

The Patten Pages

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Dear parents,

Welcome back after the Easter break. I hope you enjoyed the holiday - the extra day at the end because of Easter Monday was a very nice treat! We have an action packed term to look forward to, with so many events planned. The events calendar was emailed to parents before we broke up and everything is also on the calendar on the website. We have Science week to look forward to, as well as Hispanic week and of course the inaugural Career Week for children in Years 5 and 6. We have had such a positive response from parents across the school, volunteering to give up their time to come and share what they do in their job and it's not too late if you would still like to be involved – email

dlapworth@williampatten.hackney.sch.uk and let Diane know if you'd like to come in.

We also have the fabulous Summer Fair on 30th June, which is a highlight of the summer term. More details from the PTFA soon!

A lot of work was done over the Easter holiday with new LED lighting in all the classrooms (this has also been extended to the lighting in the playground), a new back gate lock and building work converting two storage cupboards to change them into group / intervention rooms. David has also completed nearly all the work on his list and we have a new scooter rack at the back gate and trellis across the gaps in the green screen. The line to stop the traffic jam in the morning as parents try to get to Reception and classes come in when the bell goes will be completed soon.

The Edible Playground is nearly finished and each class will be going out to look at the new space and find out how it is to be used. We are looking forward to growing our new vegetables and herbs, which we will use in the kitchen for lunch!

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Karen

Young Dissenters

Both Year 4 classes performed at St. Matthias church on the last day of term, with Betty Layward and Grasmere. The children had been working on a six week project with James Moriarty who leads the Young Dissenters choir. All the children sang 'Freedom Train', 'I'm on my way' and 'This land is your land', as well as the song that each school had composed themselves. The whole performance was incredibly moving and the sound of the children's voices with the acoustics in the church was beautiful. A huge thank you to our fabulous children for their amazing singing and to James for sharing his love of music and singing with us. We are hoping to work with James in the future – fingers crossed!

For more information about the Young Dissenters' choir go to

<http://www.dissenters.org.uk/the-french-connection-with-young-dissenters/>

Young Dissenters choir sessions are on Monday afternoons 4.30-5.30pm at St Matthias Hall in Wordsworth Road, N16 8DD. The cost is £10 per term, which is an absolute bargain!



Madrid Partner School Visit

In the final week of the spring term, we hosted staff and pupils from our partner school in Madrid. William Patten has had a collaboration with Josep Tarradellas school since 2014. The recent visit has strengthened this link and will enable future collaborations which support the curriculum at both schools.

The visit provided opportunities for the children to compare and contrast their experiences and concluded a number of international activities that both schools had completed in preparation for the visit day. In special morning welcome assemblies, the children showed presentations about their school and Madrid. Children compared the results of surveys they had completed showing which social groups and activities they belong to and enjoy. Throughout the morning the visiting pupils taught the William Patten children popular playground games which they play at their school in Madrid. This activity supported the children's understanding of the positive impact of physical activity on mental health and followed previous learning about playground games from around the world, as part of Children's Mental Health Week. In the afternoon, the 38 visiting pupils split into smaller groups and visited classes across Key stage 2. In Years 3 and 4, the Madrid pupils supported Spanish lessons, helping with the pronunciation of new vocabulary and taking part in speaking and listening activities, using Spanish with the William Patten children. In Years 5 and 6, the Spanish pupils taught the Spanish words for the key vocabulary and phrases from across the wider curriculum as part of the school's work to develop content and language integrated learning (CLIL). The children at both schools had a wonderful day and the William Patten children made our guests feel very welcome - "I enjoyed it and would love it to happen again", Diya (Year 3). "We played splat with them and had so much fun! The children were nice when they were helping us", Jere (Year 3). Welcoming pupils from our foreign partner school supported the children's global awareness, as well as the development of global outlooks.



Edible Playground workshops

All the classes visited the roof garden and had a mini workshop with Megan and Lucy from Trees for Cities. Each class was split into two groups and they played a game about the wildlife that will visit the new garden as well as how learning to use the tools safely.



Year 3 to work with New Adventures!

Year 3 have started work with New Adventures this week. Each class will work with two dance practitioners for half a day a week, over the next four weeks, culminating in a performance for parents on the 24th May. The children will be working within the theme of Swan Lake, exploring ideas of inclusion and acceptance, as well as learning more about telling a story through movement. We are delighted to be working with NA again and we are hopefully going to be continuing this working relationship into the next academic year, which is very exciting!

Pop up café

Both Year 4 classes created a pop up café on Wednesday afternoon and invited parents to buy their snacks as part of their Design & Technology topic. Children worked in groups of three and were involved with designing, calculating the cost and deciding on a price to sell their snack that would make a profit. They practised what good and bad customer service looked like and re designed their classroom to create a café style atmosphere. In total, both classes made a profit of £109 and will donate to a charity they have chosen. Thank you to all the Y4 parents who came to support us.



Parent Workshop - Talking to Your Child about Their Worries

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent workshops on Thursday 28th March, which were led by Dean Flanagan (CAMHS) and Helen English (Place2Be). As so many of you had expressed an interest, we were able to arrange an additional afternoon slot. Themes discussed included: common worries for children, providing containment, active listening skills, promoting resilience, learning from others' experiences and signposting to helpful organisations. We are planning the next workshops based on parents' feedback and suggestions.



Safaplace is a young charity working with Stoke Newington School and the community in Hackney - www.safaplace.org. They will be hosting a conference on 11th May, 10am to 4.30pm. This is a FREE EVENT open to young people 14+ from any school, parents, educators and healthcare professionals. The theme of this year's conference is "How can you and your family get 'the right' mental health support?" There will be speakers and workshops focusing on managing teenage challenges, understanding substance abuse, social media, eating disorders and much more (one of the workshops is going to be specifically about the transition from primary school to secondary school, so may be particularly useful for Year 6 parents). The objective is to come up with action points with a view to developing a school and community policy framework. Tickets are free and can be purchased from Eventbrite (just search for Safaplace Conference 2019). There is an optional lunch for £10 which includes a donation to the charity.

Year 6B Power of 3 sentences

A visiting teacher, who worked with the children on creating 'power of three' sentences, was so impressed with the children's ideas, use of language and of course behaviour! The sentences were so impressive we wanted to share them with you.

Evie:

Sensational salted caramel scents, sliced through the tree tops, landing under roses, while light lemon meringue lulled over branches into the mouths of hungry children.

Charlie:

The luxurious honeycomb aroma lingered and meandered around the skeletal trees. The irresistible odour of sour strips danced under their noses.

Obinna:

The irresistible aroma of cake meandered within the eerie darkness of twisted trees and the sensational scent of a meringue sailed through the motionless air.

Tea Parties



Karen has had several Tea Parties recently, as lots of children have received their 5th Headteacher's Award Certificate nomination. The children were congratulated for their achievements, which included working hard, good listening and turn taking, persevering, being a good and kind friend, thinking of others and showing empathy and compassion. They celebrated with the traditional cup ceremony and then lots of cake. The children also enjoyed the infamous cake catching competition!

Well done to the following children:

Leia, Penelope, Una, Alan, Marlo, Olive, Alva, Cecily, Ewan, Malaika, Seth, Zachary, Alex, Cate, Manon, Amelia, Isobel, Phoebe, Lei, Matilda (25th March).

Orrin, Zia, Jonathan, Anna, Harry, Evan, Unsha, Desiree, Jared, Luke, Muren, Akbar, Elsie, Iris, Maya, Pablo, Rudy, Uma, Molly (28th March).

Audrey, Louie, Poppy, Blythe, Elijah, Hector, Sumire, Ariyah, Isabella, Leo, Frans, Louis, Dexter, Riley, Ivy, Muhammad-Ibrahim, Florence, Millie (3rd April).

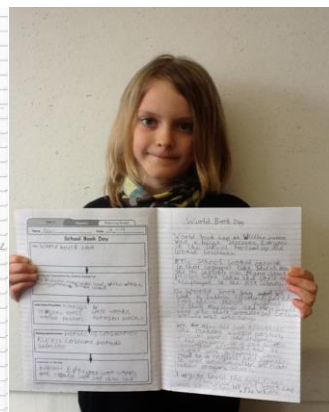
Writers – Frans, Jayden, Leia and Aurelien.

World book day at William patten was a huge success. Everyone in the school dressed up and looked brilliant.

The school looked fantastic in their costumes like Elton John and the invisible man. Many amazing photos were taken and some are displayed in the KS2 library.

On World book day and we had a fabulous costume parade. Each class stood in front of their key stage and every pupil said who their wonderful costume was. It was amazing.

We also did fun activities like making wanted posters, acrostic poems and dragons. I did dragons so I can tell all about fun activities I did. It started with a Japanese story read to in English and Japanese. It was amazing! We made beautiful dragon boxes.



Frans in 5M came to see Karen with his Literacy book just before the holiday and she was incredibly impressed with the progress he has made in writing. Frans has been working very hard and super progress can be seen not only in the presentation (beautifully neat joined up handwriting, work dated and underlined etc) but also the content of his writing (understanding the features that different genres require, as well as using more sophisticated vocabulary). Well done Frans!



Aurelien, Jayden and Leia came to see Karen to show the work in their Literacy books. Karen was very impressed with the hard work they have been doing in 1N!

Aurelien has been completing all his work and he has made super progress with the presentation of his work.

Jayden is writing so much more! She is showing very good concentration and perseverance, completing tasks on time and with such lovely presentation.

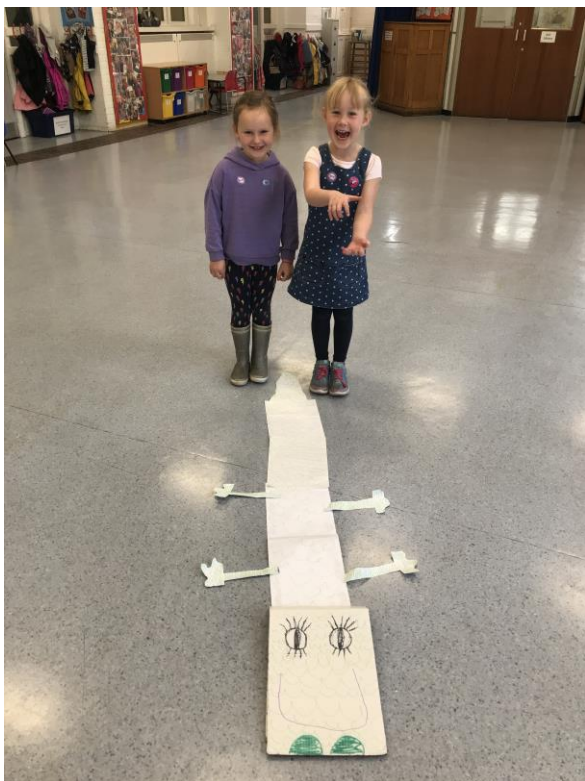
Leia has been using super vocabulary in her writing, as well as lots of fabulous punctuation. A huge well done to all three children. They were festooned in stickers for their super writing. Karen can't wait to see your books next time!

Farm trip

During the final week of last term, Year 1 became mini farmers on our trip to Spitalfields City Farm. The children had the opportunity to identify a range of edible plants and plant their own broad beans. We also found the best leaves to feed to the goats before exploring the rest of the farmyard and its animals. The cheeky ferret was a real crowd-pleaser!



Rosie the crocodile



Meet Rosie the crocodile! Sadie R and Morgan from Reception came to show Karen the crocodile they had made at home. Both children had worked hard and had fun drawing on the scales, making sure the crocodile had all her very sharp teeth and a pointed tail. Fortunately Rosie was a friendly crocodile and so she then went off to play in Reception with all her new Reception friends!

Well done Jonathan!



A very big well done to Jonathan in 5H. He has received a certificate of achievement from GOSH for completing a 6 week Pegasus course. He received his certificate in a special ceremony and came to share with his friends at school. We said that his achievement should be in the newsletter - Jonathan is looking forward to seeing himself in the Patten Pages!

At Pegasus, Jonathan was noticed for his kindness and consideration to others, for making enthusiastic contributions to group discussions and showing great perseverance. Well done Jonathan!

POP UP FOR TEDDY

Fundraising Sale

Vintage Fashion and Craft

ALL PROCEEDS TOWARDS FUNDING 2-YEAR OLD TEDDY MASCARO'S CANCER TREATMENT

SEARCH TEDDY MASCARO on justgiving.com

Instagram: @mamaandtbear

Sunday 19 May 12-4 PM

WADDINGTON STUDIOS CHURCH WALK N16

Kindness Cup



Congratulations to the children who have won the Kindness Cup in recent months. Their names have all been added to our Kindness Tree:

Mohinder 1M - Mohinder is super kind and very helpful to the younger children in reception, making them smile.

Amelie 1M - Amelie always tries to help children that are crying or upset and is often seen supporting them in First Aid.

Evie 1M - Evie is super kind and helpful, she always helps tidy up and find lost things!

Venla 1N – Venla is always kind, caring and comforting and always helps others in her classroom.

Ibrahim 2L – Ibrahim is always polite and smiley and very helpful to his teacher.

Isaac 2L – Isaac is thought of as a very good friend in his class, always trying to reassure and help the children who are finding it a bit tricky.

Quentin 2T – Quentin was nominated by a friend for always being kind, caring and a good listener.

Blythe 2T - Blythe is an all-round caring, kind and helpful girl and a lovely member of 2T.

Hector 2T - Hector is always helpful, friendly and caring to others and is always polite, offering to help in class.

Jake 3A - Jake is kind, thoughtful, calm and very polite, he is an excellent friend to everyone.

Zaynab 4M - Zaynab is always helpful and kind to everyone, she will go out of her way to sort out problems and try to make you smile.

Flo 4Y - Flo is always polite, kind and very funny; never mean and all who know her will agree!

Scarlett 5M – Scarlett was nominated twice by friends, “she is the best friend in the world, always caring, kind and smiling”.

Evie 6B - Evie is always kind, helpful and treats everyone with respect.

Iris 6B - Iris puts a smile on everyone's face through her kindness. She is caring towards everyone.

Ivy 6B – Ivy is supportive, funny, helpful and kind. She makes sure all are included and makes everyone feel better.

Ezra 6D – Ezra is always kind and happy; if you are feeling sad he will make you laugh.

Molly 6D - Molly's kindness stretches to everyone, she is an amazing friend – always positive, optimistic and kind.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to the children who celebrated their birthday during the last few weeks: Alexander P, Dominik, Holly, Zarya, Efe, Michael, Olivia U, Julian, Thomas A, Uma, Audrey M, Nana, Benny, Ihsan, Aisha, Quentin, Fred W, Eshrat, Luna, Sawyer, Esha, Mark, Alfie I, Olly, Kay, Daniel, Ismail, Emran, Grace, Brody, Kit, Phoebe, Marnie, Rezwana, Iris F, Maria, Molly, Neelam, Aidan C, Sonny P, Aras, Lucas, Amy, Malaika and Jamie.

Attendance Chart

Well done to **4Y** who are at the top of the chart once again with excellent attendance. Both **2L** and **2T** are close behind. Maybe next time there will be a new winner?

R Georgia	96.3%	R Wendy	96.9%
Y1 Maya	96.5%	Y1 Natalie	96.3%
Y2 Laura	97.2%	Y2 Tanya	97.9%
Y3 Aimee	95.2%	Y3 Christine	96.5%
Y4 Marcus	96.9%	Y4 Yeter	98.4%
Y5 Helen	96.1%	Y5 Marion	95.6%
Y6 Ben	95.9%	Y6 Diane	96.5%

Travelling Book Fair

This year's Travelling Book Fair at William Patten raised an enormous amount of money and sold SO many fantastic books. The school receives 60% of the total spend - £530, which will be spent on books for classes and the libraries at WP. Thank you so much to those who made a purchase... we made the most money we have ever made!

National Walking Month is almost here!



We want to see pupils, parents and staff going the extra mile on foot this May!

This goes hand in hand with the WOW – the year round walk to school challenge that our school is currently participating in, that encourages more children and their families to walk to school. Let's get Walking!