

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

We have one week to go until we finish another super year at WP.

All the children from Nursery to Year 5 met their new teacher last week in our transition day. It was lovely to welcome Cyrelle who will be teaching in Reception, Charlotte who will be teaching in Year 1, Sophie who will be teaching in Year 2, Luke who will be teaching in Year 3, Hannah who will be teaching in Year 4, Ellen (who we know!) who will be teaching in Year 5, Rebecca will be a student teacher in Year 5 and finally Harriet who will be teaching in Year 6.

The new teachers spent the day with us, having the grand tour (they loved the roof garden and the Edible Playground), meeting the team and of course meeting their new classes. I know that many of you were able to see them at pick up, as they came out with their classes-to-be to say hello to parents at the end of the day.

If you weren't there, then the new teachers are in the photo below. Ask your children who is who!



A huge thank you to the amazing PTFA and the fair co-ordinators for a super Summer Fair on 30th June. Once again, we had a lovely day, with so much support from our families and the wider community – so if you were volunteering, collecting raffle prizes, running a stall, buying raffle tickets, spending money on the stalls, clearing up at the end – a huge thank you to you all for supporting the event and raising such a substantial amount of money for the school. All the money will go towards activities and resources for our children.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Karen

Round Chapel Concerts

Every year children at William Patten take part in the Hackney Music Festival, put on by the Music Service. The preparation involves lots of singing or playing (or both for some children!) and then after all the hard (but fun) work, we get to go to the Round Chapel in Clapton and perform amongst and alongside other children in our borough.

On Tuesday 18th June the KS1 choir went and sang over a dozen songs about things such as the environment, and flying kites, as well as singing songs from Turkey, Spain and Jamaica. Two days later on Thursday 20th the KS2 choir followed suit and headed off for an afternoon concert of songs from Cuba, East Africa and Scotland. Lastly for the singing, on Friday 21st the whole of Reception went and sang 14 songs from Morocco, Spain, Tanzania, and Trinidad, just to name a selection! In total about 100 children went and sang their heart out at the Round Chapel this year, which never fails to bring tears to at least a few of us lucky enough to hear them. They all sang like angels.

To follow up from the singers with their musical prowess, the William Patten Orchestra and the Year 6 Steel Pan group went on Wednesday 26th to perform. All of the 30 or so children played both masterfully and beautifully – the orchestra managing complex composers such as Handel, and the steel pans managing to bring the whole primary section of the concert to a close with their pieces. So four trips to the Round Chapel, more than 35 songs learnt, over 1000 notes, and well in excess of 120 children involved. Once again we had another hugely successful, enjoyable, and deeply moving year at the Round Chapel, which took us all around the world. Well done William Patten!

Music concerts at William Patten

I imagine just about every family has been involved in a concert in some capacity this last half term at William Patten. It has been a wonderful celebration of children's abilities and efforts. We not only had the four different Round Chapel concerts and the two Year 2 performances, but also had our end of year concerts which showcased all of the extra-curricular music students and ensembles. On Friday 28th June we had the WP Orchestra which were amazing as always. It really is evident in this final concert of the year just how much they have achieved. We marvelled at the young pianists amongst us, and the brass players too –excited to have some horn players as well as trombone. It was sad to say farewell to Isobel as she heads off to Spain to teach in a school there, but wonderful to listen to her students. We are so grateful for her input at WP. We heard from all of our saxophone and clarinet students, which was a joy as ever. Thanks Alan! And the brave few of those who have been in the jazz ensemble this year also got up and performed with suavity indeed! The whole concert was just lovely and deeply enjoyable to be a part of. The following Monday, on 1st July we had a concert from the remaining instrumental students and ensembles in the school which was the KS1 Choir, KS2 choir, the current rock band, the string players and all four steel pan groups. It was amazing as always and again, a joy to listen and be a part of. It just must be said that our students always rise to the occasion and do their best, and it is a marvel to see what they manage to accomplish in such a short time. Well done to all involved.

Edible playground

Here are some photos of Nursery children tasting produce from our very own edible garden. Next Wednesday our whole school will enjoy a summer picnic which will include freshly picked produce from the playground.



Year 6 Show

Our very accomplished Year 6 children put on a wonderful performance for their parents on Tuesday, showcasing their many talents! What an incredible evening for both the performers and their audience. 6D have written a beautiful account of the evening; please make sure to read the attachment to this edition of the Patten Pages. Thank you to Kevin (Millie's dad) for the lovely photos of a very special evening!



International School Award



We have successfully reaccredited our International School Award from the British Council. Schools who achieve the Award have demonstrated 'Outstanding development of the international dimension in the curriculum'. Throughout the year, a number of curriculum-based activities have taken place, a number of involved partner schools in other countries and a foreign language element. The activities have covered a range of subjects, involved elements of cultural exchange and have involved children across different year groups.

We would like to thank all our families for supporting this aspect of the school's work throughout the year, as well as those who completed evaluation questionnaires about the activities. The following feedback was given by the British Council assessor - "This is a very good impact evaluation for re-accreditation from William Patten Primary School. I am happy to approve your application having met the criteria for the Re-Accreditation level of this Award. This is a prestigious year to gain such accreditation as the British Council is celebrating the 20th year of the International Schools Award- Congratulations! The international dimension is clearly embedded in the curriculum and whole-school ethos. You have submitted 7 activities as required including a language element and 4 of these are with your partner schools. The school has gone from strength to strength with the teaching and learning of languages since gaining funding from Erasmus+ in 2016. There is evidence of collaborative activities with your partner schools both in Spain and Uganda. This is through email, and letter exchanges. The Erasmus funding has given staff the opportunity to further this collaboration through the CLIL project, where both schools have adopted this teaching methodology. This has given opportunity for all to reflect and further enriches your school curriculum adding and International dimension. The two new partner schools in Uganda has given pupils a broader and more in depth aspect to their learning. As this is a project for deaf pupils, the use of film and sign language has allowed the pupils to easily see what other cultures are like as well an excellent way to teach inclusion. the pupils have been able to compare and contrast geographical locations, weather and wildlife. Your

impact on each of the activities is clearly well evidenced with many lovely comments from both the pupils, staff and parents. It seems the younger pupils really enjoyed learning about playground games from other countries. This activity fits well with your award for Learning Outside the Classroom. Local community and parents have been included through the various activities held throughout the year. The ambassadorial work has mainly been through either attending or being key note speakers at conferences for the last 3 years. These have included ISA conferences as Hackney Language conferences where you have shared your International experiences and will share the CLIL project in the future. The assessor particularly likes the creation of an app for the learning of Spanish which was available firstly borough wide but now can be used nationally. You already have future plans in place to continue the good International work at William Patten Primary School through new collaborative projects with partner schools using Trees for cities and edible playground as themes. I wish you every success for the future."

Edible playground and Summer Picnic

Next Wednesday, we are very excited to be hosting our first William Patten Summer Picnic, where all children will be able to feast on the yummy, healthy produce from the Edible Playground. Both the Edible Playground and the raised beds on the roof garden are overflowing with green goodness! Children and staff have been amazed at the rate of growth, especially the rocket and lettuce, it is looking mighty green and luscious. The children are super excited to harvest the plants next week, and then of course sample them as part of their lunch! Nursery have already enjoyed some of their crops and thought they were delicious. Thank you to all the children and staff who have taken on gardening responsibilities, such as regular watering, and to those who have supported them with their gardening expertise!



Nursery Sports Day

On Monday 1st July, the Nursery children took part in their very own Sports Day, which was held in the back playground. There were 5 challenging activities including balancing bean bags on bats, beat the goalie, throwing bean bags into hoops, walking on giant animal feet as well as a well-earned refreshment stop for water and an orange! Each team tried their best at every activity and cheered each other on in a very 'sports-person' like fashion! Our Year 5 helpers were particularly impressed by the Nursery children's football skills as well as their amazing aiming and throwing! At the end, all the children were very proud to receive a medal for their efforts! Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to come and support and encourage the children. And a very big thank you to the Year 5 helpers who organised and ran the activities: Keira, Nyah, Eshrat, Lewis, Yasmine, Dexter, Rufus, Robin, Amelia, Phoebe and Muqthar.



First Aid & Stigma session with the Red Cross

This week Year 6 participated in a workshop about Stigma and First Aid. They learnt the differences between migrants, migrant workers, asylum seekers, internally displaced people and many more. Year 6 showed real empathy for others and their growing maturity by listening carefully and asking excellent questions. They then learnt all about first aid and how to help themselves and others around them in everyday scenarios, for example dealing with burns, strokes, heart attacks and asthma. Their knowledge was fantastic and our workshop leader was astounded by the Year 6 children *"Thank you for such a warm welcome to your school today, your students were brilliant and I was amazed what knowledge they already had about refugees and First Aid. I had absolutely the best time teaching them."*

PTFA update

Huge thanks to everyone who helped at and came along to the Summer Fair last month. It was a lovely sunny day, filled with screen printing, talent, games, arts and crafts, delicious food and so much more - and it raised over £6.400, which is brilliant news. We hope you enjoyed it as much as us. Wishing you all a fantastic summer.



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BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Shraddha, Osi, Dusty, Riley, Isa, Aidan, Ephraim, Zumra, Izaak, Jere, Josh, Lewis, Venla, Haleema, Orla, Cyrus and Marlo who recently celebrated their birthday and to D'Andre, Estrella, Mia, Ellis, Jonathan, August, Isobel, Maya, Emily, Orhan, Eva, Dexter, Lily, Mehdi, Xola, Alva, Manon, Tiarah, Astrid, Silver, Aarya, Keira, Altay, Siri and Rivka who will celebrate their special day before the end of July.

Congratulations Matteo!



In the last Patten Pages we told you that Matteo in 2L was due to compete in the London Youth Games BMX on Sunday 30th June. Matteo did amazingly well; he competed in 3 races and reached the finals. His team also won a silver medal. What a fantastic achievement!

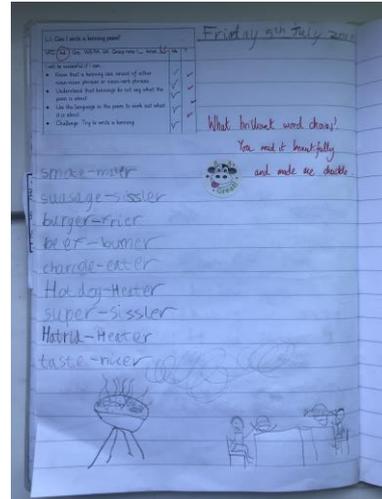
Wow writing

A group of Reception children from Georgia's class came to share their fabulous writing with Karen last week. Luca, Bay, Sadie R, Emmy, Morgan and Astrid had worked so hard using their phonics knowledge to spell unfamiliar words and making sure their writing started with a capital letter and finished with a full stop. The children had written stories about a sheep, with a beginning, middle and an end. The sheep were quite naughty and escaped, causing chaos before being herded back to the field. The stories were very funny!



More Wow writing

Thomas in 2L came to share his kennings poem with Karen last week. A kenning is the process of using a two-word phrase in the place of a one-word noun. Thomas read his poem out loud and Karen had to guess what the kenning was referring to. Thomas had used a variety of descriptive phrases, including alliteration to describe a barbecue. A hotdog heater is a much better name! Well done Thomas!



Clissold Cup

Our Year 3 boys and girls recently played in the Clissold Cup tournament. On a warm late June afternoon we were drawn against both Betty Layward A and B teams as well as Parkwood Primary School in the group stage. After a hard fought opening 1-0 loss to Betty Layward A team, where we dominated for large periods of the game, we went on to beat Parkwood 4-0 and Betty Layward B team 7-0. The team performed admirably and played some magnificent football throughout. Unfortunately with only 1 team going through from each group to the final, we sadly missed out this time around. On this showing, I'm really excited to see these children represent the school in future years. Well done to all involved.



Karen's tea parties

Congratulations to all the children that achieved 'five good deeds' and were invited to one of Karen's recent tea parties, including yesterday's party which had a record number of children!

Well done Jayden, Rex, Aris, Bruno, Juno, Marla, Martha, Sonny, Aarya, Nikolai, Rufus, Alba, Ed, Nico, Arthur, Josephine, Zumra, Rivka, Alexa, Alegria, Amaia, Grace, Mehdi, Cameron, Keira, Nyah, Ramin, Yasmine, D'Andre, Lewis, Jonathan, Cate, Chris, Kit, Mohammed, Theo, Stella, Aya, Caspar, Inayah, Leyla, Enzo, Vita, Abdurrahman, Hattie, Mohammed Talha, Oscar, Tiarah, Bailey, Lucas, Abdul, Alexander, Adnan, Efe, Eliza, Emran, Hope, Floris, Serin, Aveleine, Elsa, Innes, Julian, Kulsum, Lyra, Maeve, Naim, Ruby-May, Tristan T, Bella, Dotty, Leo, Romeo, Shazana, Emily, Shraddha, Vanessa, David, Izaak, Ridji, Artemisia, Asan, Elsie, Izu, Melek, Theda, Luke, Vincent, Ladeucia, Ezra, Finn, Joshua D, Brody and Nicholas.



Reminder - NO nuts in school



Please remember that nuts are not allowed in school. We had an incident where a parent suffered an allergic reaction to nuts eaten in a cake bought at the Summer Fair. We have children at William Patten with severe allergies and need your help to ensure that we remain a nut-free school.



Two representatives from Hackney Library Service recently held assemblies at William Patten for all children to tell them about the annual 'Summer Reading Challenge'. This is a scheme run across all local authority libraries not only in Hackney, but nationwide. Children can easily join the challenge by visiting a library and signing up. All they have to do is read 6 books over the course of the summer (starting from now, until September 14th) and each time they return their book to swap it for another, they have to answer a quiz question about the text, and then receive a prize! There are 6 prizes to collect all under the fun theme: 'Space Chase'. The children were certainly excited about the Summer Reading Challenge, and it is most definitely a great way to maintain interest in books and reading mileage over the holidays. Please encourage your child to take part!

Buteyko Breathing method for asthmatic children

My name is Daniela and I am a Buteyko practitioner. Buteyko is a breathing method that can help children (and adult) to reduce asthma attacks and dependency on medication. In order to qualify to practise the method on children, I need to write a case study of two children with asthma age between 5 and 10. It is completely free and involves a commitment of 5 weeks during which the child will practise easy breathing exercises, three times a day for a total of 30 minutes a day. The exercises focus on nasal breathing, breath holding and relaxation and are intended to reduce hyperventilation. The child with the parent/carer will need to attend 5 weekly sessions held at my home in E5 (12 minute walk from William Patten). The first session lasts about 1 hour and the others about 30 minutes. If you are interested or would like more information please contact me on 07800 809540 or email me at dsan294@yahoo.co.uk If you think you are away for the summer but still would like to try, it is possible to start in September.

Gymnastics at Crystal Palace

For the second year running, William Patten represented Hackney at the London School Games. Zaynab, Leo, Matilda and Alec from Year 4 travelled to Crystal Palace with Rochelle, our gymnastics coach, to perform 2 floor routines and 1 vault routine. There were around 25 brouchs competing. Our gymnasts showed great sportmanship and performed their skills to the best of their abilities. They finished 9th on vault! Rochelle was incredibly proud of them and is very excited for next year when we hope to take two teams along. Thank you to Asima (Zaynab's mum) and Simon (Leo's dad) for accompanying the children.



Hackney Pirates



Congratulations to the graduates of Hackney Pirates 2018/19. Hackney Pirates is a local literacy enterprise that encourages creativity and perseverance in children's writing. We would like to say well done to Jarvan, Terell, Sergey, Paige, Nyah, Ella, Meliz and Yasmine who after reading aloud one of their favourite pieces of work on stage, collected their certificates of achievement this week (as well as some chocolate and sweets!). Well done everyone.

Nursery Gym Show

On Wednesday, Nursery children took to the stage with a spectacular gymnastic performance for their parents and carers. Children had spent the previous few weeks learning their routine which included balancing, bunny hops and star jumps. They also managed to match these movements to music, well done to everyone! A massive thank you to our fantastic gymnastic coach, Rochelle, who made this possible. This was the first time that our Nursery children had the opportunity to have a term learning gymnastics moves; they were amazing and we were very proud of their achievements.



Inter-Schools Fencing Competition 2019

William Patten fenced against Betty Layward, Randal Cremer and Dallington in this year's Little Musketeers competition. Well done to Dallington School who came all the way from EC1 to take part and won gold. Congratulations to our KS2 team who took the silver cup - we have already put the trophy in the cabinet so come and have a look!



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Breath Deep & Jump High - A Dance & Nature Weekend for Families 19 - 21 October 2019
Ringfield Eco Centre, Suffolk

Jumping, rolling, dancing, moving, searching, balancing, breathing, feeling, seeing, being, connecting, playing. The weekend invites young and old to come together and spent time in 14.5 acres of magical woodlands. Pigs, sheep and goats peek over the fence, the art and music studio invite participants to doodle, make and dream, tree houses offer a new perspective and 2 beautiful bonfire places keep young and old cosy and warm in the evenings. We will offer dance classes and creative sessions for young and old, move indoors and outdoors as well as participate in various outdoor activities ranging from sensory walks to bushcraft sessions for all participants. Move and be moved, reconnect - with others and ourselves and enjoy a weekend in beautiful countryside. Designed for parents, grandparents and carers as well as children aged 7 - 13 years. Dance experience welcome but not necessary. For further information please visit <http://danceholidays.org.uk/dance-and-nature> email info@danceholidays.org.uk or call Sophie Nüzel 07828 315121 (Sophie teaches contemporary dance club at William Patten on Tuesday afternoons).

Mia's birthday

Mia in 4Y is looking forward to a very special day on Sunday. It is her ninth birthday and she is also performing with Hackney Children's Choir at the Royal Albert Hall! The HCC have been invited by The Really Big Chorus to take part in Carmina Burana on stage at the Royal Albert Hall. What an incredible experience for Mia on her birthday. We hope she enjoys her special day and look forward to hearing all about it next week.

Diary dates - last week

- 15th Year 6 cycle training
Jinja project assemblies
- 16th Poetry & Writing Award Assembly 11.30am
- 17th Deborah Reade Art Award Assembly
Whole school picnic lunch
- 18th EYFS Opera Project – Peace at Last
Class parties
Year 6 BBQ 6.30pm
- 19th Year 6 graduation assembly 11am
Toy Day
Break up for summer holidays 1.30pm



R Georgia	96.1%	R Wendy	96.6%
Y1 Maya	97.1%	Y1 Natalie	96.1%
Y2 Laura	95.8%	Y2 Tanya	96.8%
Y3 Aimee	97.1%	Y3 Christine	96.6%
Y4 Marcus	95.7%	Y4 Yeter	96.8%
Y5 Neil	96.1%	Y5 Marion	96.4%
Y6 Ben	95.9%	Y6 Diane	96.5%

'Meet the teacher'

There will be an opportunity for parents to meet their child's new teacher in September. Try to come along if you can. The meetings are all at 9.30am on the following dates (please be on time).

Year 6	6th September
Year 5	9th September
Year 4	10th September
Year 3	11th September
Year 2	12th September
Year 1	13th September

Finally

We break up at 1.30pm next Friday and would like to wish everyone a lovely holiday. We will see everybody back at school on Thursday 5th September, with the exception of our Year 6 children who are moving onto secondary school! We wish them all the best at their new school and hope they come back to visit us.

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