

The Patten Pages

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Dear parents,

What an end to a very short, but incredibly busy half term! We have had so many events going on recently, with exciting experiments in Science Week and a tough Family Challenge, as well as fabulous performances during International Evening.

International Evening is such a highlight of the school year. A very big, enormous **THANK YOU** to

- the coaches and club leaders for all their hard work
- the children who performed (they were fabulous!)
- to all the parents and family members who came
- the staff team who were in charge of catering, craft activities and stage management!

Yet again, it was a hugely enjoyable evening thanks to the amazing team effort of the WP community. The performances were super and showed great teamwork and individual skills, as well as some gravity defying exploits this year! Over 200 children took part in the performances, with several new ones this year such as the Year 4 ukulele group, the jazz band and the two Year 6 rock bands. It was such a privilege to watch all our wonderful children showcase their talents and skills and overcome performance nerves to thoroughly enjoy the experience and of course receive very well deserved rapturous applause. We were also honoured to have the Quadrille dance group from Domenica join us. They have performed for the Queen and as part of the Windrush celebrations. The group enjoyed their visit very much and could not believe the number of people at the event!

I know that families enjoyed the evening and thank you for your support and also the many compliments as you left, on the event itself and unique ethos of the school.

Year 5 and 6 then triumphed at the Hackney Half marathon on Sunday 19th May with Freddie (6B) finishing second overall out of all the boys and Gabriel (6B) also in the top ten. Theda (5H) finished in the top 10 overall for girls. Quite an accomplishment indeed considering there were over 1000 children participating from schools across the borough. A huge thank you to Jim and the staff team who supported the 70 children taking part, by training with them at the Tuesday before school running club and on the day. We haven't stopped this week either with Nursery and Reception visiting the Aziziye mosque, Year 1 and 2 going to the Garden Classroom, Year 3 performing Swan Lake with New Adventures, Year 4 completing their animation project (very kindly funded by the PTFA) and Year 6 went off to Islington boat club to celebrate the end of the national tests. The whole school from Nursery – Year 6 also took part in an introduction to Mindfulness with Esme (Jake 3A).

Yesterday we hosted the Stoke Newington Literary Festival schools' day and had children from Grasmere, Jubilee and St Marys join us for a day of stories and storytelling. Nearly 1000 children met an author and heard tales from around the world. The children from the other schools admired the very beautiful Book in a Box entries, which are on all the staircases. It's a good job half term is here, so everyone can have a well- deserved rest!

Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone back to school on Monday 3rd June.

Best wishes
Karen

Enjoying International Evening

Another successful evening. We are already looking forward to next year!



Science Week

Science Week 2019 took place last week with the theme of 'Journeys'.

The week was packed with visitors from museums, local recycling charities, STEM ambassador workshops, and challenges and experiments children have been doing in class throughout the school. I've heard brilliant things from teachers, parents and of course, the children, and it has been so lovely to hear! William Patten is full of bright, brilliant enthusiastic children, who always make Science Week an absolute joy. Thank you to families for your support of events such as this, and of course thank you to all of the William Patten budding scientists. We must of course say an enormous, giant thank you to our super Science subject lead, Aimee, for yet another amazing Science Week. So much hard work goes into the planning and organizing of events like these and we can't do it without our fabulous staff!

"I thought the skittles experiment was really good because you could see the colours moving and I liked what it looked like. We got to eat some at the end!" **Alex 1N**



STEM ambassador – Rocket workshops

Thank you to Sally, a STEM ambassador who led rocket workshops with Year 6.

“The rocket workshop couldn’t have been better! We learnt that rockets need to: stay with a consistent diameter, be as light as can be made possible, and have a sharp tip at the end (to ensure aerodynamic perfection) to launch into space. We made our own rockets and held a contest to see whose would go higher when air was pumped into them” **Jack 6D**



EcoActive Workshops

As part of Science Week, Eco-Active, a brilliant local charity, led exciting workshops from Nursery to Year 3. The children learnt about recycling and waste prevention in their local environment and developed their knowledge of what happens to different types of rubbish. Class-based activities included meeting the worms, making and planting in recycled paper plant pots, sorting recyclable materials and making recycled paper from shredded pulp! These all had strong links to children understanding more about their rights and responsibilities as citizens in their local neighbourhoods. By the end of the week, the children had demonstrated an awareness of ways in which they can lead more sustainable lifestyles and we would like to thank the Eco-Active team for their wonderful contribution to Science Week 2019! “We got to plant peas and we made pots out of paper and got to meet worms and they were like acrobats because they wriggled and they tickled!”

Hector and Su 2T



Family Challenge

On Thursday evening, there was a fabulous turn out to our Science Week family challenge! The week’s theme was ‘Journeys’ so our activity involved creating a DIY marble run! Over 30 families came and were provided with the materials and resources (and of course, a marble) to create and test their creations. We had lots of weird, wonderful and highly creative designs, and every team worked so well together. It was incredibly difficult to choose the winning entries! I’d like to say a huge thank you to all of our families who joined in, and congratulations to the lucky winners! “It was very entertaining and was really hard work, but it was fun! Seeing how other people did it in different ways was very interesting like what materials they used and what shape the marble run was. I would recommend it to everyone” **Ava 4M**



Enjoying the Family Challenge



London Transport Museum

We had visitors from the London Transport Museum during Science Week, with Y5 taking part in a workshop about 'Thames Travellers' and Y3 and Y4 taking part in workshops, helping to design a 'Bus for the Future', by looking at buses from the past and the various sustainable ways of powering them.

"I really liked designing the buses. It was really creative and fun when we got to vote. I liked it as we used tokens as money to buy the materials. It was really imaginative and made engineering fun".

Rosa and Salma 4M



Pizza Plot

Year 2 went on a trip this week to King Henry's Walk Garden Classroom. They took part in a session called 'Pizza Plot'. The session was a full-day of being in the outdoors and thankfully the weather was beautiful! The children learned about how flour is made, then went on to make their own pizza dough (from scratch!), before topping it with passata, lovely veggies grown in the garden itself and of course, mozzarella cheese! The pizzas were then cooked in the outdoor pizza oven in front of the children. They got to eat their pizza as part of their lunch, and then spent the afternoon identifying and drawing plants plus writing instruction booklets on how to make a pizza from scratch. A brilliant skill learned by all, plus team work skills, following instructions and lots of stamina needed to knead dough non-stop for ten minutes! Thank you to the children who represented WP so brilliantly on this wonderful trip, and thanks to the parent helpers and staff on the day!



Gobbledegook

Year 5 continued their work with the arts group Gobbledegook by returning to St Mary's Church. Last time, we looked at the Victorian fascination with animals and taxidermy and put on our own fashion show. This time, we explored what toys Victorian children might have played with and learned how to make our own automatons! Frauke, our art leader, emailed us to say "We had a fantastic time with Year 5s from William Patten today. What a bunch of extraordinary talented and creative children you have."



Stoke Newington Literary Festival

Thursday 23rd of May was a special celebratory day in the lead up to Stoke Newington Literary Festival 2019. Children from neighbouring schools gathered at William Patten for special author and illustrator assemblies. They met a published author and got to hear all about the writing process and the author's inspiration, as well as finding out more about their characters and story plots. Reception met Sav Ayküz who had the children dancing to his new book 'Bear Moves'. Year 1 and 2 met Alex Milway, who had the children drawing special animal characters from his book 'Hotel Flamingo'. Year 3 and 4 met Laura Dockrill who read her book, 'The Angry Cookie', making the children howl with laughter. Year 5 and 6 met Chris Callaghan and contemplated a world without chocolate via a chocopocalypse! It was another brilliant Stokey Lit Fest kid's day at William Patten. We look forward to acting as a host venue for the actual Literary Festival on the weekend of 7th-9th June 2019. We've even decorated the school with the children's beautiful, creative book boxes.... so look out for those too if you can come along!



★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Matilda D, Kate, Josephine, Leyla, Ellie, Nevaeh, Innes, Ladeucia, Shazana, Casper M, Unsha, Bethel, Adaeze, Ibrahim, Enoch, Jonah, Maxime, Bella, Melissa, Caspar B and Vilma who recently celebrated their special day. Happy birthday to you all.

Nursery visit to Aziziye Mosque

On Tuesday, 23 Nursery children, 12 parents and carers, Kate, Marion and Asma all went on a visit to the Aziziye mosque on Stoke Newington High Street! We had a lovely walk to the mosque in the sunshine, and the children were super sensible whilst crossing roads taking care to look and listen and hold the adults hands.

When we arrived at the mosque, the first thing we noticed were the beautiful blue and white tiles decorating the outside. We were met by Ebu who welcomed us in. We took off our shoes and put them inside the special cupboards. First, Ebu showed us around the wash rooms and then we went upstairs to see the main prayer hall. The children were really impressed by the beautiful decorations which were handpainted on the walls and the amazing chandelier! Ebu demonstrated to us how the special dome in the centre of the prayer hall amplifies the sound. We thanked Ebu very much for such an interesting tour, and then set off back to school in time for lunch! A big thank you to all the adults who came with us and made the trip possible!



Super writing



Isaac in 2L came to show Karen his fantastic work on animal habitats last week. He had to choose an environment and then describe features of the animals in that environment and their habitat. Isaac selected a city and described the animals that might live there and as the challenge, describe an animal that would not live in the city. Not only had he been accurate with his information, but his drawing was incredibly detailed and demonstrated super observational skills. Well done Isaac!

Run Hackney 2019

The final mile of Run Hackney was completed on Sunday 19th May at an overcast but still relatively warm Hackney Marshes. Many children in Year 5 & 6 have been running 2 miles a week at Clissold Park culminating in Sunday's final showdown. After meeting at 11.15am, the group of 70 or so runners made their way through the thousands of half marathon runners and spectators squeezed onto the iconic marshes, until we eventually found ourselves at the schools challenge pen. With a quick goodbye to parents it was into the pen for some games and an action packed warm up. When the race finally began, it was left to our incredible runners to leave all others in their wake. Led by a brilliant second place overall finish from Freddie Pashby (6B) and incredible top ten runs by Gabriel Beckett (6B) and Theda Blackmore-Peirce (5H), William Patten definitely finished as the overall best school in Hackney when all results were combined. A massive congratulations to all those that took part. It was a real pleasure waking up every Tuesday to complete our weekly runs. Big thanks go to all staff who helped throughout Run Hackney. Bring on 2020! (Jim).



Free cycling courses for children

Hackney Council with Cycle Confident are providing FREE cycle training courses for children over the May half term on Hackney Downs. Courses are suitable for all ages and there are complete beginners, intermediate and on-road course levels. Bikes are available to borrow or children can bring their own. For more information or to book a place, visit <https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/lb-of-hackney/> or call the Cycle Confident office on 0203 031 6730.

Karen's tea parties

Karen hosted two more tea parties recently, as more children received their 5th Headteacher's Award Certificate nomination. The children celebrated with the traditional cup ceremony and a cake catching competition. They also enjoyed eating lots of cake! Well done to Leon, Olive, Venla, Amelie, Eliza, Aisha, Clement, Yoshi, Imogen, Jack S, Raphael, Sumire, Henry W, Matilda, Mia, Ava, Lizzy, Phoebe, Cara, Scarlett, Jibril, Robin, George, Muhe, Obinna, Caoimhe, Paige, Grazielle, Yoshi, Lilly, Beatrix, Daniel, Theo, Ibrahim, Pelle, Diya, Silver, Florence, Max, Jarvan, Asia, Rosa, Salma, Verity, Alec, Fabio, Hope, Orla, Blythe, Kezia and Ella.



PTFA Lottery

Results of the February lottery draw:

1st prize, £40 – Siena Pakington (Cecilia Y3)

2nd prize, £30 – Youngsook Choi (Leo Y2)

3rd prize, £20 – Helen McNulty (Imogen Rec)

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

Attendance Chart

2T and 4Y are joint winners this week with 98%.

Well done to both classes – excellent attendance!

Rec Georgia	96.5%
Rec Wendy	96.8%
Y1 Maya	96.5%
Y1 Natalie	96.4%
Y2 Laura	97%
Y2 Tanya	98%
Y3 Aimee	95.2%
Y3 Christine	96.7%
Y4 Marcus	96.5%
Y4 Yeter	98%
Y5 Helen	96.1%
Y5 Marion	95.7%
Y6 Ben	96.8%
Y6 Diane	96.9%