

The Patten Pages

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Dear Parents,

A hugely busy two weeks and contrasting weather indeed, which meant we were able to celebrate KS2 Sports Day with Fit For Sport leading lots of exciting and competitive activities (thank you to Sammy and his team) but not for our younger children. Unfortunately EYFS and KS1 had their Sports Day called off due to the vagaries of the English weather; with so much rain falling overnight the ground was too wet. However the forecast is very good for the Nursery Sports Day on Monday.

Our very first Careers Week last week was a huge success. The Year 5 and 6 children had a super week, with visits to local businesses and many visiting speakers including lots of parents. The children heard about many different career options and were made aware that hard work, resilience and determination is the key! Follow your dreams was also a very important message, with many speakers explaining how the journey to where they are has not always been smooth, but they are doing a job they love and had wanted to do so for a very long time. Kerry from New Adventures came to talk to all the children about how she had wanted to be a dancer since she did dance at primary school. She also shared that she had not been successful at her first New Adventures audition! We found that quite hard to believe, but she said she went back again and was successful and look where she is now - resident artist at the company and she has travelled the world!

A huge thank you to Diane for organising the week, to Whole Foods who were so kind allowing all our Year 5 children to visit over three days and of course to our wonderful parents who were kind enough to give up their time to come in, open the world up and inspire our children. Maybe in the future we will have some criminal barristers, dancers, retailers, lawyers, journalists, writers, bankers and artists from the children in these two year groups!

Next week we will meet the new teachers who are joining us. They will be in school on Wednesday 3rd July to spend the day with us and of course meet the children in their class next year, which they are looking forward to very much. We will ask them to accompany their class-to-be outside at the end of the day, so that parents can meet them informally and say hello. Don't forget the Summer Fair is on Sunday and we hope to see you there for a fabulous day of fun. The weather is going to be hot, but I shall be doing my best to avoid the dunk tank! Enjoy your weekend and see you at the fair if you are coming.

Best wishes
Karen



Bookbox competition

The William Patten annual book box competition was launched in May again this year. So many children created fantastic boxes displaying a book of their choice. It was wonderful to see the boxes displayed around school in time for the Stokey Lit Fest. The standard of entries was incredibly high. The teachers (represented by Tanya and Karen) and the School Council had the tough job of judging all entries to work out both runners up and winners. After a lot of deliberating, the final decisions were made and the announcements were made via assembly. Well done to all who entered and we can't wait for the next book box competition next year! Here are the winning boxes pictured below. Enjoy!

Winners of the Teacher Award

Teacher's Awards



Bella, N Early Years Winner



Tiarah, 2L KS1 Winner



Josh, 3C LKS2 Winner



Evie, 6B UKS2 Winner



Winners of the School Council Awards

Children's Awards



Bay, RG Early Years Winner



Alba, 2T KS1 Winner



Seth, 3A LKS2 Winner



Jack, 6D UKS2 Winner



Hackney Languages Conference

A group of children from Year 5, including their school councillors, presented their work at the Hackney Language Forum this week. Mark, Elsie and Emil from 5N and Jack, Louis and Blythe from 5M took part in a presentation about William Patten School's participation in the Hackney Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) project, along with pupils from Parkwood Primary and Skinners Academy.

CLIL involves teaching a language through a different curriculum area and Year 5 have been developing and enhancing their Spanish studies through art this year. The children talked about how they had used plasticine to make words supporting their understanding of the Spanish names for letters of the alphabet and create maps by identifying the correct location of specific places when these were given in Spanish. The children also discussed how they had studied the work of artists, including Sorolla, to enhance intercultural understanding and inform their own art works. The presentation was very well received and the children did a great job of discussing their work and explaining what they enjoyed about the project. Teachers from primary and secondary schools across Hackney considered how the approach could be used in their own schools and samples of work from both classes featured in a special exhibition at the Tomlinson Centre. At the end of the session, the school was presented with a special 'Certificate of Accreditation' from the Spanish Embassy Education Office in recognition of its successful contribution to the CLIL project.



The Flying Bath

Last week Nursery, Reception and Year 1 classes were lucky enough to have The Little Angel Puppet Theatre company visit William Patten and perform a show just for us! The show, which was called 'The Flying Bath' has been on tour around the country for the past 10 months. Two fantastic actors and a stage manager brought the whole set including a free-standing bath and erected it in the bottom hall! The children (and teachers!) enjoyed an amazing show about a brother and sister getting ready for bathtime whilst their mum waited patiently downstairs. We watched as the bath toys were called out in their flying bath tub to deal with various water emergencies! The show was hilarious and energetic and captivated the children. After giving the actors a vigorous round of applause, they complimented the Early Years and KS1 children on being such a well-behaved and appreciative audience!



Gobbledegook preview

Year 5 were invited by our good friends at Gobbledegook for a preview of their interactive experience, Where the Wild Beasts Roam, at St Mary's Church last Friday. The children became assistants to the local lion tamer Frank Bostock and were required to help him track down, transport, train and trade wild animals. It was a fantastic afternoon and a lovely way to finish our collaboration with Gobbledegook. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to risk their lives with us!



Careers Week

Last week, Year 5 and 6 participated in Careers Week. We were fortunate enough to have many parent volunteers come in and speak and share their experiences about what their careers are, how they got into them and different projects that they have worked on. Children also completed various tasks such as completing their own CV, identifying their own skills and qualities and planning a summer music festival!

The Year 5 children also visited Whole Foods and learned all about how a supermarket works behind the scenes. The store manager was so impressed with all their questions and said: *"The children have been great this week! They asked tons of great questions about food products, special diets, how our careers developed, what jobs we like, etc. But the 2 best were:*

- *What do you do with the products if they don't sell well?*
- *What are you doing to minimise packaging to help the environment?*

On both counts, wow!!! Great to have our generation aware that the environment and how we care for it is one of the key topics for all future generations."

We are incredibly proud of the Year 5 and 6 children and how mature they were throughout Careers Week. Well done!

Year 2 soundscape

Year 2 worked very hard learning how to play instruments, create rhythms and sing songs this term in order to create a soundscape, which they performed to parents and carers on Tuesday. A soundscape is a telling of a story through music and sound. The story they told was an interpretation of Oliver Jeffers's famous 'Lost and Found'; a beautiful tale of friendship and kindness. The children had to play multiple instruments, say various lines and make all kinds of interesting sounds to bring the story to life. They did a marvellous job, so well done all of Year 2. The soundscape was a joy to the ears! Thank you to the parents for coming to watch, and a BIG thanks to Alison for teaching the children and directing such a great production.



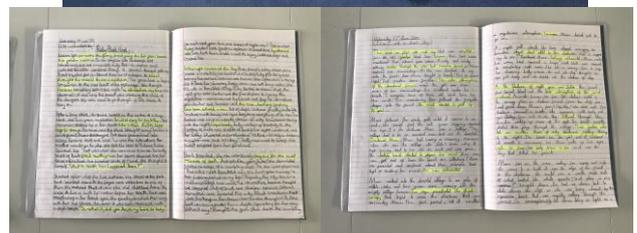
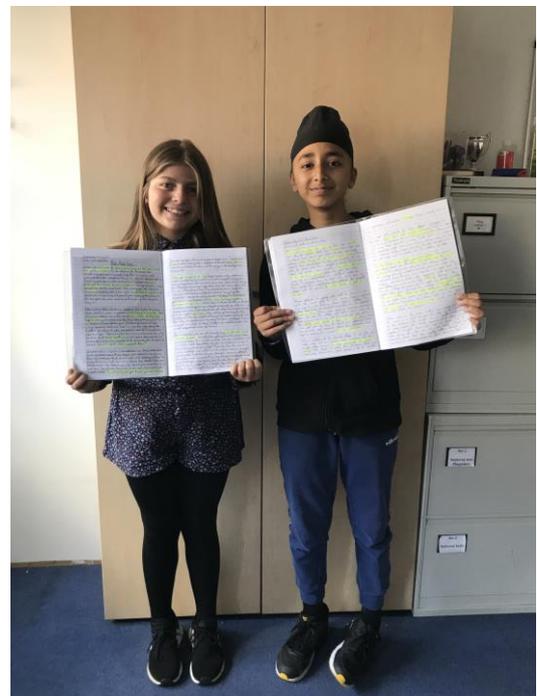
Hispanic Week

We have been celebrating Hispanic week this week, and the children in Year 1 have been practising a song to teach others about the different sounds that the vowels make in Spanish! They have also painted posters to use when demonstrating this, and to help them practise their Spanish colour vocabulary. 1M were very proud to perform their work for Craig, who agreed it was 'Muy bien!'. The children in Year 1 have also enjoyed listening to different Spanish stories this week. They were able to recognise lots of the words they have learnt this year, and some children even translated whole sentences into English! Keep up the great work Year 1!



Amazing writing

We are delighted to put three more amazing pieces of writing in the Patten Pages. Luca from Reception wrote independently using his phonics knowledge. He remembered to start with a capital letter, end with a full stop and use finger spaces! Wow! He is at the beginning of his writing journey and with continued motivation, hard work and great teaching he will end up writing like Raffi and Britvee in Year 6, who both came to show Karen their writing last week. She read both pieces and was speechless with the quality of the work produced. Both children had shown a fabulous use of language and such a good awareness of the audience. The complexity of their sentences also created a suspenseful atmosphere. Their secondary schools will no doubt be hugely impressed with them too!

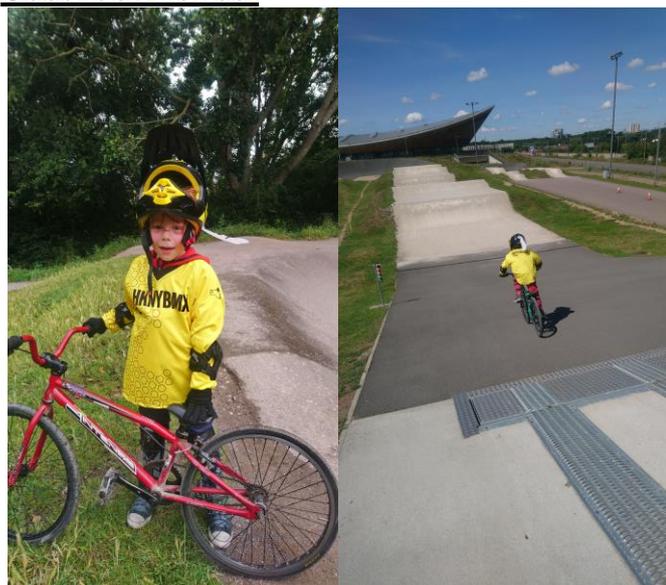


KS2 Sports Day

The whole of KS2 headed down to Clissold Park on Monday 24th June for the eagerly anticipated, not to be missed, WP sports event of the year! Led by Jim and Sammy, events included a relay race, bean bag head balance, javelin throw, space hopper bounce and many more activities. Classes were split into teams and collected points throughout each event. Sammy has all the scores and the winning team will be crowned by Karen at an assembly coming soon A great day was had by all. Bring on Sports Day 2020!



Good luck Matteo!



Matteo from 2L will be competing in the London Youth Games BMX, which will take place in Merton on Sunday. What an amazing opportunity! We wish you all the best Matteo and can't wait to hear all about it next week.

Year 3 and 4 mixed football finals

Following on from their Mabley Green tournament success, our Year 3 & 4 mixed football team were invited to play in a prestigious tournament at the Tottenham Hotspur training ground on Friday 21st June. In the group stage, our team recorded five wins from five with a 1-0 over Woodberry Down school and a 3-1 win over Queensbridge School being the highlights. In the semi-finals, we beat a good Grazebrook team 3-0 with some fantastic team goals. In the final we were up against Woodberry Down. In a match we leargely dominated, we couldn't make our pressure count and lost 2-0. I'm immensely proud of how far our children have come and this can only bode well for the future. What a fantastic achievement by all involved!



Year 4 Viking Animation

Year 4 hosted the premiere of their Viking Animation on Monday 17th June. Over four days, they worked hard collaborating with animators to create their own animation about Vikings. They drew their own Viking characters and used stop-motion animation techniques to bring them to life with watercolour backgrounds. The animation encompassed many aspects of Viking life. A huge thank you to Lizzy and Shelly who come to William Patten every year to create animations with Year 4. They commented on how wonderful it was to work with such wonderfully creative children. Thank you to all parents who were able to attend. If you would like to view the fantastic animation yourself, you can watch it at: <https://vimeo.com/344761003>. Well done Year 4!

A big thank you to the PTFA for funding this project every year too.



Well done to **2T** and **RecW** who are joint winners this time with **97.5%**. Keep it up!

Rec Georgia	96.6%
Rec Wendy	97.5%
Y1 Maya	96.4%
Y1 Natalie	96.4%
Y2 Laura	96.9%
Y2 Tanya	97.5%
Y3 Aimee	95.8%
Y3 Christine	96.7%
Y4 Marcus	96.1%
Y4 Yeter	97.2%
Y5 Helen/Ellen	96.1%
Y5 Marion	95.5%
Y6 Ben	96.1%
Y6 Diane	96.5%

Ceramic classes on Kynaston Road N16

**Limited spaces available for Autumn Term 2019
Week commencing 7.9.19 to 21.12.19 (14 week courses)**

Cost: £196 all inc. (clay, glazes and firing)

**Saturday 10am-11am, Tuesday 4-5pm (5-11yrs),
Wednesday(11-18yrs) 5.30-6.30pm**

**Adults Wednesday 7.30-9.30pm 6 week course
£210, introduction to various pottery techniques
(firing/glazing incl. clay sold separately)**

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★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Alan, Melek, Dylan, Alba, Arlo, Vincent, Lysander, Artemisia, Elise, Romeo, Emil R, Jack C, Marla, Sadie R and Sadie T who recently celebrated their birthday. We hope you enjoyed your special day!

Diary dates

- 1st Nursery Sports Day
Music concert - 2pm
- 2nd Deborah Reade Art Award judging 3.45pm
Y6 police cadet workshops (moped crime)
- 3rd Class transition day
Secondary transition meeting for Year 5
parents 4.00 – 5.00pm
- 4th Transition day for Year 6
- 8th Last week of clubs
- 9th Deborah Reade Art Award assembly 11.30am
Year 6 show 6.30pm
- 10th Nursery gymnastics display for parents 9.30am
Y1 gymnastics display for parents 2.45pm
Y3 gymnastics display for parents 3.00pm
- 11th First Aid training for Year 6
Secondary transition workshop 9.30am (parents)
- 12th Playstreet
Club payment deadline for next year's clubs
- 15th Year 6 cycle training (4 days)
- 16th Lazar Sheridan/Helen Ham Award assembly
11.30am
- 18th Year 6 BBQ 6.30pm
Opera project for nursery/reception
- 19th Year 6 graduation 11am
Break up for summer 1.30pm