

# The Patten Pages

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Dear all,

Welcome back after the half term break. I hope you had a lovely holiday, spending time with your families and friends. We have a busy and exciting half term ahead culminating in our EYFS Nativity and the year group Carol Concerts in December. Our Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 classes will be attending workshops at Hackney Museum for Black History Month, which this year is celebrating and exploring the significance, history and power of African and Caribbean hair and style. One of the highlights is the community-led exhibition, Hackney's Got Style, which launched at Hackney Museum on 3<sup>rd</sup> October and will be open to the public until the end of January. We will also be celebrating BHM with a special lunch on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. The kitchen team have been busy planning a special menu which will include a variety of tasty dishes such as jollof rice, rice and peas, macaroni cheese, jerk chicken, fried chicken, plantain and salt fish fritters, then sweet potato pie and pineapples for dessert. Delicious! Children who usually have packed lunch are very welcome to join us in celebration and parents can pay for their child's lunch through SIMS Pay.

We are launching an appeal for Hackney Food Bank this week. Their supplies are very low as there has been a 40% increase in demand this year. We are asking for donations of tins and cans e.g. soup, beans, spaghetti, fruit and vegetables. Packets such as pasta, biscuits, soup and rice are also needed, as is jam, coffee or tea, hot chocolate and UHT milk. They also need donations of washing detergent and deodorant. The collection boxes will be in the front office. Please do support the appeal and donate what you can. Thank you so much.

A huge thank you to the PTFA, organisers Jenny, Christina, Suemay and all the volunteers for another very successful and super Halloween party! Great fun was had by all and Sian and I had a very difficult job judging the costume competition. We had great difficulty recognising the children (and adults!) behind the costumes too! Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes  
Karen

## The Great Fire of London

The week leading up to half term was a busy one for Year 2 as we began our new topic 'The Great Fire of London'. First, we participated in a drama workshop run by Freshwater Theatre Company, which was a fun, active and creative introduction to this History topic! The children re-enacted several aspects of the fire's timeline, retelling how the Great Fire took hold of London in 1666 from Thomas Farriner's bakery!

The following day Year 2 visited St. Paul's Cathedral by bus; the children were amazed to see such a magnificent and historic monument up close! We were led on a guided tour of the cathedral, which was a great chance for all the children to learn more about the Great Fire and just how badly it had affected the city of London. Finally, the children gazed in awe at Sir Christopher Wren's design of the dome, built after the Great Fire, from the cathedral floor.



### Year 6 residential trip

6H have had a wonderful time on their residential at Kench Hill in Tenterden, Kent, this week. On Monday they went swimming before a night-time bat walk. After an early start (for some!) on Tuesday, the children took part on a range of activities at the centre, including archery, bread making and gardening. They then successfully completed an ambitious stream walk. After a slightly later start on Wednesday, the children visited the beach at Camber Sands, learned and applied map reading skills through orienteering and learned how to tie different knots which they used to build shelters in small teams. In the evening, they then carved the pumpkins they had harvested from the Kench Hill gardens on the previous day. On Thursday, the children visited a rare breeds centre and enjoyed an evening party, before bidding the centre farewell on Friday. The children developed their resilience throughout the week and engaged fully in a range of activities, excelling in a range of skills. All should be proud of their contribution to what was a very successful residential visit.



Alexander in 4H was issued a challenge by Karen. Could he build a tower taller than him? He decided on the shape of his tower (very tall and thin) and set to work. It was harder than it looked, but he completed the challenge very quickly and we managed to capture a picture before the tower..... collapsed!



### Out and about in Abney Park

Nursery went on their first school trip to Abney Park before half term to look and observe the changes taking place in the local area as part of our class work linked to Autumn. We had a great time looking for autumnal objects which we collected and used in class during the week. The children behaved amazingly throughout. Thank you to all our parental helpers for coming with us.



### Indian Dance workshops

On Friday before half term, the children in KS1 and Year 3 took part in a Bollywood dance workshop, to celebrate Diwali. The children had lots of fun exploring the diverse sounds and dance of a different culture. They learnt a new routine and were engaged in the workshop throughout. It was lovely to watch the children teach each other their new dance moves during playtime as well!



### **4H to Hackney Museum (Black History Month)**

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 4H visited Hackney Museum to attend a workshop about African and Caribbean Hair and Fashion. Our workshop began with a hat and hairstyle hunt! Several of us were chosen to wear hats and hair from different periods and then we all had to look around the exhibition to find out more about them. We really enjoyed the group activities where we were given different tasks. These included: going back in time to create a news report about Windrush, visiting a barber shop, writing poems, modelling traditional African clothing and designing our own trainers.

*"My favourite part was doing the fashion show because it was fun to show the styles. The clothes were so pretty and really colourful!"*

Laura 4H.

We loved presenting what we had learnt to each other at the end of the session. It was a fantastic way to celebrate Black History Month!



This year, William Patten will have its first ever Eco Team! Children from Year 2 to Year 6 will have the opportunity to complete an application form to become part of the exciting team of Eco Warriors! The children selected to be on the Eco Team will get to choose which Eco friendly targets William Patten can work towards, for example, reducing single use plastic in school. All children will be able to get involved in the whole school projects, and we are thrilled we have such knowledgeable and enthusiastic children who want to promote environmental issues and sustainable living. Applications must be in by the 15th November and the Eco Team members will be announced on Friday 22nd November.

### **Kindness Cup**

The Kindness Cup was presented to the following children recently. Their names are now displayed on the leaves of our Kindness Tree in the bottom hall.

**Asya (1C)** was nominated for being a really special friend to a new child in her class. She always smiles, shows her where to stand and is a helpful and thoughtful partner in lessons.

**Calum (1M)** was nominated by his teacher because he selected a book, not because he thought he would like it, but because he knew his sister would LOVE it! What a lovely, kind brother!

**Rex (2L)** was nominated for being a thoughtful member of class. He is always doing jobs without even being asked. Lots of children have commented on his kindness. What a star!

**Diya (4H)** is always so helpful and friendly to everyone. Hannah was very impressed by her kindness to the new school councillors even though she had applied herself.

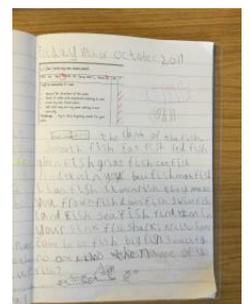
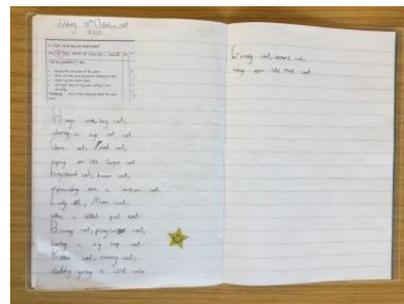
**Siri 4M** was nominated as she is *always* kind and lovely to everyone - children and adults - at school. She has also been so supportive and helpful to her brother who has broken his leg.

**Zarya 6B** was nominated by her friends for being there when they are sad, "she doesn't need to know why but gives you a hug anyway". She's an amazing friend and is kind to everyone.

**Elsie 6B** is always super kind to all the children in school and very helpful to adults. She has been noticed being a supportive friend.

### **Imogen and Jack's poems**

Imogen and Jack came to share their wonderful work in Literacy with Karen last week. They had written their own chant poems using verbs and adjectives relating to cats (or fish) and they had to try and find their own rhyming words. They then had to edit and copy their poem. Karen was very impressed with their written work and even more impressed by their performance, as they performed their poems for her. They were so catchy she joined in! Well done Imogen and Jack!



# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Seth, Arden, Blythe B, Sophia, Theda, Dotty, Ellora, Bonnie, Sufyan, Max D, Corin, Romario, Rufus, Max O, Nisa, Louis, Matiu, Juan Pablo, Klara, Ella R, Kiri, Adnan N, Max M, Isaac, Ed, Stella and Calum who recently celebrated their special day. Happy birthday to you all.

## PTFA Lottery

Results of the October lottery draw:

1st prize, £40 – Candida Alderson

2nd prize, £30 – Susannah Trefgarne

3rd prize, £20 – Gail Atkinson

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 school office or contact Jasmine (Cecily, 4Y and Vita 2L) at [Jasminedick1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Jasminedick1@yahoo.co.uk)

## Halloween Party a huge success!

Thanks to everyone who came along to, volunteered at and contributed cakes (and poster designs!) to the Halloween party last night - everyone who was there had a fantastic time. Especial thanks go to our organisers Christina Petzny, Jenny Diprose and Suemay Oram - it was a truly brilliant effort! Next up, the Winter Fair!



## Football news

Our girls' team played Betty Layward a few weeks ago as a warm up for the upcoming season, it was a good start as we beat them 7-1! Our next assignment was a 7 a side tournament held at Mabley Green where the winners would represent Hackney at the London Youth Games. We had a wonderful day - we played some really good football and all the girls were excellent. After a draw in our first game against Shacklewell, we went on to win all our other matches up to the semi-final. Penalties started but were not completed amid some confusion. As the organisers ran out of time the tournament will be concluded at a later date. There were lots of amazing performances, but one game stands out - the way we beat Parkwood 4 -0 in the quarter final was absolutely amazing! Brian Bramble, football coach.



## Diary dates



- 4<sup>th</sup> 6B out all week – residential trip (Kench Hill)
- 5E visiting The Guardian education centre
- 5<sup>th</sup> 3C visiting Hackney Museum
- 6<sup>th</sup> Chain Reaction assembly for Years 4-6
- Year 5 and 6H visiting Hackney Museum
- 7<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening 5.00 – 7.00pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Anti-Bullying Week 'Change starts with us'
- 12<sup>th</sup> 3L visiting Hackney Museum
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mary Wollstonecraft assembly for KS2
- Parents' Evening 4.00 – 6.30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> 4M trip to 'Centre of the Cell'
- Year 2 visiting Hackney Museum
- 20<sup>th</sup> 4H trip to 'Centre of the Cell'
- 27<sup>th</sup> 4M visiting Hackney Museum