

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

I have been visiting all the classes to see what the teachers and children have been working on in Literacy. I have had a super time and thoroughly enjoyed spending time in each class and group. Nursery shared their homework and talked about their favourite books. Reception learnt the names of different parts of the body and used their phonics knowledge to label diagrams and segment words. Year 1 were reading about Mrs Armitage and then writing their own solutions to problems, Year 2 were writing their own spells (how to turn their teacher into a toad!) and pirate poems using adjectives, Year 3 started their Stone Age stories, Year 4 were writing instruction texts on the Romans, Year 5 were writing their own rap poems and Year 6 were writing their own story openings and reports.

During the lessons, I was so impressed with the children's focus and attention and their absolute determination to include and apply everything they had learnt from their teachers during the main teaching session. They worked so well collaboratively and were genuinely supportive of each other in paired and group work. It was a joy to see. We had a visitor from the Learning Trust today and he was also very impressed with the work he saw from the teachers and the children. I was very proud showing him around the school and what we do. I know that you will enjoy seeing all the hard work in the children's books at Parents' Evening after half term. The online booking system opens today, so please book a time and date that is convenient. We very much look forward to sharing your children's work with you and letting you know how they have settled into their new year group.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes
Karen

Equaliteach workshop

by Martha Emily Richards (6B)

On Tuesday 8th October, Year 6 took part in a workshop with Matt from Equaliteach. We learnt about equality throughout the ages and Matt taught us lots of interesting vocabulary and facts! Did you know that Rita Ora fled from war in Kosovo at the age of one? There were lots of guessing games and activities to do and a booklet of questions. We learnt what stereotypes are and where examples of stereotypes can be found. We hope that Equaliteach will be back soon!

"This was the most knowledgeable class I've ever taught!" Matt, workshop leader.



Careers Conference

Across both Year 5 classes, eight children participated at the annual Primary Careers Conference that was organised by London Borough of Camden. We learnt about people's careers such as an artist, architect, film maker, chef, geologist and a young entrepreneur. We also participated in different workshops - learning about climate change, smoothie tasting, learning about reptilian animals, and making an art animation. Throughout the day, we chanted phrases like "The steps I take, marks I make" and "To do something new, try something new". Here are some of our own catch phrases that we got from the conference:

Paige

Follow your heart and never give up.

Salma

Always follow your dream.

Fabio

Be what you want to be and never give up.

Ewan

Your best is never bad.

Vanessa

Never give up on your dreams.

Jamie

Do what you want and be passionate about it.

Malaika

Have fun trying different industries.

Alegria

Do what you love doing.

We look forward to being part of Careers Week next year as careers champions!



Stone Age to Iron Age

Both Year 3 classes visited the Museum of London to consolidate learning on our topic 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. We went to the self-directed exhibition of 'London before London' where the children could see various artefacts uncovered in and around London dating back to this period in history. Here are two quotes from children in 3C : *'We all liked the museum because it had very interesting things like : a huge mammoth skull, bones from an elephant's foot, a tiny monkey's skull and loads of flint and other Stone Age weapons and artefacts. We even saw the skull of an 18 year old Stone Age boy found along the River Thames just last year, as well as how Caesar's camp is now Heathrow airport!'*

Pelle (3C)

'I saw a video on how to make a Stone Age weapon using flint. I also saw hand axes and swords and the skeleton of a woman found from the Stone Age. We had so much fun!'

Tiarah (3C)



PTFA support for EYFS

A huge thank you to the PTFA for their generous donation which has been used to enhance, replenish and update the outdoor provision for our Nursery and Reception children. We have purchased a Mud Kitchen (and those essential resources needed for cooking!) and a Building and Constructing Collection (with wheels, crates, planks and poles) for our Nursery children. Reception children now have an additional Mud Kitchen bench, a new Camping Collection, to encourage imaginative role play, and a Weaving Collection, where they can design 2d and 3d sculptures. We will also purchase new resources for the Home Corners, watch this space! Here are some of our children enjoying these resources! Thank you to the PTFA for their support.



Year 6 Young Shakespeare workshops

Macbeth by Robin Lankester Jones (6B)

Personally, what I really enjoyed about this workshop, was definitely the aspect of surprise. At the start we didn't know it was about Macbeth and that kept us guessing on what play it would be. I enjoyed that we were told what to do but we didn't know what was going to happen in the story. I also enjoyed how it was Macbeth because I think it's a very interesting and fun to act play. Even though it was very gory I thought it was clever how Macbeth had to kill so many people, but it was also cool because some of us got to be central characters and the rest got to act and be just as important. I think it was done well because it was just like we were real actors when we had to rehearse certain aspects of the play. I liked pretending to be the witches in a group because it was really silly and I also liked trying to guess what was going to happen next in the story. As a whole I thought it was a really interactive workshop.



Internet safety for 4 to 7 year olds

Jessie & Friends is a series of three animations from online safety specialists at the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command introducing the idea of a safer internet to younger children.

The videos follow the adventures of Jessie, Tia and Mo as they begin to navigate the online world, watching videos, sharing pictures and playing games. A storybook accompanies each episode, to help adults keep the conversation going with the children.

Find the resources here

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends>

Trips and events this year

Last year parents could opt to pay an annual trip fee in September or pay for trips on a pay as you go basis. Fewer parents opted to pay the annual fee and we also had fewer parents paying trip by trip. Therefore school ended up subsidising the trips and this is not sustainable for us in the current financial climate. We know that contributions towards trips are voluntary, but if we do not receive enough voluntary contributions, then trips may have to be cancelled. Parents who paid the annual fee last year and are in credit (Rita has emailed you) do not need to make any voluntary contributions until informed by the school.



Dyslexia Awareness Week 2019 at William Patten

This week at William Patten we have marked Dyslexia Awareness Week by finding out more about dyslexia through; special assemblies, posters displayed around the school and through some of our dyslexic children sharing with their classes what it means to them to be dyslexic. The key message for both KS1 and KS2 assemblies was that 'Dyslexia is a learning difference', a different way of thinking and learning. We thought about the difficulties associated with dyslexia and how these can be overcome and also focused on the many strengths including; creativity, big picture thinking, problem solving skills, imagination, people skills, thinking outside the box and being able to think in 3D.

We were so impressed with the knowledge the children already have and the interesting and thoughtful questions they asked.

A real highlight of the week has been some of our children sharing their experiences of being dyslexic. We are so proud of how well they explained and communicated and of their courage and positivity. Here are some of the things they said;

What is dyslexia?

- 'Dys' means difficult and 'lexia' means reading.
- We have creative minds. Our brains work a bit differently.
- It makes some things trickier and some things easier.
- You might need extra help in reading, writing and maths

How do you feel about being dyslexic?

- It's cool. It can help you think of things that other people might not.
- It's good because I think differently and I could be better at some things because I think outside the box.
- When I get extra help it's ok but it can be hard without it.

Do a lot of people have dyslexia?

- Yes, 1 in every 10 people.
- Lots of famous people are dyslexic like Jamie Oliver and Steve Jobs.

Is dyslexia the same for everyone?

- No, people can have different abilities.
- No, everyone is unique.

What things help you?

- Writing things down to remember instructions
- I like having a schedule
- Time to think
- Extra time to check things
- Adults talking slowly and clearly

We would like to say a huge thank you to these children for sharing their experiences and to all our children for being so supportive and respectful of each other.



Don't forget our Halloween party on 31st October (6.00 – 8.00pm). It was a fabulous event last year and the children and adults had a *frightfully* good time!

WP Playstreet

Thanks to all the volunteers who made our latest Playstreet such a success. Lots of children and parents attended. The children had lots of fun playing together and making new friends.

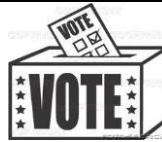


The items below are very much needed by Hackney Foodbank. Please help local people in crisis by buying items from the list and giving them to one of the collection points (Stoke Newington locations include Location Location, opposite the school):

- Whole / semi milk (longlife)
- Fruit juice (long life)
- Tinned meat (corned beef)
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned pasta
- Tinned soup
- Egg noodles
- Cereals
- Rice pudding and custard
- Biscuits or crackers
- Jam
- Peanut butter
- Small coffee
- Shower gel
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Washing up liquid

To find out more about the work of Hackney Foodbank, visit their website:
www.hackney.foodbank.org.uk

School Council Election Results



Members of School Council meet regularly to discuss issues raised by children in their class. This year's School Council winners are:

- 2L – Leia and Rex
2S – Juno and Enzo
3C – Vita and Pelle
3L – Su and Zack
4H – Adnan and Matilda
4M – Cecilia and Innes
5E – Cara and Ronnie
5Y – Bella and Sonny
6B – Phoebe and Chris Victor
6H – Camilla and Alex

Nursery Teddy Bears' Picnic

Nursery children brought their parents and teddy bears to their special Teddy Bears' Picnic on Monday. Everyone enjoyed playing together in the playground and shared the lovely food that parents had brought along. A big welcome to our nursery children and families – we hope you enjoy your time at William Patten.



Sukkah in the playground

This year, one of our community groups who use the school facilities, Kehillah North London, were going to build a temporary hut called a sukkah in the Calm Corner in the KS2 playground. This is part of the celebration of the Jewish Harvest Festival, Sukkot, which remember the 40 years the Jews, who fled Egypt in ancient times, spent in the desert.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the group will no longer be able to construct the sukkah. That is such a shame, but we hope that it can happen next year.

Meeting with the council update - Karen

I met with the council recently to discuss the road closures, the school street consultation, the bus stop and the LEN16 project.

Road closures

The consultation is still open and will close on October 25th. The council will keep the school informed as to the outcome nearer the time.

School Street

The consultation for a William Patten School Street has closed. There was a large response and the vast majority were in favour of Lancell Street and Dynevor Road being closed to through traffic (unless residents or exempt) at the start and end of the day. The majority favoured Option B involving the extension to the bottom of Dynevor Road. The council have therefore decided that we will have a trial School Street for three months. This will be implemented in November 2019.

Bus stop

As you are aware, the bus stop directly outside the school is closed and there is a temporary bus stop several metres down the road towards the A10. The council are undertaking highway maintenance and they have informed me that this will take several months. The council are hopeful that when the work is finished the bus stop will remain where it is, so that it is not directly outside the school gates.

LEN16 (Low Emission Neighbourhoods)

The council successfully bid for money from the Mayor's Air Quality Fund. Ideas for the LEN can be car free days, no idling zones, electric vehicles only at certain times and smaller green spaces such as pocket parks. In the first year of the project, the council will be seeking views from various stakeholders, as to how the money could be used. They have asked the school to be involved in this. I thought it would be very beneficial and helpful to have the ideas, views and opinions of our children. I know that they will be able to make a very valuable contribution, helping to shape the project and therefore the future of Church Street.



Many happy returns to Ridji, Charlie C, Jacob, Jared, Florence N, Malik, Nico, Adnan A, Ariyah, Clement, Freddie W, Flynn, Ronnie, Emir, Matilda S, Alec and Joe PB who recently celebrated their special day. Happy birthday to you all.

Attendance Chart



We have lots of classes who have achieved over 98% attendance this week, well done to them. However Marion's class are the winners with 99.1%. Well done 4M – keep it up!

Rec Cyrelle	98%
Rec Kate/Maria	94.1%
Y1 Charlotte	98.7%
Y1 Maya	98.5%
Y2 Laura	96.8%
Y2 Sophie	98%
Y3 Luke	98.5%
Y3 Christine	97.7%
Y4 Hannah	97.6%
Y4 Marion	99.1%
Y5 Ellen	98.4%
Y5 Yeter	95.9%
Y6 Ben	96.4%
Y6 Harriet	98.3%

Free cycling training

Cycle Confident with Hackney Council are providing free cycle training at Hackney Downs through the October half term. There are courses for children aged 5 upwards at all levels, from complete beginners to on-road training. Limited bikes are available to borrow or children can bring their own. Information and booking forms can be found on Cycle Confident's website: <https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/lb-of-hackney/> or by calling 02030316730.

HACKNEY HALF TERM CYCLING COURSES



“ Really fantastic training; I wish I'd signed the kids up to this sooner! ”
Hackney parent

Free courses for children of all abilities and ages (from 5+) are running throughout October half term.

Complete beginner courses, intermediate off-road courses and on-road courses are available and booking up fast! Training is in small groups with two fully qualified instructors.

All courses take place on Hackney Downs (where limited bikes are available to borrow).

BOOK NOW

Places are limited so for more info or to book, visit www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/lb-of-hackney or call 020 303 16730

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