (RW)  
Large cakes: Sota (RW)

**KS1:** Traybakes: Anna (2L)  
Cupcakes: Tiarah (2L)  
Large cakes: Aisha (2L)

**KS2:** Traybakes: Innes (3C)  
Cupcakes: Floris (3A)  
Large cakes: Phoebe (4Y)





## Language Leaders visit from CGA



Key Stage 1 classes were visited by KS3 students and their Spanish teachers this week to support their work in Spanish. The 'Language Leaders' from Clapton Girls' School planned and taught sessions to consolidate the children's recent topic of body parts in Year 1 and animal names in Year 2. The sessions were very well planned by the Language Leaders and the children in Key Stage 1 really enjoyed welcoming older visitors to their classroom, who themselves were very good role models. The WP children heard about how well the students were getting on, having continued their Spanish studies at secondary school. The visits continue our partnership working with local secondary schools and once again provided further means to develop the children's intercultural understanding. In term 1 for example, Spanish students from the Bridge Academy visited to mark the European Day of Languages. As part of the learning supported by Language Leaders in Year 1 this time, children used the Spanish words for body parts to label pictures of significant people, from a range of fields, of Hispanic heritage. The children learnt about each figure's talents and achievements and in Year 2, the children linked their learning to finding out about popular pets in Spain. We look forward to continuing our work with local secondary schools and would like to thank the MFL department at Clapton Girls', as well as their students, for enriching the Spanish curriculum at William Patten.

## Virtual Classroom



Year 5 had a visit from the National Archive in the form of a virtual classroom! Kat skyped us from their repository in Kew and we discussed how Henry VIII used symbols and images to display his royal power. We examined original documents from Henry's reign to investigate how he was portrayed as a great monarch. The children really loved the session and proved to be very knowledgeable and adept at decoding writing from the sixteenth century.

## Zoolab visit

This week, as part of our animals topic, we had a visit from Zoolab. All Reception and Nursery children took part in an 'Animal tracks' workshop where they worked to identify the animal by looking at its footprints! The children got to meet, and carefully touch a Giant African land snail, an Indian stick insect and a corn snake as well as observing a Chilean rose tarantula and learning all about their habitats, eating habits and other fun facts. The children had a great time and enjoyed meeting the animals.





Ex pupil William Patten pupil Abdullah Amerat, whose brother Abdurrahman is in 2T, recently won an award at the third annual Hackney Youth Awards. Over 200 young people attended the ceremony to celebrate young people across the borough. More than 50 people were put forward with nominations made by youth workers and other professionals. The winners were reviewed by an independent panel of young people, who also helped organise the event. Abdullah received the award for 'Inspirational Young Person – Senior' Well done Abdullah. We are very proud of you!

### Reception go to the farm!



On Tuesday 26th March, RW and RG both visited Spitalfields City Farm as part of our half term topic "Animals." We travelled there on the overground train which the children enjoyed! Whilst at the farm, we took part in a workshop looking at some of the aspects of classification of animals, as well as meeting, stroking and finding out facts about the farm animals - including donkeys, sheep, chickens, pigs, goats, a ferret, geese and tadpoles. Children enjoyed playing in their tree house as well as having lunch together in their yurt. The Reception children behaved brilliantly during the trip and we would like to thank all our parent helpers too.



### St Patricks Day dancers

A huge thank you to Ailish, Alexina and Cara for their St.Patrick's day dance performance. All three children do Irish dancing outside school and it has become a WP tradition that they perform for us each year.

### Super writing in Year 1



Well done to Samuel-Eli in 1M for his fabulous writing. He has written a whole book at home called 'Captain Toilet and the Big Battle!' Samuel-Eli came to show Karen who was very impressed with his story that had a beginning, middle and an end. The book also said who the author and illustrator was too. Can you guess who that was?! Samuel-Eli read his story out loud and Karen was equally impressed with his reading. Well done Samuel-Eli – you are a super writer and a super reader!

### Celebrating Holi

Last week, William Patten celebrated the Hindu festival Holi. Holi is also known as 'the festival of colour', and classes across the school enjoyed having the opportunity to create, explore and play with colours in a variety of ways. Year 2 even decorated the entire playground using brightly coloured chalks! We were delighted to share a delicious Indian meal together, prepared by Ali and his team on Thursday, as part of the two day celebration.

### **Colourful playground**

You may have noticed last Thursday after school that the playground was beautifully decorated with brightly coloured drawings, pictures and patterns. This was thanks to Year 2's art work to celebrate Holi. The colours definitely put a smile on everyone's face, so thank you Year 2.



### **Green screen**

At the PTFA AGM, we had a query about the gaps in the green screen above the two gates on Church Street and an idea about what to do! In the Easter holidays, David will put up wires to link the two parts of the green screen and the ivy should then grow across and over time fill the gap.

### **Solid gates**

There was a query at the PTFA AGM about the gates on Church Street and as it looked unlikely that the bus stop would be moved, could they be improved? Karen has met with Hackney Council and asked for solid gates to replace them. Solid gates should help prevent some of the traffic fumes coming directly into the playground. The council have agreed to fund the cost. The council will also be funding the cost of either solid fire gates or a material to put on them, again helping to reduce fumes coming into the playground. We are hoping that the new gates can be installed in May. We are waiting for an installation date from the company.

### **Extra scooter racks**

This was another query from the PTFA AGM. As so many children come to school on their scooter, could we have additional scooter racks and could they be placed near the back gate entrance? During the Easter holiday, David will remove the 'bus stop' on the back wall and we will put two new scooter racks there, so children coming in from the Dynevor Road entrance don't have to walk a long way to put their scooter away.

### **Line in front of the building**

There is a lot of congestion in the morning at drop off with parents trying to walk their children round to Reception and classes trying to get in the building when the bell goes. During the Easter holiday, David will be painting a line along the front of the building, so Reception parents and children will use one side and classes will use the other. We hope that this will reduce the traffic jams that currently occur!

### **Bikers' Breakfast**



William Patten hosted another Bikers' Breakfast last Tuesday, for children and parents who cycle to school. Two mechanics from Dr Bike were on hand to check bikes and recommend repairs if necessary and the bikers enjoyed a tasty breakfast of crumpets, pancakes, croissants, yoghurt, fruit and juice!



### **Scooters, bikes and skateboards.**

We encourage children to walk, cycle or scoot to school, but please remind your child to get off as soon as they reach the gate. Most children do now without being reminded, but we are seeing quite a few children riding their scooters and bikes after school. The children must walk their bikes and scooters in the playground to make sure everyone is safe.

We had a nasty collision last week at the end of the day with two children riding their scooters, who crashed into each other.

The rule includes when picking up from clubs and FFS.

If your child is collected by someone else, please make sure they know the rule too.

Thank you.

### **Science Theme for Science Week**

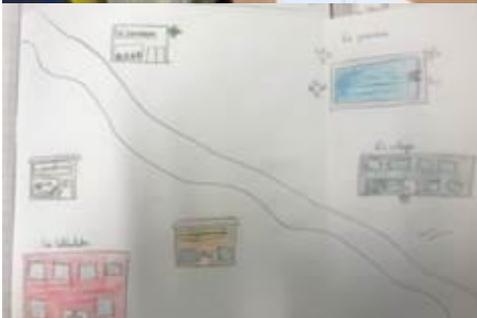
This year, William Patten's Science Week will run from 13th-17th May and the theme is... Journeys! Children will be taking part in workshops and experiments, developing their working scientifically skills and learning about people throughout history and the world who have worked to develop science as we know it.

In addition to all of this fun, we are very keen for YOU to get involved! If you'd like to lead a workshop with particular year groups, or would like to share your knowledge of a relevant passion in a scientific field, then please email [admin@williampatten.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@williampatten.hackney.sch.uk) to express your interest. We are very happy to hear your ideas.

### **Year 5 'Content Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)**

From January this year, the Year 5 children have had their Spanish learning supported by a new approach known as 'Content Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)'. CLIL provides effective opportunity to introduce the children to a wider range of Spanish vocabulary and to also to use their new language skills in a different and exciting way. Since introducing the CLIL approach, the children have become more confident in speaking and understanding Spanish.

Our CLIL lessons are teaching Art using Spanish whereby the children follow Spanish instructions to create beautifully drawn maps. This is linked to our Spanish topic, Mi Ciudad (My City). Our usual 45 minute Spanish lesson is directly followed by the CLIL Art lesson where the art instructions and key vocabulary are given in Spanish by Helen and Marion. For example, the Year 5 children learnt to say the names of key places in their city and how to ask for and give directions in their usual Spanish lesson. This Spanish language knowledge meant they were able to then create a map of Stoke Newington by following instructions of which significant place to draw where on the page. Following repeated instructions given in Spanish (for example: 'Con el lápiz dibuja la panadería a la derecha' - With a pencil, draw a bakery on the right)' each child was able to produce an accurately drawn and painted map of Church Street! The Year 5 CLIL Project is part of a trial involving selected primary schools in the borough and is being supported by the Hackney Learning Trust, in collaboration with the Spanish Embassy Education Office. At the end of the trial, the schools involved will share their work as part of a borough wide approach to implementing CLIL.



### **Madrid Partner School Pupil Visit**

We are pleased to announce that on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April, we are expecting a visit from a group of Year 6 pupils and their teachers, from our partner school in Madrid! The children are set to arrive at William Patten at 9:30am and will take part in special welcome assemblies during which they will show presentations about their school and Madrid so that the children at both schools are able to share and compare and contrast their experiences throughout the day. The assemblies will also provide an opportunity for outcomes of work which have been completed by the children at both schools, in advance of the visit, to be shown and celebrated.

In the morning, the Madrid children will teach the younger children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, popular playground games to conclude the work they started during Children's Mental Health Week, when the children learnt a number of playground games from around the world as part of their learning about the positive impact of physical activity on mental health. In the afternoon, each of the KS2 classes will be joined by small groups of the Spanish pupils who will support Spanish lessons, as well as the learning of key words and phrases in Spanish, across the wider curriculum. A representative from the MFL department of DfE will also be joining us, as well as an MFL consultant from Hackney Learning Trust. We are looking forward to the prospect of this very special visit and are sure that all our visitors and the children of William Patten will have a wonderful day to remember.

### **The Dogs Trust visit to EYFS and Year 5**

On Thursday, Kelly from the Dogs Trust, visited Nursery, Reception and Year 5 classes to run a workshop on the theme of 'General Responsible Dog Ownership'. Children learnt how to care for dogs; by providing shelter, an appropriate diet, the correct amount of exercise and suitable toys for them to play with. Kelly also explained how to keep dogs healthy and why it was important for your dog to go to the vet for their yearly check-up and to receive any inoculations. Children also learnt that dogs sniff you to say hello, and that they should always ask the dog owners permission to touch an unfamiliar dog. Kelly also explained what to do if approached by an enthusiastic and over-excited dog; stay calm and still, fold your arms across your chest and do not run!

Incredibly, Nursery children already knew that you shouldn't feed dogs chocolate, strawberries or raisins, but instead you should give them 'doggy treats' when they deserve a reward! Kelly was overwhelmed by the children's behaviour and the informed contributions that children made during the workshops!



## Congratulations to our Gymnastics teams



A huge congratulations to our two gymnastics teams who represented William Patten at the Key Steps 2 (Year 3 and 4) and Key Steps 3 (Year 5 and 6) gymnastics competition at Queensbridge Leisure Centre on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Both teams represented the school so well and we are so very proud of them for their amazing gymnastic skills and super sportsmanship, which was commented on by Rochelle, their coach. The Key Steps 3 team (Terrell, Ella, Asia and Louis) came close and the Key Steps 2 team (Leo, Zaynab, Matilda C and Alec) won gold and will be representing Hackney in the London Youth Games at Crystal Palace in the summer term! Well done and congratulations!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Kezia, Leo, Amaia, Zachary, Nell, Imogen, Ares, Luca, Olive, Mika'il, Finn C, Cameron, Paige, Aurelien, Henry W, Isabella and Huxley who celebrated their birthday recently.



Well done **4Y** who are at the top of the attendance chart yet again with **98.5%**!

R Georgia	96.2%	R Wendy	96.9%
Y1 Maya	96.4%	Y1 Natalie	96.7%
Y2 Laura	97.4%	Y2 Tanya	97.7%
Y3 Aimee	95.1%	Y3 Christine	96.4%
Y4 Marcus	97.2%	<b>Y4 Yeter</b>	<b>98.5%</b>
Y5 Helen/Ellen	96.3%	Y5 Marion	95.5%
Y6 Ben	96.1%	Y6 Diane	96.8%

### WP Lottery Results – March 2019

1st prize, £40 - Sarah Brewerton (Arthur Y3)  
2nd prize, £30 - Emma Barker (Henry Y4 & Edith Y2)  
3rd prize, £20 - Caroline Gargaro (Josh Y6)

Thanks to everyone who takes part in the lottery which raises a lot of money for the PTFA. If you would like to join the lottery please collect a form from the office or contact Jasmine (Cecily, 4Y and Vita 2L) at [Jasminedick1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Jasminedick1@yahoo.co.uk)

Get Active with Fit For Sport



Fit for Sport will be running a holiday camp at William Patten during the Easter holidays (Monday-Friday). To book a space for your child call them on 0845 4563233, grab Sammy after school or visit [www.fitforsport.co.uk](http://www.fitforsport.co.uk)

### Come Dine With Us

Thank you to all the parents that came to the KS2 Come Dine with Us last week. We hope you enjoyed your lunch!  
KS1 Come Dine with Us (for Year 1 and 2 parents) will now be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - the date has been changed due to Ramadan. We will send out letters/booking forms with further information on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. The deadline will be midnight on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.